



The Colonist. MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1896. CHEEKY ALDERMEN.

Some Victoria aldermen, we see, are very impatient of criticism. Though professing to be exceedingly liberal, they abuse like fishwives those who are so audacious as to find fault with the way in which they conduct the affairs of the city.

One would suppose that among the most important duties of the aldermen is the keeping of the city bridges safe and in good repair. As the lives of citizens depend upon their performing this duty faithfully, there can be no imaginable excuse for neglecting it.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. A select committee of the Legislature of Cape Colony was appointed to inquire into the connection, if any, that the Hon. Cecil Rhodes had with the Jameson raid.

ceedings, the more so as they are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the part taken by him in the organization which led to Dr. Jameson's raid was not consistent with his duty as Prime Minister of the colony.

THE COLONIAL WAY. Johnny Newcomer is often surprised and sometimes shocked at what he sees in the Colonies. He evidently has some sight of the fact that colonies are young, self-governing communities, and in them governments are carried on in a different way and by a different class of men.

For some time no men have been working on the St. Paul mineral claim, but grading through it has been carried on for the Red Mountain railway. In the course of that work four ledges have been exposed, two of them upwards of six feet in width.

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MINING MAP COMING.

Dominion Government Surveyors Have Started Work at Roseland—Last Month's Shipments.

New Groups Attracting Attention—The Homestake Mine—A Million Dollar Bond.

For some years the Dominion geological department has had parties of men engaged making a topographical and geological survey of parts of British Columbia. The examination of the rocks has been very thorough and the results have been set forth in voluminous reports illustrated by maps showing rich formation and the configuration of the country.

The entries outward at customs of ore from Trail Creek mining division were less for July than usual, owing to entries not having been made for July shipments until after August 1. The exports were as follows: Le Roi, 408 tons, \$19,120; Josie, 82 1/2 tons, \$3,686.

A group of mining claims that will be favorably heard of before long is the Prospector group, not far from Murphy creek. The group consists of five claims—the Prospector, the Elze, the Victoria, the Handy and New Orleans. The ledge on each claim is clearly defined and can be followed throughout the whole length of the Prospector, on which there are two, one 12 feet, the other nearly 30 feet.

It was currently reported on the streets of Roseland that D. C. Corbin had succeeded in bonding the War Eagle for one million dollars. The citizens were in a flurry of excitement, and rumor stated that a smelter would be established in that town as soon as possible.

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BRITISH PLUCK WON.

Details of the Fight Against a Far Out-Numbering Horde of Matabele Warriors.

Narrow Escape of the Troops From Massacre—The Reckless Savages Severely Punished.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 7.—Details have been received here of the decisive victory won on Wednesday by 700 British troops, comprising Col. Plummer's column, over a native force estimated to have numbered from 5,000 to 7,000 men. The latter fought most desperately and bravely, charging up within a few yards of the British rapid-firing guns.

The main body of the British troops was halted, while Capt. Beresford's detachment, with the heavy guns referred to, was making its way to the position designated for the artillery to occupy. While this movement was being executed and the guns being moved over a small isolated kopje, the Matabele made a sudden and determined rush at Capt. Beresford's command.

Mounted men were sent forward at a gallop to storm the heights on the left of Beresford's position, from which the natives were delivering a nasty dropping fire on the kopje occupied by the guns. The cavalry were gallantly led by Major Kershaw, who charged up to within fifteen yards of the enemy's position, when he was shot through the heart by a native, who almost immediately fell afterwards literally riddled with carbine and revolver bullets.

Kingston, Aug. 8.—The intimation of the Broad Arrow that Major-General Cameron would shortly resign his post of commandant of the Royal Military College is unfounded. The Major-General says he has not spoken of resigning.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Fruit Jars, 2 quarts .75; " " 1 1/2 .75; Asparagus Tips .55; Corn Beef .25; Corn 3 tins for .25.

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THE NORWEGIAN COLONY.

TO THE EDITOR:—In regard to the published letter signed "Colonist" in a local paper of a recent date about the condition of the Norwegian colony at Bella Coola, allow me a few words. In the first place, the letter was not written by a Norwegian colonist, but probably emanated from someone interested in having the new road and wharf built elsewhere than as the government surveyor, Mr. Leach, decided upon.

