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#### Government Says Demand for Cabinet Representation is a Narrow Idea.

#### Attempt to Mislead the British Public in Respect to the Yukon Charges.

#### Mr. P. S. Lammpan Appointed Paymaster of First Battalion, Ranking as Captain.

Ottawa, July 21.—Col. Prior was again to the fore to-day on behalf of British Columbia's interests. In supply he delivered an able speech, advocating the claims of the province to representation in the cabinet. He expressed the hope that when Minister Fisher next visited British Columbia he would take with him Dr. Montzambert, head of the quarantine service. The people of British Columbia were a little nervous about the danger of bubonic plague, and would like to be assured that everything possible had been done to avert such danger. Col. Prior showed that the present government had done nothing for the harbor of Victoria. The harbor required some expenditure, and the business done there would amply justify it, but the present estimates contained nothing for the purpose.

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# Crookedness Is Revealed.

### Liberals Shown up Before the West Huron Election Enquiry Committee.

### British Columbia's Alien Act Has Not Yet Been Considered by the Government.

### Railway Subsidies and Increase of Chinese Poll Tax to Come Before the Commons.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 19.—The house was engaged all day discussing the subject of preferential trade. The debate was adjourned.

Col. Prior was informed by Mr. Fielding that the contract for the Vancouver drill hall had been awarded to Vain and Lachance, of Hull, whose tender was \$65,658. The minister also stated that 250 persons in Victoria had petitioned in favor of the reductions in dock charges.

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## ACCIDENT ON CARIBOO ROAD.

### D. G. Clark Thrown From the Stage and Has Both Arms Broken.

Clinton, B. C., July 19.—Monday evening near the 105-Mile House, on the Cariboo road, 68 miles from here, D. G. Clark, of Chicago, was thrown off the seat of a freight wagon by the wheel striking a stone just as the wagon was turning off the road for camp. Clark had both arms broken below the elbows, and was unable to get them set until noon to-day, when he arrived here.

Clark is a brother-in-law of W. McKinley, of Chicago, assistant auditor of the Northwestern Railway Company.

## SHAMROCK WAS LEADING.

### Yesterday's Race Was Called Off Before the Course Had Been Sailed.

Cowes, July 19.—The Shamrock in the trial against the Britannia to-day was easily bested, and she was again ahead at the finish. The course as originally planned was not completed. When off South Sea the Britannia signalled that the Prince of Wales was engaged in London and requested the race to be considered over, as he must return to Portsmouth. The Shamrock was then 12 or 15 minutes ahead. She was immediately turned homeward, and directly afterwards grounded on a bank outside Dorsetton. She remained fast 10 minutes, when she was safely and easily hauled off.

As was the case yesterday, the Shamrock showed her superiority very soon after the start was made. Beating to windward, she ran away from her opponent to the Nab Lightship and again put about in 10 seconds, the Britannia occupying 12 seconds in the turn. The whole performance again showed that the challenger is far ahead of the Britannia, though the unfortunate becalming of the boats precluded the finish of the course before the Prince of Wales was obliged to start for London. The Shamrock was apparently not damaged by grounding.

## MUST PAY DUTY.

### Only Ore Samples for Spontane Fair Will Be Entered Free.

Washington, July 20.—In response to an inquiry from the management of the Spokane (Wash.) industrial exposition, which opens about October 3 next, Assistant Secretary Spaulding has decided that in the absence of legislation on the subject by the customs collectors of customs on the Canadian frontier to admit to free entry exhibits to be imported from Canada and Mexico. Mr. Spaulding, however, will instruct the collectors to admit free such importations of ores and minerals as have no commercial value.

## WEATHER INTERFERING.

### Floods in the Philippines Put a Stop to the American Campaign.

Washington, July 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the war department:

"Manila, July 20.—The Adjutant-General, Washington, D. C.: Storms still prevailing; barometer rising, indicating improving weather conditions. Average rainfall July several years, 14 1/2 inches; for 20 days now closed, 4 1/2 inches. Country flooded. Troops on outposts have suffered, and former lines of communication cut in some instances. No serious material increase in sickness reported. Telegraph communication maintained to San Fernando and near all other points. Unable yet to coal returning transports. (S.A.) Otis."

## MUSICIANS MARRY.

London, July 20.—Mr. Harry Plunkett Greene, the well-known composer, and Gwendoline, daughter of Sir Hubert Parry, of the Royal College of Music, were married this morning. Prof. Parry was the best man. Among the guests were Mrs. Anderson Navarro and Mme. Valerie White, the song-composer.

## BARONESS ROTHSCHILD DEAD.

Paris, July 20.—Baroness Nathaniel Rothschild died suddenly to-day of heart disease.

## CANADIANS AT BISLEY.

### They Keep to the Front, and Take Some of the Coveted Prizes.

Bisley, July 19.—The only Canadian entitled to shoot in the second stage of the competition for the St. George's challenge vase is Graham, who has a score of 88 points. Corporal Ommundsen, of the Royal Scots, leads with a score of 70, the highest possible at both ranges.

Gilchrist, a Canadian, won in the tie in the Premier competition, defeating Fleming, Pine and Patton, and taking first prize, a bicycle.

The Duke of Cambridge competition, at 900 yards, commenced to-day. There were several scores of 45 out of a possible 50. Canadian scores were as follows: Buckley, 44; Bertram and Renie, 43; Wilson, 42; Lieut. Robertson, 39; Bayles, 38; Ross, 15.

Shooting at 500 yards for the St. George's challenge vase was completed to-day, about seventy marksmen making the highest scores possible, including Fleming of the Canadian team. The scores of the other Canadians were: Buckley and Graham, 34; Bertram and Simpson, 33.

## POPULAR COMMANDER.

Queensdown, July 19.—The White Star liner, Teutonic, from New York, July 12, arrived here to-day, having been delayed by fog. Capt. Cameron will relinquish command of the steamer upon her arrival at Liverpool, to take command of the Oceanic, the White Star line's new steamer. The passengers on the Teutonic on her last voyage under Captain Cameron subscribed for a present of a loving cup for the popular seaman.

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## THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

### Martov's Progress Made on Russia's Transcontinental Road Says an Engineer.

### In Another Year Trains Will Be Running From Ocean to Ocean.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 19.—Among the passengers who arrived on the Empress of India at Vancouver yesterday was Engineer M. Sergey Friede, the pioneer American in Manchuria, who is now returning to New York city from his fourth trip to Central and Northern Asia in behalf of American manufacturing interests.

