

AN ANGLO-SAXON UNION

Continental Europe May Thus Be Checked in Aggression Upon Chinese Territory.

Germany's Acquisition of a Port Not Likely to Bring Her Anything But Trouble.

The British Complacently Watch Current Events as Tending to Trade Development.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The disclosure of the details of the acquisition of Kiaochow Bay by Germany...

The British government maintain a sphynx-like reserve regarding Chinese affairs and there are no further revelations of her intentions beyond the statement made by the Foreign Secretary...

It is amusing to notice Russia and France and Japan, all of them are in deadly fear of her forming an offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Standard says that it is now rumored that Great Britain will now loan China \$10,000,000 direct, without the issue of a private guaranteed loan.

THE TRANSVAL DIFFICULTIES. Mr. Chamberlain Has Refused to Submit Them to Arbitration.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A dispatch from Capetown to the Daily Mail says that the British secretary of state for the colonies has "terribly" refused to submit to arbitration the difficulties between the Transvaal and the British government.

WATER TO DINER. Who is absorbed in the menu?—What do you wish to eat, please? Absent-minded Professor—I haven't time to talk now. Ask me after dinner.

A CONSUL BLACKBALLED.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Major Bettinger, U.S. consul-general in Canada, was blackballed for membership in the St. James Club, Montreal's swell organization, last night, and the incident is likely to lead to a good deal of unpleasant feeling.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The Montreal correspondent of the World credits the blackballing of Consul Bettinger to an alleged interview with him appearing in a Chicago paper, in which he was represented as favoring the agitation for independence set on foot recently by a few French-Canadians.

TARTE AS A REFORMER.

He Proposes to Give "Character" and "Prestige" to the Senate and to Turn Out "Political Invidials."

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

The Banquet to Sir Charles Tupper—Northwest Government Looking to the Klondyke.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Mr. Melville S. Parry leaves shortly for British Columbia, where he has been appointed general agent for the Confederation loan company.

THE BONDING PRIVILEGE.

Inter-State Commission Considering Its Application to Canadian Railways.

PROF. BELL'S COURTSHIP.

He Met the Ontario Widow Only Two Months Before Their Marriage.

NEW LIGHT ON TWINE.

A Liberal Leader Heads a Deputation Asking for Protective Duty.

THE PREPARENTIAL HUMBUG.

Little Republics of Africa Now Placed on Same Footing as Mother Country.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Connecticut Regiment Coming—The Lost Souvenir Coins—An Irish Visitor.

FREE INTO THE YUKON.

Nothing But Personal Effects for Immediate Use to Be Admitted This Season.

Customs Department Issues Instructions to Collectors—Working on Mining Regulations.

Five Hundred Newfoundland Dogs on Their Way Across Continent—More Railways.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

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CANADIAN TRADE.

Montreal Doubtful Over Failure of Prominent Dry Goods Retailers.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say: Montreal wholesale and manufacturing interests have hardly yet recovered from the holiday quietude of the past fortnight.

There has been a notable advance in linseed oil, to the extent of two cents a gallon. The activity in canned goods is continued with considerable buying being done on speculative account.

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PERU MASONS BARRED.

The Grand Lodge Commits Masonic Suicide by Banishing the Bible.

Brethren of New York State Commanded to Have No Association With Offenders.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Right Worshipful William A. Sutherland, Grand Master Mason of New York state, issued a general edict to-day directed to the masters of all the Masonic lodges in the state, dissolving all relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru, on the ground that the latter body has, to use the words of the official document, "committed Masonic suicide and vanished from existence."

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VICTORIA COLLEGE.

An Interesting Review of the Past Season's Work Together With Promotions Lists.

The New Year reports of Victoria College, with tabulated lists of the results of the recent examinations, have just been issued by the examining board, which this year consists of the Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, D.D., the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, M.A., and Principal J. W. Church, M.A.

Principal Church has again to report on the continued steady progress of the College, numbers being more than maintained and the boarding department already showing signs of needing further enlargement.

The board of examiners report most favorably on the steady good averages, even of those students not entitled to 75 per cent.—there being hardly any failures even in one subject, while in each form the leading students kept an splendid average of 80 per cent. J. Sharples and R. J. Fell again merit special mention, their totals in 1897 and 1898 being among the highest ever gained; while Hunter, Harris and Lubbe showed most excellent work.

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Map Drawing—R. Harris, 94; R. Fell, 94; C. Harris, 90; J. Sharples, 82; D. Marpole, 80; D. Hunter, 80; W. Harrison, 80; C. Cluness, 77; W. Glaholm, 75; Form II, Div. 1, R. Harris, 80; Form III, J. Voss and W. Stephenson, highly commended.

Freeland—D. Hunter, 89; R. Fell, 88; J. Sharples, 79; D. Marpole, 78; R. Goodacre, 87; C. Harris, T. Lubbe, R. Harris, R. Child and W. Glaholm, highly commended.

Model—Seniors, D. Hunter, 87; R. Fell, 85; J. Sharples, 83; R. Goodacre, 80; R. Cluness, 79; W. Glaholm, 78; C. Harris, T. Lubbe and P. Harrison highly commended.

Junior, C. Harris, 97; E. Todd, 74; R. Cluness, 70; W. Glaholm, 70; R. Harris, 70; Landscaper—R. Fell, D. Hunter and R. Goodacre excellent.