WHEN RUN DOWN GET BUILT UP. That's our advice to every weakly, sickly, or ailing woman and girl, and there's nothing equal to INDIAN WOMAN'S BALM for purifying the blood, toning up the nerves and building up the health.

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THE VAN ANDA MINE.

Chicago Men Pleased at What They Saw on Their Visit to Texada.

A Hundred Sacks of Ore Brought by the "Joan" for a Smelter Test.

A party consisting of Mr. Edward Blewett, Judge S. O. Shope, of Chicago, his son, C. W. Shope, Mr. Harry W. Treat and Mrs. Treat, of Chicago, returned yesterday from a visit to Texada island.

Judge Shope is highly pleased with what he saw. The Van Anda has been in course of development for the past three months and the shaft is now down 80 feet below the surface, which is good at the surface, and steadily increased in value as depth has been gained, and now will average over \$100 a ton, though single assays have gone very much higher.

A hundred sacks of ore—about seven tons—were brought down on the Joan yesterday and will be shipped to San Francisco as a smelter test. There are about 100 tons now on the dump at the mine.

Mr. Blewett was also highly pleased with the way the Van Anda was turning out, and as he is one of the most experienced mining men in the West is a good judge.

LAND BILL NOW SAFE.

Opposition of the Landlords Overcome by the Firm Attitude of Lord Salisbury.

The Government Will Adhere to Their Original Proposals on the Important Points.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, in reply to a question asked by Sir Chas. Vincent, said the matter of the position of British trade as compared with that of foreign competitors was being carefully watched by the Board of Trade and the Colonial Office.

A cabinet council was held at noon to-day, at which Lord Salisbury presided. The Birmingham Post, the organ of Mr. Chamberlain, says the cabinet will seriously consider the motion, but it is doubtful whether the House of Lords will pass the bill.

The various landlord amendments to the Irish land bill were voted down by the Lords to-day without division. The first division occurred on the Earl of Belmore's amendment to clause 43 relating to easements. This division resulted in a government victory by a vote of 59 to 44.

It is believed in well informed circles that the bill is now safe and that the opposition to it by the Irish landlords has been broken. This change is due to the threat which Lord Salisbury privately conveyed that if the government were again defeated on an important point it would be necessary for him to seriously consider his position.

omitted yesterday on motion of Baron McNaghten, will be restored and the limit of exclusion of pastoral land from the operation of the bill will be raised again to £100 instead of £50 as provided in Baron McNaghten's amendment adopted yesterday.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The conflict in the House of Lords over the Irish land bill has been the political sensation of the week. It is a long time since the government has received such a slap in the face from its own titled supporters, and the ministerialists have taken a very serious view of the situation.

The Peers seem somewhat amazed at the position in which they find themselves, and one of them who voted against the government said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I did not imagine that so much party chagrin would follow the defeat of the bill so much stress would be laid upon the Unionist alliance, requiring Peers to sink their individual opinion in a matter which they regard as their own property."

The jockey club meet just terminated last evening. The finishes were very close, and the secretaries and owners of the races. The snap and the fairness with which everything connected with the meet was conducted was due largely to the efficiency of the officers, and the enthusiasm, ability and horse sense of the popular secretary, Mr. Leighton.

BENT NEARLY DOUBLE.

Tortured with Rheumatism for Nearly Twenty Years—Spent Large Sums in a Vain Search for Renewed Health—How He at Last Found it.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Burglars Operating in Vancouver—Italian Miner Killed by Explosion of Coal Gas.

Damage by the Bush Fires—Plague of Mosquitoes—The Sock-eye Run.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Aug. 8.—A gang of burgling burglars are still plying their trade in Vancouver. Last night Davidsons' jewelry store was broken into. The thieves crawled through a pane of glass into the back shop, and reached a vault by boring holes above the bolt and iron bars and slipping them. Then they lighted the gas in the vault and the safe was attacked.

The Chilliwack team were again defeated at cricket at Vancouver yesterday, the home team winning by 59 runs. Mr. Falcon's 56 for Vancouver was the heaviest score.