Mr. Friede reports that since his last trip across Siberia, a year ago, marvelous progress has been made in the construction of the Trans-Siberian and Chinese Eastern railroads. American tools, machinery and rolling stock have been introduced everywhere along the line, and while the Chinese coolies, and even Russian workmen struck when steam drills were introduced, and in a few months ago, means were found to reconcile them, but they still imagine that the pushing, thumping drills are worked by devils.

So marvelous is the rapidity with which the construction is advancing, said Engineer Friede, that it may be stated that through trains will be running from Port Arthur and Vladivostok to St. Petersburg before the close of 1900. No one who has not been on the ground within the last three months can realize how near completion the work has been pushed. In fact, by the fall, with the exception of a few hundred versts in the very mountainous regions, the entire line will be run on every section, and by winter, temporary tracks across the frozen rivers, there will be but few, very short, gaps left in the entire line, of not more than 6,500 miles, and next summer most of the bridges will be placed in position. Then the work of laying permanent tracks will be begun, and in another year the road thoroughly completed and through fast trains running uninterruptedly from ocean to ocean."

## OBJECTIONS BY SMALL POWERS.

### Protest Against Proposals for a Court of Enquiry at Peace Conference.

The Hague, July 18.—The committee of the international conference met to-day, M. Bourgeois of France, presiding. At the opening sitting the Roumanian, Grecian and Servian delegates jointly moved the total suppression of the five articles relating to international courts of inquiry. M. Beldiman, Roumanian delegate, was their spokesman and addressed the committee for an hour. He claimed that the proposition for a court of inquiry was not contained in Count Muraviev's circular and was contrary to the principle of national sovereignty. Roumanian, he said, would gladly pledge herself to the rest of the arbitration scheme, but it was impossible to fulfill these and other obligations. Chevalier Deschamps, the Belgian delegate, and Professor Martens of Russia, defended the articles, which were finally passed on first reading, the three protesting states recording their objections.

In the interval between the meeting of the committee and that of the drafting committee, which was held later, strong efforts were made to effect a compromise as regards the motion for the suppression of the five articles relating to international courts of inquiry, as the Roumanian delegate had made certain remarks not palatable to the delegates of the powers. At the meeting of the drafting committee, Prof. Martens demolished all of M. Beldiman's arguments. He said that when everything had been done to protect the weaker states against the stronger, the former thus obtaining a shield—the commission of inquiry proving this—he was willing to make some further concessions in the way of making the matter more optional. These concessions were accepted by the small powers, and the proposal passed its second reading. The arbitration scheme will probably be passed entirely to-morrow.

# Balloons Are Tabooed

### Peace Conference Vote Unanimously Against Firing Explosives From Them.

### Britain and America Object to Restrictions on Ammunition Manufacture.

### Report of First Committee to Be Submitted to the Full Conference to Day.

By Associated Press.

The Hague, July 20.—The first committee of the International Peace Conference met to-day. M. Vankarneck, representing Holland, submitted amendments to the report of Count Muraviev's circular but expressing the desire that the remaining chapters be taken as the subject of a formal convention. A long discussion followed after which the committee unanimously supported the prohibition of firing explosives from balloons.

The delegates of the United States and Great Britain voted against the prohibition of the use of asphyxiating gas and the explosive bullets. The American delegation explained that they objected to the restriction upon the production of war material. Captain Mahan and Sir Julian Paucotefe finally moved the suppression of the clause which proposed a formal conference on the other three points of Muraviev's circular. This was agreed to and the amended report was submitted to the full conference to-morrow, when it will be decided whether the conclusion of a convention on the disputed points is possible.

The committee adopted the 34 articles of the arbitration scheme with the exception of the five clauses relating to international courts of inquiry, action being taken to obtain the ratification of the Roumanian and Servian governments to their delegates. An effort was made to obtain the ratification of article 27 of the words "deem it useful" for the phrase "consider it their duty," but Mr. Hollis, secretary of the American delegation, and Dr. Zorn, one of the delegates, vigorously defended the original reading, which was adopted unanimously.

A fresh conference for adapting to modern warfare the Geneva convention of 1864 will also be submitted to the conference to-morrow.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

### Opening of the Fourth Biennial Convention at Indianapolis Yesterday.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 20.—The fourth biennial international convention of the Epworth League opened to-day. The meetings were held at the corner of Delaware and Market streets, where are located the Epworth tent and Tomlinson hall, with a capacity of 7,000, and were well attended. The convention was welcomed the convention on behalf of Indiana, and Eli F. Ritter followed on behalf of the city of Indianapolis. The Epworth League was represented by Rev. Charles O. Jones, of Bristol, Tenn., for the Methodist Episcopal church south; Rev. Charles N. Smith, of Indianapolis, for the Canadian Methodist; and Bishop W. X. Lide, Detroit, Mich., for the Methodist Episcopal church north.

Charles N. Smith, of Indianapolis, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state. Mayor Tazart threw the gates of the city open, and Dr. W. Moore of Moore's Hill, Ind., welcomed the convention on behalf of Indiana Methodists. Rev. G. J. Bond, of Indianapolis, responded to the address of welcome. The response for the Methodist Episcopal church was delivered by Bishop John F. Huron of Nashville, Tenn., in a speech threaded with humor, thanked the welcome.

The belief had prevailed in Washington for some time that Secretary Alger would resign from the cabinet, but the date generally set for his departure was the close of the year, when he had submitted his annual report, as he intended to do during his brief but eventful direction of the war department. His tender to-night was regarded as almost a foregone conclusion. Mr. Alger's announcement about a month ago that he had concluded to enter into the competition for the vacancy in the United States Senate to be caused by the expiration of the term of Senator McMillin, and that he had enlisted in his active support Governor Piugre, to whom had been attributed free criticisms of the policy that was supposed to be cherished by the President toward the Philippines.

At one time since then there was ground for the belief that a rupture might be avoided, but this belief ceased to be held when the news spread that Vice-President Hobart and Secretary Alger were in conference at Normanhurst. It was largely at least as a result of this conference that Secretary Alger decided to leave the cabinet at this time. There has been no disclosure of what passed by the seaside, but it is significant that the return of the secretary to Washington was followed by prompt action. He arrived in Washington on the night of his resignation, and almost before official calls. Almost before the executive mansion was opened this morning he called at the White House, and visiting the President in his office, announced that he had concluded to resign. What passed on that point between himself and the President is only a matter of surmise for neither have anything to say on the point. 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SAWMILL POLITICS.