The following students were unavoidably absent during the examination or the whole of the examination: P. Harrison, A. Johnston, R. Child, W. Poole, T. Lubbe.

GRAND TOTALS. The grand totals of the leading scholars in each division were as follows: Form VI (Div. 1), J. Sharples, 2,058; R. Fell, 1,892; D. Hunter, 1,800.

Form VI (Div. 2), R. Harris, 1,808; T. Lubbe, 1,680; C. Harris, 1,559. Form VI (Div. 3), D. Marpole, 1,638; R. Child, 1,482.

Form V (Div. 1), R. Goodacre, 1,638; R. Cluness, 1,536. Form V (Div. 2), W. Glaholm, 1,228; P. Harrison, 1,018.

Form IV (Div. 1), C. McIntosh, 1,219; W. Harrison, 1,190. Form IV (Div. 2), B. Johnson, 1,162; W. Todd, 1,062.

Form III, C. Harris, 979; E. Todd, 740. Form II, V. Voss, 414; W. Stephenson, 391; H. Voss, 355.

PROMOTIONS. From the result of the above examination the following students take effect: Form VI (from Form V), R. Goodacre, R. Cluness.

Form V (from Form IV), C. McIntosh, R. Child, W. Harrison, C. Harris, E. Todd.

Form III (from Form II), J. Voss, W. Stephenson, R. Child.

The college will re-commence work on Monday, January 10.

FULL COURT.

Mr. Justice Irving to Be Sworn in and Take Up His Duties To-morrow.

At to-morrow's Full Court Mr. Justice Irving will be sworn in and take his seat on the bench for the first time. The new judge, on his duties at once, and certainly following long list of appeals to come up shows that he and his brother judges will have plenty to occupy their attention for the next few days. The list is as follows:

Stowell v. Le Roi Mining Co. Anderson v. Le Roi Mining Co. Pope v. Cole. Clayton v. Lawry.

McClure v. Nelson Sawmill Co. Garvey v. West Kootenay Land Co. Centre Star Co. v. Iron Mask Co.

McClelland v. Nelson Sawmill Co. Chamberlain v. B.C.S. & R. Co. C.P.R. Co. v. McEwan. Moore v. Hall Mining Co.

McMillan v. Le Roi Mining Co. Russell v. McMillan. C.P.R. v. Parke. Ruckle v. Victoria. Bigger v. Vancouver. Shallosor v. Garesche. Regina v. Little. Little v. Little. B. C. L. & I. Agency v. Ellis. Re Quail Shing. Beedle v. Davidge. Milne v. Fulton. Smith v. Fulton. McCormack v. Victoria. Wellburn v. Gowichan and his associates. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. v. Dunsmuir. Hobbs v. E. & N. Ry. Co.

RAILWAY TO ALBERTA.

Application to Be Made to the Dominion for a Charter to Connect Cowichan With West Coast.

News came to the Colonist yesterday that an application is to be made to the Dominion parliament at the next session for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from a point at or near Cowichan harbor, thence along the Cowichan river and lake to the head of the lake, and from there to Albertan canal or near the mouth of Franklin river, with a branch following the valley of the Minal river to the West Coast.

This application is to be made by Mr. H. J. Wickham, of Ottawa, solicitor for the applicants, who are understood to be Mr. Boyd, the lumberman, and his associates, who have been interested in timber limits on the island. The project shows the importance which is now attached to Albertan district and the West Coast since the opening up of the mining resources there.

To Visit The Hague. BRISBANE, Jan. 6.—Emperor William will attend the coronation of Wilhelmina, the Queen of the Netherlands, next September. The German Legation at The Hague has rented a palace for his accommodation.

Another Man.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Inquiries show that the story published in the Temps as to the alleged attempt of Charles Dixon to commit suicide was founded on the illness of one Gypson, who had a severe cardiac seizure.

AN UNBIASED OPINION.

The American Consul Gives an Official Account of Facts Bearing on Yukon Trade.

Relative Value of Claims in United States Territory and the Canadian Northwest.

The United States consul at Victoria has made the following official report to his government on the "Klondyke Gold Fields."

Victoria is directly on the route to the gold regions, and the news from the Northwest is more profitable than in Canada, and he has worked in both, and knows this from personal experience.

All the advice that reach here indicate that the rush to California, and, later, to South Africa, will be eclipsed by the rush of gold-seekers headed for the Yukon in the early months of 1893.

The steamship Warrimoo, two weeks ago, brought nearly a hundred from Australia to this port, on their way to the New Territories.

Even beyond the sealing question, the people of British Columbia are interested in this trade, and it is in response to their demands that Hon. Clifford Sifton, the Canadian Minister of the Interior, recently made a trip to the Northwest.

The desire is to give the Canadian government the right to open the Yukon to the gold fields and to enact such tariff laws as will make it to the interest of miners to purchase their outfits in Canada.

Mr. Sifton, naturally desirous of pleasing his constituents, has drawn a boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia, when rightly settled, would include some important posts now in possession of the United States.

Having met several who have spent some time in the newly-discovered gold fields, perhaps it might be well to give a synopsis of the views given by two of the most prominent and intelligent men on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, the Dominion surveyor and police commissioner, who accompanied Mr. Sifton, also delivered a lecture on the subject of the gold fields, which was largely attended.

Under the new companies act the following extra-provincial companies have during the past few days been granted licenses to do business in British Columbia.