City Accountant Tetley has resigned to accept a more lucrative position in the mining world. Mr. Tetley was presented with a handsome marble clock and gold canisters by the city officials and aldermen, accompanying a farewell address.

WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Aug. 8.—The rifle association are arranging to send their five eligible men to Ottawa in proper style.

A very large sockeye catches were made on Thursday evening. The A. B. C. canneries got 30,000 salmon from the Point Roberts traps yesterday.

The bush fire in the vicinity of the tramway power house still rages. For the last week Messrs. Gilley Bros. have had a crew of men fighting the fire, day and night, trying to keep it from crossing the Vancouver road into the heavy timber, in which their extensive logging operations are being carried on.

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THE BANK OF B. C.

Interesting Statement of Its Affairs at a General Meeting in London.

Satisfactory Report From the Audit Committee—Mining Prospects Make Outlook Bright.

(From the Financier, July 24)

An ordinary general meeting of the bank was held at the Cannon Street hotel on Wednesday last; Sir Robert Gillespie (the chairman) presiding.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, my first duty is to intimate to you—and I do it with considerable regret—the resignation of my old and esteemed friend, Sir Charles Tupper. He wrote me on the 29th of April last intimating that in consequence of his accepting the premiership he was compelled to resign his seat on our board. I wrote him back expressing our very great regret, and I am perfectly sure the shareholders will join with me in that regret.

At the July meetings we are not able to present to you the accounts for the past half year, from the simple fact that the rate of the rate of exchange for June last does not admit of our preparing the accounts for the branches in sufficient time to enable us to prepare a full statement of the bank's affairs.

The net profits for that period amount to £13,841, 15s. 10d. The dividend will absorb £12,000, leaving a balance of £2,841, 15s. 10d to be carried forward to the next half-year.

The project for the development of the west coast of the province is now under the serious consideration of leading men. The older districts of Cariboo, which yielded so much gold thirty years ago, is again being worked by capitalists, but they are not men of the old type.

Col. Mortimer said Mr. Ward was reported to have claimed exemption on behalf of the bank from income tax. Mr. Ward, in reply, said: Some unfounded statements have been published respecting the bank's having endeavored to escape payment of taxes, and that the government of the province has "exceptionally favored" us in that connection.

Private and confidential communications from the various provinces of the Dominion, and from the colonies, have shown that the bank has never either desired or attempted to evade any item of taxation, and that the Government Assessor assessed the bank both for tax on income and tax on personal property from which the income is derived, and so far from "exceptionally favoring" the bank, the Government insisted, notwithstanding that two similar previous appeals had been decided in our favor, that we must go again to the judge of the assessment appeals. This was done, and the result that our taxation was against the statute was again fully sustained.

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counts, and that is included in the figures I have named to you.

I think it is incumbent on me at this time to notice certain statements that have been distributed among our shareholders here and abroad, reflecting seriously on the management of the bank by the directors, and charging the officials with irregularities of a very grave character.

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held outside the province (e.g., investment in consols or U. S. bonds held in England) would not be included.

As a matter of fact the amount of provincial taxes paid by the Bank of British Columbia has exceeded that paid by any other bank in the province.

Dr. Drysdale proposed a vote of thanks to the directors for their conduct of the affairs of the bank. He did so because these were bad times, and at such times the shareholders should endeavor to give the directors their best support.

Mr. Edward Massam seconded the motion, which was passed by acclamation. The Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said that after a period of nearly sixty years in the City of London, this was the first time he had ever had mud thrown at him, and he felt it acutely—perhaps more acutely because he knew it was false.

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# THE CHINESE PROBLEM

### Proceedings of the Nanaimo Meeting in Connection with the Suggested Solution.

### Committee Appointed to Draft Petition for Presentation to Federal Government.

(From The Enterprise.)

So far as numbers and enthusiasm were concerned, the meeting held in Nanaimo on Wednesday evening to discuss the Chinese question in relation to labor was fully up to that held in Vancouver some weeks ago. His Worship Mayor Davidson presided and made some practical preliminary remarks before introducing the various speakers.

The speakers from Nanaimo were Mr. J. McGregor, M.P.P., Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., Messrs. Ralph Smith, T. Keith and Mr. Sheppard of the Five-acre lots; Messrs. Burtwell, Field-Johnson and Melvin and Hawson of Vancouver.