According to our Vancouver correspondent the government party in that city have decided that the next provincial elections, if they are brought on because of the present crisis, shall be run on the question of a sawmill on Deadman's Island. This soul-stirring issue will cause the hearts of the people to beat high with heroic endeavor. When it is decided according to what is stated to be the desire of 75 per cent. of the Vancouverites, Mr. Luddgate can adopt Caesar's phrase, with a slight alteration in order, and say: "I came; I conquered; I saw." As far as is discernible from such observation as was possible since this news was received, the people of this city did not awake last night contemplating this great question. But speaking in all seriousness, if the people of Vancouver have managed to persuade themselves that the remainder of this province proposes to take the lead in their sawmill politics they are reckoning without their host. No part of British Columbia has made a greater outcry against sectionalism than Vancouver, and yet what claims to be the representative political organization of that town hopes to see the politics of the province turn on such a trumpery issue as the location of a sawmill. If this sort of nonsense is persisted in, the rest of the province will discover how to read the Terminal City a salutary lesson.

DEBATING THE ESTIMATES.

The debate over the several items in supply was much more prolonged and went into detail to much greater degree than is usual in parliament. It would be impossible to present even a meagre summary of the many points taken up and the information elicited from the government. The debate showed a watchfulness on the part of the opposition that is highly commendable. It is not to be inferred, because a long time is spent over an item, that something is wrong. In the great majority of cases there is no suggestion of anything out of the way; but it is none the less the duty of the opposition to watch the expenditure very closely, and in this respect the course of the Conservatives in parliament has been exceptionally commendable. Those who have followed the debates as printed in Hansard will fully appreciate this. They will observe on the part of the government supporters a disposition to accept everything in the financial statement and the details of expenditure as satisfactory. We suppose that in this particular the supporters of the present government are not different from the supporters of any government that ever was or ever will be. If the supporters of a government should follow the practice of putting the ministry on the rack on every item, party government as it is now understood would have to be radically changed. But with the opposition the case is different. It is the duty of the opposition to question every item the full significance of which is not plain upon its face, and to insist upon receiving from the government every particle of information which will enable the house to arrive at an intelligent conclusion concerning it. It would be impossible to say with any degree of accuracy how much they were able to bring out that will be of political value from a party standpoint, but there must be a great deal. But party success is not the whole end and aim of such discussions, which are really intended to prevent abuses rather than to discover them. Reading the debates it is impossible not to be impressed with the fact that while such watchfulness prevails as the opposition has exhibited this year, it will be very difficult for the government to misuse the public funds to any considerable extent without being fully exposed. The careful scrutiny of all items, the business-like examination of details, the painstaking and laborious determination to slight nothing, show that the members of the opposition appreciate their duties towards the country in a high degree, and that if they have been prevented by the accident of politics from controlling the public funds, they are contributing in a high degree to the proper handling of them. In this connection the work done by Messrs. Prior and Earle deserves special recognition. Without any disposition to obstruct the passage of supply, they have been watchful, and many of the most effective incidents in the debate were due to them. We congratulate the opposition and the Victoria members upon the manner in which they have safeguarded the public treasury, as far as can be done on the floors of parliament.

MISSING A CHANCE.

The Vancouver papers are unanimous in telling the merchants of that city that they missed a great chance when the Garonne landed her passengers there. Although the time of arrival of the steamer must have been known, most of the stores were closed for the night, and the returning miners with their pockets full of money were obliged in many cases to hunt in vain for what they wanted. The News-Advertiser says this will not happen again, but the fact is that it happened at all. The Vancouver Board of Trade did rather a sharp thing when it made the arrangement whereby the Garonne was not to call here, and if the merchants had followed it up by having all their stores open and ready for the customers when they came, they would have made very much more money out of them than they did. The unfortunate part of it is that

the majority of these returning Klondikers will go back again to the North, and next year when they come out, as they will, by way of Skagway, they will not be likely to make for Vancouver. It is really too bad that the Vancouver merchants missed this chance, for their failure to meet the wants of the miners will be interpreted, as meaning that British Columbia cities are not in a position to handle such business, which we all know is not the case. We should not have mentioned this matter if the Vancouver papers had not all spoken so strongly about it.

DAROEY ISLAND LEPEERS.

The leper colony on Daroe Island was the subject of discussion in parliament and as the matter possesses considerable local interest further reference may be made to it than the despatches contained. Considerable feeling has been expressed in British Columbia, because these lepers are a provincial charge, while those at Acadia, New Brunswick, are supported by the Dominion. The Minister of Agriculture explained, and his explanation was accepted by the Opposition, that there were constitutional reasons why the federal authorities cannot properly interfere in regard to the Daroe Island colony. All matters relating to the public health are by the Confederation Act, vested in the control of the local legislatures. The New Brunswick case is exceptional, because the Dominion assumed the charge of the Acadia leper colony under the original terms of confederation. Col. Prior, who spoke for himself and Mr. Earle, admitted the force of this, but said that as the number of lepers on Daroe Island was small, he thought they might be removed to Acadia, without establishing an awkward precedent. The Minister of Agriculture did not feel willing to take any responsibility like this, for he said there was no reason to think that the number of patients might not increase. Reference was also made to the statements that have been sent abroad as to the condition of the Daroe Island colony. Col. Prior denied that they were ill-treated, although he said it was difficult to isolate them as fully as could be desired, except at great expense, and the Minister of Agriculture said he had investigated the allegation as to ill-usage, and ascertained that it had no foundation, but that, on the contrary, the unfortunate people were as well cared for as could be expected.

COLONEL INGERSOLL.

The death of Col. Ingersoll is announced. Of recent years the name of the distinguished controversialist has not been much before the public, but not long ago his speeches and writings were among the commonest subjects of conversation. He had great talents, and many other admirable qualities. Personally, he was a well living man, and his family life is said to have been almost ideal. So far as his influence in the world is concerned, we think it may be characterized as bad. He unsettled many minds, and gave them nothing in the place of what he destroyed. Where he made twenty converts to his disbelief in orthodox religion, he did not make one to his own way of living. As a disputant, he was brilliant rather than logical. In this respect he was something after the fashion of the Greek philosophers, who would build up long arguments on words. He was not a philosopher, in the modern sense, that is, he did not draw conclusions from ascertained facts. He took definitions, either of his own construction, or from other source quite as fallible, and argued from them. He always played to the galleries. No thoughtful man, with any conception of philosophy, would read his books or speeches with curiosity, or from any other motive, than curiosity. He was able to convince those who wished to be convinced, but he was a hindrance rather than a help to those who are seeking the truth. You look to him for a principle, and he gives you a phrase; you seek in his works for strength, and find only superficial beauty. Speaking on one occasion, he said: "The belief in immortality will last as long as Love kisses the lips of Death." It was by such beautiful figures of speech as this that he caught the imagination of thousands, who saw in them an argument, but they are no more arguments than Quaker cannon are a defence against an enemy. Ingersoll's works and memory will soon perish. The rising generation hardly knows him, and few now care what he thought on any subject.