A well known citizen of Victoria, who obtained \$130,000, in addition to an interest in some fifteen rich claims, at the result of two years' labor in the Northwest region, says that, contrary to the general impression, the best time for mining is in the winter.

When the snow has melted, the surface water does not inconvenience the miner, and the water runs down into the hole and extinguishes the fire, thus stopping the work.

hauled up in buckets. At intervals of a few days, a pan of dirt is washed to ascertain its yield.

There are five principal routes followed by miners in going to the different diggings, which are distanced from Victoria as follows: 1. To Wrangell, 501 miles; 2. Skagway, 1,024 miles; 3. To Fort Selkirk, 1,418 miles.

ABRAHAM E. SMITH, Consul. Victoria, November 23, 1892.

THE CITY.

Mr. THOMAS BRADBEY has decided to withdraw as an aldermanic candidate for North Ward.

One of the Victorians who went north on the Corona was T. F. Geiger, who goes to Lake Bennett for the purpose of putting up a line to catch the trade of the passing gold seekers.

The preliminary hearing of Somyer, the Indian accused of attempting to kill Justice Jones, the Hall's crossing storekeeper, opened on Wednesday before the Justice of the Peace Magistrate and Warden at Duncan, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken appearing for the defence.

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THE SEATTLE ARRIVES

Reaches the Outer Wharf This Morning With Another Party From Dawson.

Two Lucky Frenchmen Bring Each a Fortune Back From the Mines.

The steamer City of Seattle touched at the outer wharf at 2 o'clock this morning, bringing among her passengers another batch of some forty-five men from Dawson City.

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DURRANT'S EXECUTION

California's Notorious Murderer at Last Pays the Penalty of His Cowardly Crimes.

He Maintains His Air of Injured Innocence and Accepts the Consolation of the Church.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 7.—Theodore Durrant was executed at 10:35 this morning at the state penitentiary.

With eyes riveted on Washington, figuratively speaking, the father and mother of Theodore Durrant spent last night at a tin inn outside the prison walls.

The vigilance of the death watch had increased with the passing of every day and hour. Always fearful of an attempt at suicide in the case of the condemned prisoner, they have been doubly cautious.

He passed his waking hours in prayers and when, last night, the prison physician came in, he had already had difficulty in making the slightest move which could not be promptly stopped.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Forced Holiday for Government Printers While Favorites in Toronto Do Public Work.

Spain Too Included in the Preferential Tariff—Mr. Blair's Railway Schemes.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—After conference with the home government, the decision was made to admit the tariff up to the 31st of July.

Mr. Blair has not given up hope of converting his Ontario colleagues to project of purchasing the Canada Eastern Railway.

Canadian goods for Klondyke will be allowed to pass through the disputed territory without paying customs charges under regulations soon to be put in force by the customs authorities at Dyea.

Today being Epiphany and a statutory holiday the public departments were closed. Despite the fact that the government organs are striking as a reason why Mr. Sifton was notified in giving the printing of important public documents to a Grit firm of publishers, that the printing bureau is loaded up with work, the institution was closed to-day.

The penitentiary wardens concluded their conference to-day.

Parliament opens four weeks to-day.

The report that the government will cause an investigation to be made into the affairs of the Vancouver custom house is entirely without foundation.

RELIGION A SUPERSTITION.

New York, Jan. 5.—One of the most remarkable will ever filed in the office of the Surrogate is that of Henry Morehouse Tabor, offered for probate yesterday.

Mr. Tabor was president and secretary of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, which died on Christmas eve at the age of 73 years.

Believing that all religions, including Christianity, are superstitions; that the basic doctrine of the Christian religion, 'the fall of man,' is utterly and absolutely false and that its opposite, the rise of man from the lower order, is a scientific fact; that belief in the existence of hallucinations of the brain and never had the slightest existence in fact; that the chief characteristics of what is termed the 'Word of God' are, in fact, untruthfulness and obscenity; that the effect of orthodox Christian teaching is to encourage ignorance, selfishness, narrow mindedness, acrimony and intolerance, wrong and mental slavery; that Christianity, so called, is not the religion of Christ; that it supplants ethical culture and true morality with meaningless theology and unbelievable dogmas; that it puts an unknown (and probably unknowable) imaginary being in the place of nature; that it gives a name and a personality to evil—an equally unknown (and probably unknowable) being; that it so works upon the credulity of its adherents as to invite in them a fear of (that most horrible of doctrines) eternal punishment; that by believing all these, and in all kindness and in good faith, they are in quest that over my remains there be no religious services of any kind, nature or description whatever.

I also request that my body be cremated at Fresh Pond, or some other crematory, and that all my ashes be left there.

VANCOUVER EVENTS.

Vanouver, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The Channe company held its annual meeting of shareholders yesterday in the Board Room.

Leather coats with sheepskin lining, made specially for the Yukon country. B. Williams & Co.

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GREAT HEAPS.

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Reported Made, Pleasantry by Appearance of Herds of Moose.

Send Another Eldorado—Send Out the Treasure is New Problem.

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of starvation or the organizing of foolish relief expeditions. There are many things that Dawson wants at the present time—not as relief but in the ordinary business course of meeting an active demand. In the first place there is a small fortune waiting for the bank that first sends in three or four million dollars in notes of large denomination—to be exchanged for gold. So eager are the outgoing miners to obtain currency that they would gladly pay a premium sufficient to leave the bankers a very neat sum, out of which to pay the cost and insurance on the treasure coming out. Another quick way to make a fortune that suggests itself, is to take in cigars, for which \$1 cash can now be got without kick or question. Flour, beans, bacon, rice, canned fruits and oysters are other things which could, at present, be taken into Dawson at a handsome profit. Someone has already moved in the matter of taking in oil and candles. He, too, will reap a substantial reward.