Mayor Davidson, in calling the meeting to order, said that the question which had caused this large gathering was one of more importance than the Manitoba school question, the trade-purchase articles or any other question. He had no hesitation in saying that the influence and numerically the present meeting exceeded any other meeting hitherto held, and congratulated the citizens generally in turning out in such numbers, as it manifested the importance of the issue at stake. He then briefly recapitulated what had been done in Vancouver in the matter and expressed his satisfaction at this young city taking the initiative, and the fact also that the amendments had the support of all classes. The early history of the Chinese restriction movement in the United States was then referred to, and the difficulties which had been surmounted until the final passing of the exclusion acts. The resources of Canada were unimpaired but undeveloped, and he would rather see it remain so than populated by a lot of serfs, the meeting then went to call to discuss and adopt certain resolutions which had been passed in Vancouver some time ago. He would call on Mr. Hawson, of Vancouver, to address them first.

Mr. Hawson on coming forward was received with applause. He congratulated them on having a mayor who was willing to take a stand for the rights of the people, which he contrasted strongly with the conduct of the mayor of Vancouver, who had not backbone enough to take a decided stand in the matter, but he felt sure that Mayor Davidson would be always found ready to do his utmost for the best interests of the citizens. He then moved the following resolution:

"Whereas in the opinion of this meeting the importation of Chinese into the Dominion has resulted and must inevitably result in injury to the best interests of the country, by the unfair competition of such Chinese in the labor market, the introduction and perpetuation into our midst of fifth, immoral, polygamy, gambling, the opium habit and other evils;

And whereas the continued wholesale immigration of such Chinese is a serious menace to the peace and prosperity of the Dominion, and to this province in particular;

Therefore, be it resolved that we call upon the Dominion government to increase the tax or duty levied on Chinese under section 28 of the Chinese Immigration Act (28-49 Vic. chap. 17) from \$50 to \$500."

He wished to deal first with the arguments of those whose views were directly opposed to his. These persons were interested in the maintenance of Chinese and had grown rich by their employment. It was argued that if it were not for the importation of Chinese certain industries would cease. His answer to that was that it was better that these industries should be abandoned and labor imported eventually than white labor out. Last night in conversation with Mr. G. McL. Brown, that gentleman had asked him how it was possible for the canneries to continue and to give employment to white fishermen if Chinese were not employed. His answer to that was that most of the fishermen were not white men, but Chinese. The only reason why their employment was that by their labor inordinate dividends were obtained for the capitalists at the end of the year. We are told, too, that if it was not for the Chinese washerman the wives of the workmen would be compelled to do the washing (Laughter.) But he contended that if it were not for the Chinese laundries, a class of women who are now starving in Nanaimo and Vancouver would be obtaining a comfortable living. The Chinese washerman has his taxes and expenses paid, lives on the poorest food and at the end of four or five years, after breaking every moral and social law, returns to China with the money he has earned in his pocket. With such facts before us, who can assert that they improve trade? Their social standing is objectionable. They lived in houses unfit for animals, and live upon food which no white man could subsist on and practised vices which he was ashamed to name. Moreover they take no part in our political or social affairs, but simply hoard up money to go back to China with and live there comfortably. Very few Chinamen, if any, come here with the intention of staying permanently. To Nanaimo the committee looked for assistance and help, as it was in Nanaimo the question was of more vital consequence than anywhere else in the province. Mr. Maxwell, the member elect for Burrard, had told him that he would do his utmost to obtain restriction, but to make his efforts successful he must be backed up by the powerful and unmitigated opinion of the province. Having asked that, he would ask Mr. Maxwell in return the co-operation of the citizens of Nanaimo.

After attaching their signatures to the petition they could assist by speaking privately and publicly in favor of the object. He thought he never saw greater injustice done to the labor of the country than the manning of the C.P.R. Expresses with Mongolian hands and they flying the British flag. (Applause.)

was seconded by Mr. Thos. Kitchen, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Field-Johnson was the next speaker. He said that he felt that the resolution which he was about to move was applicable to Nanaimo on account of the number of Japanese living in the vicinity.

(Then follows a long resolution dealing with the Japanese question.)