No one can take any reasonable exception to such references as the Province sees fit to make to Mr. Turner as a political leader. The lack of courtesy shown in them is to be regretted, but Mr. Turner and his political career, or rather Mr. Turner in connection with his political career, may very properly be discussed. Indeed it is impossible to deal with local politics without to some extent referring thereto. But we do not see why "the Dunsmuirs," as the Province expresses it, ought to be dragged into the discussion. Most persons who know the political history of this province know that "the Dunsmuirs" have interfered with public affairs to a surprisingly small extent. Mr. James Dunsmuir, who is the person meant in such comments, is a member of the house, and we presume he has a right to sit there if any constituency desires to elect him. He has a right to have his opinions on public questions and to endeavor to give effect to them in every legitimate way. Nevertheless it is a fact that Mr. Dunsmuir has abstained from asking anything of the government or the legislature, or from seeking to obtain favors and concessions

of any kind to such a degree that no one can point out on the statute books a single piece of legislation which can be truthfully said to be specially in the interest of the large business which he manages. So far indeed from being a self-seeking man, Mr. Dunsmuir is absolutely devoid of anything like sectionalism, and is to-day ready to do all that any man can to see installed in office a government which will be truly representative of every interest and every section of the province. Those who have conversed with him since the present political crisis arose will bear the Colonist out in saying that he declares himself frankly and openly as ready to support any government that will truly represent a government for the people of British Columbia, and as ready to oppose any that will simply represent a clique, a section or any single interest to the subordination of others. Mr. James Dunsmuir is the most misrepresented man in British Columbia. He is held up by the government press as one who is grasping for power. In point of fact he simply asks to be allowed to attend to his own large affairs, but is ready to join with others in doing any good work for the advancement of the welfare of the province, where everything in which he is interested is centered. In making these observations we do not expect any one to forget that Mr. Dunsmuir is president of the Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, but fairly reason why he should not receive the same just treatment as is extended to every other person who is connected in any way with public life.

A BRITISH ISLANDER.

The Colonial Goldfields Gazette of London, in its issue of the 8th instant, contained an article reflecting upon the province of British Columbia in a scandalous way. The occasion of the attack is the placing of the late loan upon the market. The article was written before the date when subscriptions to the loan were to be received, and closed with the following sentences, which have proved the reverse of prophetic: "The minimum price of issue has been fixed at 90 per cent, which under any circumstances than those alluded to might prove fairly attractive, although at such a price as a piece of sublimely impertinent, and we say this with all goodwill towards the province. But until it has shown itself capable of properly managing its own affairs, it has no right to look to outside sources for the means with which to develop the country. We unhesitatingly say that it would be most unsafe to trust almost any group of British Columbia politicians which can at present be gathered together with such an enormous sum as that now asked for."

As the loan was placed at 90, the influence of the Gazette in the financial world would appear to be not very great, but we are not specially concerned with this. What we wish first to do is to protest against the slander in the last sentence quoted. The Colonist has been, and still is strongly opposed to the present provincial government. It has given it a steady, persistent and consistent opposition ever since the day Mr. Semlin was called in. The Colonist has been unable to agree with the policy of most of the legislation introduced by the government, and has found its chief complaint against it severely upon many of its administrative acts. But it has never seen the least reason to entertain, much less to express, any doubt as to the personal integrity of the ministers in connection with the public funds. It does not believe a single dollar has been diverted from the purposes to which it was appropriated by the legislature, so that any member of parliament who is present in his official position in an illegal way, if both are desirable. If the two things were beyond the reach of the taxpayers, it would be important to compare them and select the better of the two, but as this is not the case, the Port Angeles scheme ought to be considered on its merits, quite irrespective of any other proposal before the public. The promoters of the Port Angeles project ought to be the chief object of our indignation, and not the people of this city in the clearest possible light. With all respect to those who have dealt with the matter so far, we do not think this has been done. There has been scarcely an attempt at demonstrating what advantage the proposed ferry will be to the city. If a disposition exists in the city to discount the bona fides of the whole project, the reason is not far to seek. The people of Victoria have, first and last, heard a good deal of Port Angeles schemes, which have had a remarkable family likeness in their failure to materialize. The most meritorious proposition that could come from that quarter would be handicapped to some extent by this unfortunate fact. The people behind this new proposal should realize this, and if they expect to receive aid from this city must be prepared to make out a strong case. We do not say that they cannot do this, but only that they have not yet done so. Until their case has been fully presented, the Colonist reserves its judgment, and thinks that most people will do the same.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

We submit that before parliament adjourns the government should ask to have its hands strengthened in dealing with the United States in the matter of the northwestern boundary. It suits the purposes of the United States very well to have the question kept open. They can hope to gain nothing by its adjustment according to the treaty, and they are certain to lose something if the line is drawn at all in accordance therewith. Sir Charles Tupper has proposed that the government ought to ask parliament to authorize the construction of a railway from some port on the recognized British Columbia seaboard to the Yukon and as much further as might be deemed desirable, and to close the northwestern gold fields to all aliens after a given date, both powers to be executed whenever in the discretion of the Governor-General-in-Council it is deemed expedient. This would give our commissioners some leverage to use with the United States government. The proposition was rejected by the government, but we think Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be very remiss if he does not ask parliament to strengthen his hands in his negotiations with the United States.

THE PORT ANGELES PROJECT.

It can hardly be said that the Port Angeles ferry proposal was discussed upon its merits at the meeting on Friday night. Stress was laid upon the claim that a foreign corporation could not receive a bonus from the city. What legal value there may be in such a claim it is not necessary to discuss, because as the daily papers show it is intended that a domestic corporation shall handle the ferry. Some of the speakers dealt with the project as though it were hostile to the C. P. N. proposed bonus, but we hardly see wherein this antagonism consists. The amount involved in both is not great, and the city cannot afford to lose it, if both are desirable. If the two things were beyond the reach of the taxpayers, it would be important to compare them and select the better of the two, but as this is not the case, the Port Angeles scheme ought to be considered on its merits, quite irrespective of any other proposal before the public. The promoters of the Port Angeles project ought to be the chief object of our indignation, and not the people of this city in the clearest possible light. With all respect to those who have dealt with the matter so far, we do not think this has been done. There has been scarcely an attempt at demonstrating what advantage the proposed ferry will be to the city. If a disposition exists in the city to discount the bona fides of the whole project, the reason is not far to seek. The people of Victoria have, first and last, heard a good deal of Port Angeles schemes, which have had a remarkable family likeness in their failure to materialize. The most meritorious proposition that could come from that quarter would be handicapped to some extent by this unfortunate fact. The people behind this new proposal should realize this, and if they expect to receive aid from this city must be prepared to make out a strong case. We do not say that they cannot do this, but only that they have not yet done so. Until their case has been fully presented, the Colonist reserves its judgment, and thinks that most people will do the same.