CANADIANS IN THE ARMY.

Appointments of Officers During the Past Few Years—The Broad Arrow's Appreciative Words.

In regard to the transferring of Canadian Active Militia officers to the Imperial army following the extinction of the London Gazette of the 14th of December, 1897: Hampshire Regiment, Second Lieutenant Edmund Rochfort Street, from the 10th Battalion Artillery Militia of Canada, to be second lieutenant, and the Hon. C. W. Falk, promoted 15th December, Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians), Second Lieutenant Arthur Cavendish Bentick Gray, from 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery, to be second lieutenant, and Lieut. R. G. Bell, promoted 15th December.

In connection with this it will be of interest to point out that the following officers have also within the past few years been appointed to commissions in the Imperial service direct from the Canadian Active Militia: Second Lieutenant H. C. Bickford, 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers); Lieutenant E. H. Lewis, 21st Lancers; Lieutenant G. W. Kenny, Royal Canadian Fusiliers (Frontier Force); Lieutenant P. G. P. Lea, West Riding Regiment; Second Lieutenant C. A. H. Maclean, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

There are happily reliable indications, says The Broad Arrow, of December 18, "that Canada, at any rate, is being seriously taken into account in the proposed increase of the army. It appears now not improbable that the headquarters of the Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) will be removed to their native soil. There may be other projects in view, but whatever they are we may be sure that the fervent loyalty, patriotism and military spirit of our Canadian brethren will combine in carrying through cordially any feasible proposals for strengthening the defences of the Empire."

BE BAD BOYS.

To the Editor:—The letter of Mr. John St. Clair, published in the Colonist of the 3rd inst., is a most interesting outburst of an over-heated brain. It being written just at the close of the school vacation, it is probably second-hand. The remarks of "Parent" in Wednesday's issue are quite pertinent. It was an exceedingly bad sight to me on Christmas afternoon to see seven boys on a corner, the youngest of whom was about 10 years old, the eldest not more than 15 years of age. I am not afraid of taking the position that those boys never should have gone inside that jail. A well-appointed industrial school would be good for such boys, and not the jail.

THE POST-INTELLIGENCE.

To the Editor:—When a boy I used to engage in the old game of "moresacks on the mill," which, as you know, was sometimes hard on the nether boy. Regarding the P.-I. metaphorically as the "nether boy," already pretty well worn out, I have gone to the mill to ensure you have heaped upon it. I beg to be allowed to add my contribution.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, well known to your readers in the London Times correspondent in New York, is now assailed by the P.-I. as an "unholy today" and a "de-Americanized" American. Mr. Smalley is an American who has lived in England, and, like Ernest Lowry, Modley, Bayard and many others, has formed a favorable opinion of us, and in common with others has labored sedulously to bring about a friendly feeling between the United States and Great Britain. In international relations, like the case of the P.-I., he is not afraid to speak the truth, to point out the errors or faults of his countrymen, and to strenuously discountenance measures degrading to the dignity of a nation and tending to drift into an unrighteous war. These are the men Americans should be proud of. They are the men who will be the United States' bulwarks when she is unjustly assailed. But because they will not be intimidated by the "moresacks" she seeks to ride "rough-shod" over other nations' sensibilities in defiance of all sense of justice, they are "de-Americanized." The P.-I. is one of a class of newspapers most pernicious in their intent to retard the progress of civilization upon them for their opinions and knowledge of public men and public affairs. It is devoutly to be hoped that the progress of "de-Americanizing" will steadily proceed to the P.-I.

A BRITISH RESIDENT IN THE STATES.

NOT BOUND OVER.

The Criminal Libel Charge Against Him Sent Up to the Higher Court.

Magistrate Macrae Reserves His Decision in the Case Against Mr. W. C. Nichol.

There was an unusually large attendance at the police court yesterday morning, owing to the fact that the decision of the magistrate was to be given on the preliminary hearing of the criminal libel charge against Mr. Ian Coltart, and similar charges against Mr. W. C. Nichol, editor of The Province, and Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., who were set down for hearing.

Sharp at 10 o'clock Mr. A. Martin, for the defendants, and Mr. Cassidy, for the plaintiffs, were at the court room. Mr. Walter Nichol, editor of The Province, and Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., whose cases were announced to be heard, were also present early, and Mr. Coltart arrived in good time to hear the magistrate's adverse decision in his own case, which makes it necessary for him to attend the first court of competent jurisdiction to answer to the charge of criminal libel.

The proceedings during the day were entirely of an unusual interest, but it is not necessary to go into details. It is only necessary to say that the evidence in the case against Mr. Bostock to-day at 11 o'clock, and it is expected that the unusual interest will be kept up when this case comes up, as several prominent witnesses will probably be placed on the stand.

Before taking the case of Mr. Walter Nichol, editor of the Province, Magistrate Macrae gave his decision in the Coltart case. "I don't propose to keep you here long, Mr. Coltart. Since reserving my decision last week, I have carefully read and have carefully considered the evidence in the case, and the arguments of counsel on both sides, and I have arrived at the conclusion that the charge ought to go to a jury. You will therefore be bound over to appear at the first court of competent jurisdiction."