He said that they all knew that a treaty had been signed by Great Britain and Japan, which within the period of two years after signature would be applicable to many of our dependencies. By this treaty Japanese were, notwithstanding having taken the oath of allegiance to Britain, exempt from military employment in case of a general conflagration. They were also liable to be recalled to Japan to receive their services. In this country they were not only recalled to Japan to receive their services, but they were also liable to be recalled to Japan to receive their services. In this country they were not only recalled to Japan to receive their services, but they were also liable to be recalled to Japan to receive their services.

Mr. Burtwell, the next speaker, after a preliminary apology of nervousness, moved the following resolution:

"Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that some action be taken to bring the question of Mongolian immigration to the notice of the Federal government by the preparation of a petition to be circulated and signed in all parts of the province, to be forwarded to the Dominion government at Ottawa, said petition to cover the ground set forth in the resolution passed at this meeting, and that a representative provincial committee be appointed from this meeting with power to add to their number, to draft such petition, to obtain signatures thereto, and forward same to British Columbia representatives for presentation at Ottawa."

Continuing, Mr. Burtwell expressed his delight at seeing so large an audience present, but reminding them that a large audience did not settle the question at issue. He gave a short sketch of the history of the movement which led up to the exclusion act of the U. S., and described the position of the government in its earlier career before it was characterized as a mere fever, but they had shown that it was a slow fever which could only be cured by a dose of the exclusion act. He referred to the arguments made use of by certain correspondents in the Vancouver press, and more especially to the letters of one who signed himself Fair Facts—more aptly termed Unfair Facts. In conclusion Mr. Burtwell said that he did not expect that one petition would attain the object, but that they must keep hammering away. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried. A resolution "that copies of all the former resolutions forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, with the request that the same receive official endorsement and support, and that the various members of the provincial legislature be requested to use their best endeavors to secure such endorsements," was also carried.

Mr. J. McGregor, M.P.P., was then called on by the chairman, and on coming forward was received with applause. He said he was pleased to see a meeting of this kind called in Nanaimo as it afforded an opportunity to his opinions of the community to express their opinions on this matter. He was in sympathy with the objects of the meeting and was willing to give a hearty support to the movement for restriction (Applause.) Less than two years ago when in Victoria he had been told by residents of Cariboo and other portions of the upper country, that they had not found the Chinese any detriment to the country because they took up claims and worked them that no white man would look at. Last year he met these same gentlemen, and they were then as hostile to the Chinese as they ever were. He had complained that it was a shame that white men could get employment in the district and especially on the large hydraulic claims on which one or two white men and from thirty to forty Chinese were employed. He had said that he was hoping that the Chinese would go to the shoa and then perhaps they would be able to extend a little sympathy to the people of Nanaimo. It had been commonly asserted that one white man was as good as three Chinamen at work of any kind. That was not his experience. He had found that whether it was in mining coal or clearing land a Chinaman was the equal of the white. The real danger was the cheapness of their labor and that his social status had nothing to do with him as he never intended to associate with them. (Laughter.) When in Victoria in the early part of the year he was struck by the number of Chinese tailor shops on Government street owned by Chinese, and in which Chinese and even Japanese did not mind doing for other Chinamen, but for white men. In many places shirts and overalls were made and which were eventually worn by the people here. These articles of clothing were made at low rates. He had on one

occasion been visited by a Chinaman in this city who had offered to make-up overalls for him for 75 cents a dozen, but he did not wish to have any dealings of that kind. He promised to do everything in his power to render the object before the meeting. (Applause.)