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A WIDE GULF.

A recent traveller in Africa describes the Baggara as a race of almost inconceivable cruelty. Here are two illustrations: A gift of ten years was stolen by a wandering band of these people, driven barefoot over sharp rocks until their feet were literally torn into ribbons, and then beaten to death. A Baggara chief riding along with his retinue, met two boys going out with their father's meal. The boys saluted the chief. He replied by killing the elder with his spear, while his companions killed the other. Here we have absolute brutality, a killing without an object, a ground for assailing the reputation of the province, but rather the reverse.

The tendency of recent legislation is perhaps not much too strongly stated, but this legislation has not gone very far, and the progress it has made has been more accidental than otherwise. The "more solid and respectable portion of the community," which we may assume the Gazette is in the very large majority, awakes very soon at the prospect of the new policy and will discover a speedy means of arresting it. Before the Gazette undertakes to speak ex cathedra on colonial politics, it ought to learn something about colonial conditions. If it did so, it would know that in a province to which there is a great deal of immigration, there is always some danger of unexpected legislation being sprung upon the people. The history of every colony shows this. At the same time it should not forget that the latter be found true of British Columbia. This is a province of large business interests compared to the population, and this excessive proportion is the best possible guarantee that can be asked that safe and conservative principles of government will prevail.

Simultaneously with the condition of brutality among our Teutonic ancestors, we find existing in Rome tastes of the most cruel character. The era of gladiatorial contests was at its worst; the favorite amusement of the highest classes consisted of combats between men and beasts; the taste for bloodshed in revolting forms was cultivated, and all the finer sensibilities seemed dormant. Certainly the Germanic tribes were not emancipated from their brutish practices by contact with Roman civilization. To what source must we then look for the marvellous change which has taken place in so short a time? We will seek it in vain in the progress of material science. There is nothing gentle about science. It has nothing to do with the emotions, the feelings or the passions. It was a Roman writer who said that the faithful study of the liberal arts eradicated brutality from our nature; but at the very time he wrote, the society, to which he addressed his works, and upon whose patronage he lived, was as has just been described. The gulf between the Baggara of to-day and the Red Cross nurse has been bridged by Christianity, and by it alone. Buckle in his history of Civilization labors to prove that science, not Christianity, has caused the progress of mankind; but he overlooks the all-important consideration that until the latter had so permeated the minds of the Teutonic race that their brutal instincts gave place to more merciful characteristics, science made no progress at all. The Christian church had a battle centuries long with barbarism in Europe before the Renaissance was possible. Draper and his imitators claim to be able to show that the church retarded research and checked the advancement of science. That it is to some degree open to this charge cannot be denied, but it is also true that Christianity alone made modern progress possible. For Christianity is greater than the church. The latter is a powerful organization, but Christianity is a mastering force, changing the very nature of men. We have only to compare the Baggara of to-day with any ordinary product of Christian civilization to appreciate what a powerful force it is.

The Kingston Whig says that hereafter it will be an independent Liberal paper, which it explains to mean that, while remaining Liberal, it will be independent of the party managers. That is the only proper position for a paper to assume. The control of a paper by party managers is unprofitable, financially and politically. The Nanaimo Review thinks that the Lieutenant-Governor must ask Mr. Semlin for his resignation, on the ground that the Premier is unable to keep his cabinet together. He might raise it on that ground, but he need not do so. The Review says that the Lieutenant-Governor does not appoint the Attorney-General. Unfortunately for this view of the case, the Constitution Act says that he does.

It is easy to lay too much stress upon the despatches from Washington in regard to the Alaskan boundary dispute. So far almost everything on this subject that has emanated from that city has been contradicted. The unfortunate thing about the news received by the Canadian papers is that it is colored to suit the appetite of the American newspaper for sensations. In Canada people would prefer to have the simple facts, and they care very little

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for the guesses of writers who have no special means of acquiring information. The people of the United States want their news in sensational form, and if the facts do not warrant it they are quite well satisfied with fiction. The Alaskan question has supplied plenty of the latter.

The Greenwood Miner has passed into the hands of Mr. E. E. Gosnell. Mr. Gosnell is a writer of ability, and of wide attainments. He will undoubtedly make the Miner a power in British Columbia.

The Nelson Miner thinks that too much is being made of the "party lines" idea, and that, so we have a good government, it matters very little how it is made up, whether along party lines or otherwise.

The Vancouver World classifies the present legislature as consisting of an equal number of Liberals and Conservatives. We question the accuracy of its classification, in some respects on both sides of the line.

The Fernie Press favors an eight-hour day for miners, but does not think it reasonable that what was deemed adequate pay for ten hours should be insisted on for the shorter day. It very logically says that if the demand for \$8.50 for eight hours is just, there ought to have been a demand for higher pay when the miners worked for ten hours.

The Colonist is receiving much recognition for its prompt action in connection with the alleged Wreck Bay gold field. Undoubtedly a rush that might have done considerable harm was there by prevented.

minister from the Coast, the boundary question would have been settled before it reached the acute stage. Col. Prior's demand, although in words for the representation of this province, really means that the Pacific Coast of the Dominion, with all its vast and varied interests, ought to have some one in the cabinet whose experience and personal knowledge would be of value in framing the policy of Canada.

At Smethwick, Birmingham, a few weeks ago, a little girl six years old was sent by her mother to a public-house for beer, but owing to sweets being given away at another house to induce children to frequent it she went there instead, and, occupied by the sweets, she fell, broke the bottle which contained the beer, cut her throat, and died almost immediately, her screams drawing her mother barely in time to see her die.

Thousands of little children, writes a correspondent, may be seen entering and leaving the public-houses in Birmingham with beer, in spite of the Magistrates' request and the brewers' notice that the practice should cease.

The only ground for the report that Lord Wolseley is about to retire, says a correspondent, is that he has not been well of late; he does not, however, propose to vacate the post of Commander-in-Chief until the completion of his term.