Mr. Hewitt Bostock went surety for Mr. Coltart, and the charge against Mr. Bostock was then read, and it was decided to adjourn his case until the afternoon of if the Nichol case is adjourned. Mr. A. Martin, counsel for Mr. Bostock, insisted on having the case tried as soon as possible, as his client, he stated, intended taking a trip to the Kootenay on public business, and it was to the interest of the public that he should not be detained here.

Mr. Martin—There is no use going into the details of the case, as the evidence is all in the hands of the jury. Mr. Cassidy—"Thank you for admitting something which is of practically no value to me. Will you admit that he wrote the article?"

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INDIANS OF THE COAST.

An Answer to Some of the Charges Following the Wreck of the "Cleveland."

Reported Heroism in Conveying the Message for Help—The White Man's Whiskey.

To the Editor:—In all the accounts I have seen of the wreck of the Cleveland the part taken by the Indians has been severely condemned. I do not mean to say the Indians were justified in doing what they did, but it should be remembered that they alleged from the beginning they would deliver up everything upon being paid for salvaging the stuff, as had been done within their experience in the case of the wrecked Archer some two years ago.

Apparently not only in the vicinity of the law regarding salvage of vessels and cargoes, and certainly the Indian cannot be expected to know laws with which even whites are not familiar; nor can they be unduly blamed for doing just what white men often do under similar circumstances. Nor do I mean to say that the Indians who were sentenced were not treated leniently, as considering the evidence before him the magistrate certainly was not unduly severe.

Mr. Martin [hotly]—"I object to my learned friend's way of putting words into the mouth of the Indians. It is highly creditable to me, and I again protest."

Mr. Cassidy—"Nonsense, my young friend. I have been a lawyer for some years, and I have had my share of experience in the courts. I have had in examinations."

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THE "WILLAPA" HOME.

She Speaks a Number of Sealing Schooners in West Coast Harbors.

Steamers Making Ready for the Rush to the North—A Slow Ocean Wave.

The steamer Willapa returned yesterday evening from a trip to the northern part of the island, where she touched at Cape Scott to land a number of settlers for the little colony established there. On her return trip she called in at the West Coast ports and at Hesquot, spoke to the sealing schooners Anoka and Beatrice, and reports that the Otto is at Encluel and several sealers at San Juan. She brought back twelve passengers with her, including Mr. Dakin, the lighthouse keeper at Carmichael. Word comes to the Colonist from Hesquot in the morning that on December 28 an Indian reported finding on the beach in Hesquot harbor the dead body of a man. Next morning Rev. Father Brabant, no Fr. Anton, was present at the place and had the drowned man decently buried. The body was perfectly naked and there was nothing by which to prove its identity. The head was missing, and to judge from appearances the body must have been in the water for several weeks.

THE "CLEVELAND'S" CONDITION.

Diver McHardy has returned from Tacoma, whither he accompanied the wrecked steamer Cleveland. Throughout all the strong currents and bad weather the Cleveland was ashore Mr. McHardy's assistance was of great value. It was he who patched up the holes in the ship's bottom, and he was in regard to the damage that the vessel received, that six of her plates will have to be removed. Others are badly cracked and are not sufficiently strong to be of harm to the steamer. Mr. McHardy's bottom was four feet long by two feet broad.

A SLOW GOER.

It was after 2 yesterday afternoon when the steamer Ocean Wave arrived from the Sound, and according to her crew it was that hour in the morning when she left for several weeks has been making preparations for the service which she inaugurates on Saturday, a week from to-day. The Danes have been on the Esquimaux marine ways having her hull cleaned and painted, and she is now having several new cabins added to her housework on deck. These will add thirty additional berths for passenger accommodation and will make the ship very comfortable for travellers. All the cabins are furnished with rooms, and in themselves indicate no inclination on the part of the C.P.N. Company to overcrowd their steamers when the busy season begins. The Esquimaux, Tees, Princess Louise and Jelsander—which will be running North in conjunction with the Danube, have good passenger accommodations.

NORTHERN RESEARCH.

Sverdrup as Well as Peary to Move Toward the Pole Next Summer. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6.—No matter what controversy may arise, Captain Sverdrup, Dr. Nansen's Norwegian navigator, who directed the perilous course of the Fram during the explorer's last expedition, will lead an exploring party to the north pole in the summer of 1898. Dr. Nansen himself, who lectured here last night, Dr. Nansen said that the Norwegian government had already consented to lend Captain Sverdrup the Fram, and that the expedition would start from Smith Sound for the unexplored region beyond early in the coming summer. He will take with him about fifty men. Dr. Nansen further said that Captain Sverdrup would be accompanied by the North Pole, but would devote all his time to scientific investigations along the coast of Greenland. As he did not know Lieutenant Peary's intentions while forming his own plans, Dr. Nansen does not believe he would be a party to any discourtesy for Captain Sverdrup to persist in carrying out his scheme, and inasmuch as Dr. Nansen is convinced that Sverdrup conceived the plan at least as early as Peary, he does not think Peary has a prior claim on the route and project, or that he is entitled to any exclusive privileges on the northern coast of Greenland.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ILLUSTRATED.

An Exposition of Great Interest Under the Auspices of the Natural History Society. As was intimated in a previous issue, the Natural History Society of Victoria is cooperating with the government in making arrangements for the formal opening of the new legislative hall on the 10th of February. At the last regular meeting a programme was adopted, and the executive committee, with power to add to its numbers, was authorized to arrange the details. The committee met last week, and sufficient progress was made to enable the secretary to announce that the exhibition directed upon will be an unqualified success.