Dr. Walkem, M.P.P., was the next speaker, and on coming forward was greeted with loud applause. He said that agitations on this question had, ever since he landed in this province, been of an intermittent character. He could remember that in 1875, the year of this arrival, a general election for the local legislature was then pending, and among other questions intermixed in the political strife was the Chinese problem. Both sides at that time were pledged to seek some means for alleviating the evil of Chinese competition with white labor. Nor were these pledges confined to the candidates for the local assembly, but extended to the representatives in the House of Commons, who had repeatedly brought the subject before the local legislature. He had also well remembered the first time he heard the question of Chinese labor mentioned in connection with politics. It was in Kingston, Ontario, during the campaign of January, 1874. It might be remembered that the Hon. Donald Cameron resigned office in the House of Commons in 1873. A dissolution of the House followed, and the elections were fixed for the following January. One day during the course of that campaign he heard the name of the Hon. Mr. Kinington, Senator of Kingston, at a public meeting in the city hall, the difference between him and Mr. Mackenzie's policy in the building of the C.P.R. He accused the Hon. gentleman of a desire to build the line through the Chippewa cheap labor instead of navies imported from England for the purpose of construction and superior settlement. If the Hon. had carried out the work on the line laid down in Kingston he would have done well—but he failed to do so. It was asserted at that time that it was impossible to get white labor for the mountain work of that great undertaking. Mr. Kinington was therefore permitted to import 2,000 Chinese coolies—a class of people who, after their work was done, were unsuited to the settlement and development of the country. Of these 4,000 foreigners a large proportion remained in the country, a standing menace and foil to the competition of white labor. In England, as it well known, the government (representing educated opinion) in the disputes which exist between capital and labor admits that the population is exporting Chinese capital equally to justify the right of unionism, and it therefore preserves a strict neutrality. This understanding or rule was and is still utterly violated by the Dominion government by the free-labor give the right of coolie labor. Capital, therefore, still continues to exercise its right of combination while the arms of white labor are fettered by the introduction of a labor with which he cannot associate and consequently cannot combine to his own advantage against capital is perfectly legitimate provided always that legitimate means are used to attain the end. (Loud applause.)

At this stage four-fifths of the audience had left the hall.

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Mr. Tarte, the new Minister of Public Works, boasted at Knowlton, at the nomination of Mr. Fisher, of the exposure he had made of Conservative corruption and of the large amount of money he had saved for the people of Canada. As he proceeded to make his startling revelations he was no doubt disappointed to find that the people who heard him were not startled at all.

STRONG DELUSION.

The progress which the silver heresy is making in the United States is alarming the thoughtful men of both the old parties. A few weeks ago it was generally believed that Mr. McKinley would have a walk over, that the opposition to him would be hardy worth considering.

THE NEW MINER.

There is a revival in gold mining in California. The new gold field in Kern County is said to be very rich. In one respect it resembles the new gold fields in Australia. Water is exceedingly scarce, and is sold as high as two dollars a barrel.

The men who are developing this new gold field are as different as possible from the California miner of forty-nine, and the mining camp of to-day is a perfect contrast to the mining camp of the early days of the State.

ters of the word continue to arrive and this bad luck will soon be repaired. It will be hard for an old California miner to imagine such a state of things as is described in the passage we have quoted. A mining camp destitute of every feature formerly characteristic of a mining camp will not in his estimation be a mining camp at all.

AN OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

The newspaper correspondents who have accompanied the expedition into the Sudan have found the inhabitants of the country over which the Derwishes have ruled in a truly pitiable condition. They have had to bear the most horrible oppression. They have been robbed, butchered, enslaved and tortured.

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Out of 210 applicants, 43 could not tell in what state Chicago is, one of them declaring that "Chicago is a state by herself." Forty could not name one New England state. One of them named five of them as follows: "Inglen, Irelan, Scodling, Wales and Cork."

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the Conservatives of Great Britain are evidently of opinion that if a sacrifice is required to settle the Irish land question the best thing to do is to make that sacrifice. The Lords have shown that they are of a different opinion, but it is quite possible that they may be prevailed upon for peace sake to withdraw their objections.

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cause he believed it to be my opinion, he is not worthy of the position he occupies. Mr. Tarte has put Mr. Fuller in a very unpleasant position.

It was a complicated affair, full of technicalities, which I could not be supposed to settle from my own personal knowledge, and it was important that it should be settled without further delay, so I thought the best thing was to refer it to arbitration. Mr. Kaza, of this city, is an architect of good standing and a practical man.

THE CLAIM OF MESSRS. MURRAY AND CLEVELAND.

was also for extra work done under the verbal direction of the department's engineer. The contract said a written order was required, but if the work had been done under the verbal order of the official of the department, with the understanding that it would be paid for, it would not be right to refuse these men what is justly due to them because a legal technicality has not been complied with.

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