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Seattle, July 20.—The... official evidence to... concerning the alleged... States Consul McCook... when he was accus... and Stripes pinned to... and there kicked by... The case was not... evidence submitted... a Dawson newspaper... was held on June 1 in... court.

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"A young man came... when he said he was... that Colonel said he... statement at once and... and make him one. T... scuffle with him, but... angry, and then the Co... some words that pass... relative to this national... Colonel made a rub or... of them would have gon... door had it not been... They went back to the... more drinks. "Finally the two can... dance hall, and they w... were both on the floo... ging them off the floo... both on the floor, bei... feet and shoulders. Th... had hold of them. The... said the Colonel was... was giving quarters and... girls at the bar, and... sure both on the floo... take the whole work... handed his watch to o... told us to help ourse... handed the air. Ste... take the whole work... had his permission, and... so." The Colonel was... and got mixed up. They... and scuffling like dr... What I first noticed... had a double American

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Floods in the Philippines Seriously Retard the American Campaign.

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PARTY LINES.

Arguing for party lines in local politics, the Vancouver World says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier wants them drawn. So does Sir Herbert Tupper, but, with all respect to these gentlemen, we are inclined to think that their wishes are rather in the nature of an argument against the proposed innovation. Sir Wilfrid and Sir Herbert naturally regard the matter from their own standpoint. Anything that will tend to cement all agencies in an effort to advance the interests of their respective parties will meet with support from them. This is because they subordinate provincial interests to those of the Dominion. But no such subordinate relation exists. The present session of parliament is drawing to a close. Will the World or some other advocate of party lines tell us in what respect the legislation at Ottawa and the contention between parties there come so much more closely home to the transactions of our own legislature, than we should give them a place in our consideration which will make them overshadow provincial politics? The World asks the Colonist why it has changed its views since last September. The Colonist has not changed its views. After the Conservative convention in Vancouver, at which a resolution was adopted favoring the introduction of party lines at the next general election, the Colonist gave a qualified endorsement to the proposal, saying that it did so only because there seemed to be no other way out of the rut into which local politics had fallen. But the times have changed, and public opinion has changed with the times. A session of the legislature has intervened, and the legislation of that session and the acts of administration before and since have demonstrated that what the province needs is a government and legislature composed of the best available men, who will give us administration and legislation based upon sound business principles. Provincial politics can be placed on this higher level by taking advantage of the very strong current of public opinion, and this is why we think that a resort to party lines, which seemed inevitable a year ago, is unnecessary now.

THE COMING CAUCUS.

People are beginning to talk about the coming government caucus, at which the Premier is to learn whether or not he has the confidence of his own party. Some people wonder if the gentle Joseph will be there, and if so what sort of things will be in his inside pocket or elsewhere for the illumination of the faithful. Of course he will be there. He was not overlooked when the distribution of doggedness was in progress, and if any one wants to find him when the caucus is in session they will be likely to find him in the room where the caucus meets. Will he read the riot act to Mr. Semlin after the style of his published letter? Will he have a certain alleged "deliberately falsified" document to prove his case against Mr. Cotton? Or is it likely, as is whispered here and there, that these two heroes of Deadman's Island will fall into each other's arms and embrace to the delight of all and sundry the rank and file? If the latter is what shall take place, what will be the feelings of sundry gentlemen on the government side who fancied they saw cabinet positions yawning to engulf them? What will the rest of the party do in such a disagreeable emergency? Presumably the caucus will be held behind closed doors, but Mr. Semlin will make the mistake of his life if he fails to have a kitescope at hand, for a reproduction of the scenes with a photographic attachment would sell for enough to make him secure on Easy Street for the balance of his days, no matter how soon he may resign the luxury of office. If the caucus were held in the theatre, "Standing Room Only" would have to be hung early in the day if the tickets were \$5 each. The event will be unique, as unique as the Lieutenant-Governor's want of confidence speech at Bennett. And by the way, will Mr. Semlin bring that up at the caucus and tell his supporters that they must get ready to eat all their brave words of last session? Or will he tell them that if the Lieutenant-Governor proposes to strike out on a policy of his own, he must find another first minister?

THE PREMIER'S SALARY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement as to his private affairs, called forth by Mr. Taylor's regrettable reference to them, lends the Montreal Gazette to say that the salary of premier ought to be increased. It is now \$5,000, which is not nearly as much as a man fit for the position can earn in any other business or profession, under favorable conditions. The expenses attaching to the position are heavy, and we do not suppose that any man can leave the premiership, no matter how long he may hold it, with more than a small amount of savings, unless he had some source of income apart from his salary. Other ministers may be able to keep their business connections alive, so as to have something to return to when the wheel of fortune goes against them. We know this to be the case with some of the members of the present federal cabinet. But a premier can hardly hope to do this. At any rate, Canadian premiers, as a rule, have not. Sir John Macdonald had no

private business, and would have been severely embarrassed if his friends had not come to the rescue. Sir John Thompson left a very small estate. Sir John Abbott died wealthy, but he made his money before entering politics. Alexander Mackenzie was in very moderate circumstances. We do not suggest that a premier should be paid a salary that will enable him to save a fortune, but he ought to get enough to put him above financial worry when in office, and enable him, if he remains in power for a few years, to lay by a little without being niggardly. Among other things, the Gazette says:

As the years have gone by, and Canada has grown bigger, the expenses entailed by holding high office have greatly increased, and no one familiar with what is expected from the first minister in the way of social entertainment believes that it is possible for him to do more than make ends meet. The claims upon him increase year by year, and his salary does not grow in the same proportion. The expenses of living in Ottawa, and the scale of social entertainments all over the country have greatly advanced since the Premier's salary was fixed at \$8,000, and there are few salaries attached to positions approaching it in importance which are not at a very much higher figure.

And the Toronto Globe adds: There is much truth in all this. The remuneration of the Prime Minister of the Dominion would be regarded as scanty by the manager of a branch railway, a small bank, or any considerable financial concern. He has not even the security of tenure that such officers have. Public life is a sickle master, and a change in the wheel deprives a leader in a moment of the revenue by which he lives. While in office he has neglected his own proper calling, and cannot at once return to it, even if his duties as leader of the opposition leave him sufficient time to labor for its restoration.

Some people are beginning to think that Mr. Semlin "did not know it was loaded."

Of all the gold "fakes" ever sprung upon the public, it looks now as if that of Cape Nome was the worst.

The Kootenay Mail says it is a champion of the "hot polloi." Why then, may we ask, is it not printed in Greek?