The museum wing of the new parliament buildings, which will be completed by that time, has been allotted to the society for the purpose of holding the exposition, to consist of the following illustrations of the various phases of the province—historical, ethnological, etc. According to the plan adopted there will be two main sections or divisions, each under the management of a special committee. These are as follows: 1. From the provincial museum—Mr. Fanning, curator, chairman; (a) zoological, (b) geological, (c) ethnological. 2. Agricultural—Chairman, J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture; (a) botanical, (b) agriculture. 3. Mines—Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist; (a) mineralogical, (b) photographic, (c) mining. 4. Historical collection—Mr. E. E. Gosnell, provincial librarian, chairman; (a) historical, (b) photographs, paintings, prints, etc. relating to British Columbia; (c) etc. 5. Art collection, under the direction of the Rev. Canon Beaudouin. In addition to these there will be a special committee on decoration under the chairmanship of Mr. Laurie. The subscription for the exhibition is open to all, and the committee are already large collections are promised, so that the success of the exhibition is assured. In order that the exposition should be a success, the committee are making every person in the province who may have anything of special interest to loan to the exhibition. The committee are being made for safe keeping and exhibition under glass. As the exhibition is one of provincial importance it is hoped that every effort will be made to make it memorable.

Pain Past Endurance.

Could Not Raise Either Hand or Foot and Had to be Fed and Dressed—the Doctors Told Him a Cure Was Impossible. Yet He Attends to His Business To Day. Missionary to Indians in Barclay Sound. Uchelet, B.C., Jan. 5, 1898.

Rheumatism has claimed many victims and has probably caused more pain than any other affecting mankind. Among those who have been its victims few have suffered more than Mr. G. W. Coon now proprietor of the flourishing bakery in Hampton, but for a number of years a resident of Pontypool, when his severe case occurred. To a reporter who interviewed him Mr. Coon, gave the following particulars of his suffering and ultimate cure:—"Some seven or eight years ago," said Mr. Coon, "I felt a touch of rheumatism. At first it did not pay much attention to it, but as it was steadily growing worse I began to

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CAMER. The Cash Clothing 55 Johnson Street.

A LETTER FROM A Cable in Operation to Transport Goods.

In a private letter from Dyea, dated December 27, yesterday, the writer says the Skagway and Dyea and there is no doubt the most practical trail. It is used by the Indians for the Dyea and Klondyke routes. It would have taken it. Two wharves of completion here and there by a good landing steamer. There will be three cable lines over the one cable has been in operation for some time. Summit for 10 cents per mile and 50 cents in the fall of the year. With blankets men walk to Dyea and do their journey in a day.

PROVINCIAL NEWS. Fraser Drying Scheme Urged Government—Whitehead Keeper Acquits. Dr. W. V. Davies and Miss Brown, eldest daughter of Dr. A. J. Hill, were attending the Olivet Baptist church at New Wednesday night by the Ewen. The bride, who was Miss A. Hill, was attended by Rev. G. S. Brown, while Mr. D. S. McCall, minister of the church, officiated. Mr. Davies has for many years been a member of the church, and in recognition of his services as a member of the church, a porcelain dinner service by the church.

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SCIENCE TRIMMING THE LAMP OF LIFE. So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer.

By Post Prepaid to in Dominion of Canada. Money Must Accompany Orders.

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Ready for the... th-A Slow... ave.

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Clondyke Outfitting

It is worth a thought to you to consider the standing of the firm you buy your outfit from...

CAMERON, Victoria, B.C. CANADA

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LEANDER AND VIRAGO.

The Fleet Little Torpedo Boat Destroyer and Her Consort Arrive in Port.

Two Vessels That Add Materially to the Naval Strength of This Station.

Two of the war vessels which, according to Great Britain's plan of strengthening Esquimaux as a naval depot...

The warships sailed from Plymouth on October 19, and they have come along quite leisurely.

The Leander and her companion's voyage here little can be said other than that they had a comparatively smooth passage...

The second of a series of magic lantern exhibitions given by Dr. Kirker...

SEALERS' HALF-MILLION

Details of the Damages and Interest Awarded by the International Arbitrators.

No Indication of Any Allowance for Forced Stoppage of an Offered Sealers' Business.

Particulars of the award made by the international arbitrators were received yesterday by Hon. Fred Peters, Q.C., the Canadian counsel.

SHOOTING IN CHICAGO.

Three Noted Characters Lose Their Lives in a Saloon Room.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Kid Murphy, a noted Chicago gambler of the shell-worker variety, was shot dead and Frank, alias Dickey Dean, and Martin Donahue were shot, probably fatally...

STICKLEVEN TRAVEL EASY

A Well Known Party Relate Their Happy Experience on This Route to Klondyke.

Progress of Several Travellers Reported—Good Time Made in Hauling Supplies.

A startling tale of robbery on the Dawson trail is told by E. Coy, one of the passengers who reached Victoria by the City of Seattle on Friday morning.

The snow was between seven and eight feet deep and we found our snowshoes of great benefit in the snow.

The light and pretty open "Indiana" was enjoyed by a large audience at the Victoria Central.

MR. CAREY'S MEETING.

Restrictive Economy the Leading Plank of His Municipal Platform.