So far, none of the World's Liberal co-workers have shown any disposition to follow its lead within party lines.

The very superior Times thinks it pointless to discuss the political situation. The Times would probably find it so.

If the policy of repudiation had not prevailed in this province, railroad building would probably be under way now, on three lines from the Coast to the Interior.

"An Inquirer" is informed that we do not know if there is any truth in the report that Mr. Martin has gone to San Francisco en route to the Philippines to become Aguinaldo's attorney-general.

Atlin will be found to be all right yet. Nevertheless there are quite enough people there now for all present purposes. Next year will be soon enough to go.

The Rossland Miner discovers in the Interior a strong feeling for dissolution of the house in order that the people should be allowed to properly represent themselves at Victoria. It says very truly that "the great body of electors have no concern whatever with the present differences of Messrs. Martin and Cotton."

The Globe wants to know when the unequally squabbling in the government will end. Our young contemporary is impatient. It may live and flourish for thousands of years, and never see such a positively unique political circus as is now on. Instead of lamenting, our contemporary ought to apply to Mr. Semlin for exclusive kitescope rights at the forthcoming caucus. Since the New York Herald turned the animals in Central park loose, there has been no such chance for a newspaper sensation.

The Redistribution bill is d-d-i for this year. The Colonist opposed the bill, on the ground that it set an extremely bad precedent, but it doubts very much whether it is wise for the Senate to interfere with the popular branch in matters affecting such subjects as taxation, the franchise, and the redistribution of representation. We are glad that the bill has failed, for its passage would have been construed into a precedent, but we could have wished that the defeat had come about in some other way.

Up to yesterday afternoon no word had been received from the Lieutenant-Governor since July 1. His family had a letter from him of that date, which came to hand on the 14th. It was dated at Bennett, and he was then on his way to Atlin. Whether he has yet heard of the charming row, that has developed in his political family during his absence, no one is in a position to say. The Private Secretary says that he expects him home at any time after this week, for he has already been absent nearly as long as he intended.

Mr. Blair having received the sanction of parliament to his Drummond Canyon and Grand Trunk railway bargaining stands to win or lose much reputation as a public man. If he can make such a showing of traffic for the Intercolonial as will put an end, once for all, to the period of deficits, he will gain much in the estimation of the country as a minister of business ability, and will enjoy a measure of public confidence that will secure him the reversion of the leadership of his party, if Sir Wilfrid Laurier should at any time desire to abandon that post for a position on the Supreme Court of Canada, as has been suggested as among the possibilities.

The news of the death of Dixie H. Ross was heard with great regret by the people of Victoria yesterday. Mr. Ross was a man of much force of character and business enterprise. He had hosts of friends. He leaves behind him an honorable record. His wife and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Colonist grieves to observe that a certain evening paper of this city, whose soul used to be shocked by every appearance of that literary monstrosity known as "a split infinitive," has fallen into the terrible habit of employing the same. We trust it will be warned in time. The use of the split infinitive, like hitting the pipe, a fondness for whiskey and a liking for pretty girls, grows upon those who indulge in it, and it would be sad, indeed, to see one so innocent and ingenious become a prey to the habit. Let it pause in its mad career before it is eternally too late.

The Toronto Globe mentions an incident where a man named Murphy stated that Messrs. Ogilvie and Senkler were interested with him in a claim and afterwards apologized for it, and it says this illustrates how Yukon scandals are made up.

The Globe does itself a great injustice in this, for it must know perfectly well that there was very much more foundation for the stories than the idle gossip of bar-rooms. There was excellent basis in fact, established by scores of people among whom there could be no collusion, that things were abominably administered. Perhaps the best proof of this is that the men charged with abusing their offices had all been sent home on their own expense, and that the even the government could not ignore, there would not have been such a complete change.

We print a letter dealing with Mr. Martin's charge against Mr. Cotton. This is one of several such that have been sent in, and we print it because we think it would be no longer fitting that this very serious allegation should remain unanswered. A friend of the Finance Minister said yesterday that the latter could not be expected to reply to such a man as Mr. Martin, but this will not do. Mr. Martin is a colleague of Mr. Cotton in the representation of Vancouver, and also in the government of this province. So far as Mr. Cotton's friends and acquaintances go, a dignified silence may be a sufficient answer. But what of all the other people in this province? What of the thousands of people outside of this province, who are watching the game in progress here? The Colonist has no right to dictate to Mr. Cotton as to what course he shall take in matters that concern his private honor only. But this matter concerns the Province of Vancouver, and it is his duty to speak, and give his accuser the fittest denial.

FARMER AND SPORTSMAN. From Forest and Stream.

"There is an inseparable relation between the sportsman and the farmer that may be strained or strengthened according to his abuse or respect. I look upon the farmer as the sportsman's best and most indispensable friend, for it is he who furnishes the land and through whose courtesy the sportsman is permitted to hunt upon it. I have known a sportsman willing to meet a gentleman more than half way. Rowdies he will not tolerate. Nearly all farmers are good for one and another as regards his enjoyment, although they may to some extent be lacking in appreciation of the sportsman's details that are so much the city man's thing, because an every-day association with his surroundings makes them less noticeable to him. I have known a sportsman who comes in contact with them only when enjoying the farmer's hospitality. Just so is the case with the sportsman who comes to a house that does his country friend when visiting the city. My friends from the city often point out to me that I have been in the habit of before, and which are equally interesting to me when I have found them. Most farmers are generalists in a general way, and not scientific. The seasons of vegetation are of necessity well learned by them and the habits of common animals are well known to them. They are generally well understood. From boyhood they have associated with these things, so that they are able to judge of the value of one and another as average humanity. And contact with the rapidly increasing army of sportsmen has made them more and more so.

"When you spoke of the farmer meeting the sportsman, I thought of an incident in my own experience," said the neighbor. "Adjoining the farm was a large house, and the sportsman who was considered in the community as a hard man, was in the habit of coming to my place in his business transactions with his neighbors, even to the minutest detail. Yet I never saw him with a gun, and he never was posted, and I was warned against him by a good many sportsmen. One day while covering a field on my friend's land a heavy fall of quail went into the forbidden territory. I marked them down in a small birch patch where the shooting would be easy, and after standing a while I determined to take chances and go over. My dogs pointed and I got a brace of birds. Then I heard a shout and saw a man coming toward me. Resolved to face the situation like a man, I went to meet him. His face was stern, but there was no sign of anger, and I considered that a point in my favor. "Didn't you see that notice?" he said. "Yes, sir, I did, but these birds flew over here and I couldn't resist the temptation to follow them. I replied, but if you insist upon my going out, I will do so, and I would like to have another chance at them." "You have given me a good lesson," he said, "and you couldn't expect me to break the rule in favor of a stranger," he said.

"No sir, I don't ask you to and I am not at all inquisitive," he said. "I scanned me closely without a word as I started for the line fence, and I saw that he had a gun in his hand. He stopped he came up and continued, 'Ain't you the sportsman that visits Solter?' "I thought so," he said. "I've seen these dogs over there and I have seen you with them, and I don't want to offend him or his guest. You can shoot them if you wish, but I don't want my daughter to be sick and nervous." "I thought so," he said. "I've seen these dogs over there and I have seen you with them, and I don't want to offend him or his guest. You can shoot them if you wish, but I don't want my daughter to be sick and nervous."

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Port Angeles Eastern.—The expected Port Angeles railroad officials did not anticipate the city yesterday, as had been anticipated by the chairman of the committee of the railroad committee of the City of Victoria, and it is reported that President Cushing of the Eastern Eastern was ill, and that Chief Engineer Atkinson, who had gone over to the railway road to Olympia, had not yet returned. The party were coming over to supply certain desired information about the progress being made by the road, and for consultation with the committee of fifty in regard to the bonus which it is proposed Victoria shall give. They are now expected here on Tuesday afternoon. The committee of fifty will meet in the council chamber on the night of the 26th inst. to decide definitely whether the report of Committee No. 5 shall be adopted, and it is urgently requested by Mr. Shakespeare that three or four members of the committee be present to be open to the public generally. Several members of the committee of fifty have been asked to give the railroad \$175,000 in ten equal yearly payments—the most reasonable and business-like subsidy plan that could be devised.

Off For Alaska.—The steamer City of Seattle called yesterday morning at the Victoria wharf, and will be on her way to Alaska and the gateways of the Klondike. Five Dawson-bound gentlemen boarded the steamer yesterday morning, and the City of Seattle, which is a passenger liner, was made up of four summer sight-seers. There were included among these several touring parties from the East, the largest and most important being known as the Gates party. It is 100 strong, and has been spending several days in Tacoma and Seattle, the ladies of the party having been visiting the Klondike by sending to the lady visitors a choice collection of bouquets, composed entirely

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MARTIN VS. COTTON.

To the Editor: I was glad to see your reference to the charge made by Attorney-General Martin against Mr. Carter Cotton, wherein he said that he falsified the records of the council, for I was surprised that you had said nothing about it. Speaking of the records of the council, Bourinot, in his "Parliamentary Procedure and Practice," page 794, says: "All minutes and orders-in-council must be submitted for his [the governor's] approval or signature, and the fullest information given him on any question in which the crown is interested and which may sooner or later be brought before the council." I think of a document that Martin says Carter Cotton deliberately falsified, and I do not see how either Mr. Semlin or Mr. Cotton can allow the charge to remain uncontradicted, if it is not true. As a voter of British Columbia, I would like to know if it is true that the records of the council has been falsified, and afterwards set right again by order of the majority of the governing council. I think we ought to be told at once and in the most explicit manner possible whether this statement has any foundation whatever. It is not necessary to say what danger the province would be in if this sort of thing can be done.

IRVING HONORED. Glasgow, July 20.—Glasgow University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Sir Henry Irving.

MIGHT REQUIRE A TICKET. To the Editor: Referring to the brilliant edition signed "Progress," in last evening's Times, possibly if the "moss-working" committee are referred to as driven out of business, he would require a ticket, but one way (to Vancouver), and very likely at a reduced rate, at that.

MR. TARTE'S ENTERPRISES. From Montreal and Improvement to Navigation.

Advocates Cold Storage For Beef Trade. From Montreal and Improvement to Navigation.

Montreal, July 18.—(Special)—Mr. J. Tarte writes to La Patrie from London, saying that he refers to the proposal to establish a line of steamers to Russia by British products that Canada could supply. He advocates that great shippers be established in Montreal, refrigerators as from Australia, instead of being shipped alive and killed on land. The British government is now of the government to improve the light-house and alarm signals from Quebec to Belle Isle.

A WRESTLING PURSE. Eighteen Hundred Dollars Offered to Have the Champion Again Meet Roebor.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 18.—Tom Jenkins, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, has been offered a purse of \$1,800 for a contest with Ernest Roebor, the champion of the world. The offer will be accepted. A syndicate of Montreal sporting men are behind the movement. Roebor has already accepted the offer, and it is certain that Jenkins will agree to a return match with the New Yorker, whom he defeated here on July 4.

DRINK GETS EXTENSION. Premier Greenway Will Tackle It. If General Elections Sustain Him.

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What Was Done in Former Years on the Famous Creeks.

Some Hydraulic Claims That Are Now Showing Up Well.

News of Other Mines in Various Sections of the Province.

From the Ashcroft Journal.

Lightning creek and its marvellous golden outcrop is a theme that is talked of by old-timers...

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actually under construction within six miles of Rossland, because there has been nothing in the newspapers about it.

Y.M.I.R.

The property situated at the head of Quartz and Stewart creeks, owned by Messrs. Holland, Findley, Creamer and Trask...

LILLOOET.

W. L. Bell, of Brantford, Pa., came in on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of assisting Mr. Southern in getting ready a hydraulic plant for operating on the Fraser river...

BARKERVILLE.

The Cariboo Gold Fields elevator is working much more satisfactorily than it has been for some time.

QUEENSBLE.

Queensble is without doubt the most pleasant place in the northern country to live in, and while it is quiet now and will be for the season...

TOWN BURNED.

Berlin, July 20.—Advices received here announce that the town of Dobejeh in the government of Victoria...

The Yukon Royalties.

was a success. He will, we believe, make a success eventually in any case, as he is one of the very able and energetic men that have ever been in the Cariboo country.

Some of the Largest Contributors to the Dominion Treasury.

Shogway, July 14.—With the crowd of Klondikers who came in on the train yesterday was J. E. Girouard, who when elected a member of the Yukon council of administration a year ago was the member of parliament for Athabasca, Quebec.

CAPE NOMÉ "FAKE."

Passengers by the Portland confirm the News Brought by the Garonne.

THE AMERICANS ARE OBDURATE.

Will Not Withdraw From the Stand They Have Taken on Boundary Negotiations.

VANCOUVER WAS NOT PREPARED.

Not Ready for the Rush Occasioned by the Garonne—Van-Anda Smelter.

GOOD OFFICIAL GOIDS.

From the Kamloops Standard.

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