The meeting held in the City Hall last evening, in the interests of Mr. J. W. Carey, a candidate for the mayoralty...

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ork, two cents per bushel; evaporated potatoes, twenty-five per cent.; canned pumpkins, two and one-quarter per cent.;

Dr. Hodgins and Messrs. Bush and Palmer, and Messrs. Anderson, Carter and McLaren left Telegraph Creek on the last of December for Lake.

The amount of the capital of the Company is \$250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of \$1 each.

Mr. Carey, a candidate for the mayoralty, was well attended and orderly. The candidate, Mr. J. W. Carey, was supported by Mr. J. W. Carey.

General Claims. Damages, Interest, Award. Carolina, \$13,241 \$ 9,020 \$23,262. Thornton, 13,821 9,142 22,963.

PERSONAL CLAIMS. Damages, Interest, Award. Monroe, \$3,000 \$ 2,028 \$ 5,028. Margotich, 2,500 1,690 4,190.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

PUBLIC meetings will be held at the public school house, Mayne Island, on Thursday, January 13, 1898, at 9 a.m.

Mr. P. C. Macgregor was called upon and announced himself a candidate for alderman for Centre Ward in the city.

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(Special to the Colonist) WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—Late gina to-day by a press c Hon. Chas. H. Mackintosh vacated the office of lieuten of the Northwest Territories ant anticipated any friction United States and Canada ence to the Yukon. He re "There certainly will be less the governments at and Ottawa exercise wis While the discovery of gold late the North west and Bir bia as it populated South A lia and the Western State same time it has created a various quarters.

"I remember when Sir donald was roundly abused ing the Washington treaty. route most talked about, t river, is free to all imper under that treaty. Still it surprises me at all to find men in the United States question whether the freedo tion carries with it the right Stickeen when in a frozen c yet to find them insist upon embargo upon gold convey their territory to points in C "These issues may be rais game in order to coerce Can action with the policy ad some of putting a duty upon out of Yukon into the United States." Then again, the tax po duced, as well as the reserva ternate claims by the govern day, are likely to cause stros and to disturb the volcano you know there are more polit stesmen in the neighbori therefore it must be approu trouble will arise unless all act with caution and discretio

THE PRAIRIE PROV Half Rates on Seed Grain—F orments for Skagway the Trails. WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—The C previous years, will this y seed grain in Manitoba and west Territories at one-half freight rates. A circular de the matter is to be issued this Another party of 24 Northw ed Police will leave Regina for Skagway.

E. Dodge, a well-known city or, has assigned a Liberal convention for W ma will be held at Rat Portage ay 31. AN IMPORTANT PRONOUNC Sir Charles Tupper to Enunciate servative Policy at Carbet To-Morrow. WINNIPEG, Jan. 5.—It is st Sir Charles Tupper will, at the to be tendered him on Friday berry, enunciate the policy of at the coming session of the I house.

Minister for Klondyke. WINNIPEG, Jan. 6.—(Special) S. Grant, who has been pp Presbyterian minister to R presbyter through the city yester way to Vancouver. Mr. Grant to Fort Selkirk if possible and d congregation. Rev. Mr. Dick decided to remain at Skagway.

Mr. Macintosh Coming WINNIPEG, Jan. 6.—(Spec Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh le to-day with his family for where they will reside in futur

Belgian Prince Coming LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Bruss pondent of the Daily Chronicle the nephew of King Leopold, of Prince Albert Leopole, the supple to the Belgian th make a long tour of the Unit and Canada.

ASSERTION AND DEN Manitoba and Ontario Ministers Interested in Peculiar Rail Promotion. TORONTO, Jan. 5.—Nothing here about the report that Greenway has abandoned his railway scheme. It was repo Winnipeg that the minister h conference with the Ontario go about the construction of a l shel the Canadian Pacific to perior, part of it running th States. A leading member of ument here denies the truth port. He says the Ontario go has not discussed such a sche

INTER-PROVINCIAL BOU Commissioners Busy Determin Between Manitoba and On

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The com on the delimitation of the bo tween Manitoba and Ontario returned from a three month the new boundary line. T traversed is a sixty mile stree the north end of Lake of the the Winnipeg river. The com marked out a sixty mile road, from the Lake of the Woods etones.

Weyler Making Troub MABRID, Jan. 6.—It is the he lief that the decision to General Weyler will lead to tion of the minister of wa Correa. The sensible man never con he breaks his leg he is always th it isn't his neck.

The Colonist.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

THE LOCAL OPPOSITION.

What British Columbia needs during the next few years is an administration composed of men with some knowledge of public affairs and some experience in dealing with the many questions that are certain to arise from day to day in constantly increasing numbers, as the development of the province goes on. For this reason the character of the opposition is a very important factor in the local political situation. When a party of men seek to have their fellow citizens place the administration of affairs in their hands, they ought to be able to point to some evidence of their capacity to administer them. We think we may say, without undue disparagement, that the gentlemen, who have hitherto been looked upon as the opposition leaders, and hence would be selected to form a new government in the event of an overturn during the life of the present house, have not displayed any special fitness for public position, or given the slightest reason for anyone to suppose that they would render the country better service than that afforded by Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues.

It is desirable to avoid, when possible, the discussion of personal matters in the press, but there is a personal side to every political situation, which must be taken into account, and can and ought to be considered in a kindly spirit, though with perfect frankness. We know of no other way to discuss politics intelligently or usefully, except to speak of the things that people talk about.

Mr. Semlin is leader of the opposition, and presumably would be the leader of a new government. Everyone who knows Mr. Semlin likes him. He is a fine, honorable specimen of manhood. He is not lacking in ability. But Mr. Semlin has been many years in the legislature, and if he has left the impress of his mind upon legislation or administration the fact is not conspicuous. He has been a consistent critic of the government's policy, but has never displayed any constructiveness. Speaking with the most friendly feeling towards him, we must frankly say that Mr. Semlin has not given any reason why he should be suspected of possessing those qualities of mind or that experience which are necessary in the eventful period now begun in our provincial history.

Mr. Cotton is a gentleman of ability. He is not without popularity. He is a close reasoner. He has considerable knowledge of affairs and might be made useful in a subordinate place in a government. He does not possess any qualifications for leadership, and is too uncertain a quantity and too much given to the spinning of theories to be able to command the confidence of the house. Mr. Cotton would be courteous and industrious in office, but it cannot be claimed that he is the sort of material one would select for cabinet member.

Mr. Williams is another gentleman who is much thought of by everyone who has come in contact with him. He feels himself, however, that he has been a legislative failure, and no one either in the house or out of it regards him as fitted for an administrative post.

Mr. Sword is a gentleman of much more than average ability and a good verbal critic of legislation. He may possess administrative ability, but we hardly think his training and experience have developed it. If we had as large a cabinet in British Columbia as they have in the other provinces, Mr. Sword would make a useful member, but it may be said of him as of his leader, Mr. Semlin, that however estimable he may be personally, he is not one to whom those, who have had the opportunity of observing his public career, would turn with any degree of confidence as an administrative officer in a period of provincial history that will call for the best ability the country can produce.

Concerning the other members of the opposition we need not speak particularly. For them all the Colonist entertains none but kindly feelings, and in saying that they have not exhibited such qualities as would be a guarantee of greater usefulness on the right of Mr. Speaker than they have displayed on the other side of the house, we only say what every one says, and what it would be superfluous to repeat, if it were not that politics is a practical business and when people talk of a change it is important to think not only of what the change is from, but what it is proposed to change to.

That our views upon the above points are not peculiar to ourselves, but are shared in by a large proportion of those who are opposed to the government, is evidenced by the fact that the movement which found expression in the New Westminster convention was as much a revolt against the local opposition leaders as a demonstration against the Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues.

CONSUL SMITH'S REPORT.

The Colonist can endorse every word of what Senator Macdonald says in his letter about Consul Smith's December report to his government. The consul states the position of Victoria in the fairest possible manner. Victoria he describes as "naturally the gateway of the Northwest." We print the report in to-day's issue.

We think it well to emphasize the point made by Senator Macdonald about there being no discrimination against United States citizens in the collection of duties at the Yukon frontier. No questions are asked as to a man's nationality. When he reaches the custom house at Lake Tagish he must pay duty on goods not made in Canada, whether he owes allegiance to Queen Victoria or is an alien. This ought not to be lost sight of, for there has been a disposition to misrepresent the attitude of the people of British Columbia and the effect of the Canadian laws upon this subject. It has been persistently alleged, by those who ought to know better, that what was aimed at was the exclusion of aliens from the Yukon. We do not disguise the fact that many people in British Columbia favor such exclusion; but there is no law to authorize it. Under the laws of Canada as they now stand, and as they are likely to stand for some time to come, it matters not in what country a man was born or to what government he owes allegiance, he is free to enter the Yukon and exploit its wealth. All that is asked of him is that he shall obey the laws of Canada, and one of those laws is that, if he proposes to bring foreign goods into the country, he shall pay the duty on them, which duty, in the case of Yukon outfits, amounts to about 30 per cent.

Consul Smith has made a very favorable impression upon the people of this city, which will be strengthened by his frank and manly statement of the matter forming the subject of his December report. In this he represents the best type of American citizenship, which does not try to deceive itself and does not thank anyone for trying to deceive it about matters touching upon its business interests.

THE NEWS FROM DAWSON.

The latest news from Dawson City will serve to stimulate the desire of people to get into the country. So far there has not been an unfavorable report received. This is somewhat exceptional. In nearly every case, where a mining country has been opened up, the adverse accounts are almost as numerous as those that are favorable, but in the case of the Klondyke everyone has the same story of abundant gold. Nor is this true of Klondyke alone, for from every part of the Yukon valley, where prospectors have gone, come the same kind of reports. It seems to be a case of "gold, gold everywhere." One may feel safe in saying that the only limit to the output this year will be the capacity of men to get out the gold, not the extent of the deposits.

Under these circumstances we feel very certain that a long period of prosperity is to be looked for on the basis of Yukon trade, and it behooves our business men to examine into the situation from that standpoint. The present year will witness a tremendous rush into the country and necessarily a good deal of outfitting. Most of the parties who go in will take a year's supply of provisions; but many will not, and their supplies must be replenished from stocks taken into the country by merchants. A very large proportion of those who take in a year's supply will not come out for more at the end of that period, but will buy new stocks in the country, if they can get them.

We have no means of measuring the number of people who can get into the Yukon valley this year, or who will winter there, if they can. We do not like to make extravagant estimates, but assuming that 50,000 people will get into the country and half of them remain there, and these are figures that many people will consider absurdly small, the amount of money that will be required for food, clothing, household utensils, machinery and other things will be enormous. We propose to put for the purpose of the calculation the number of people who will go into the Yukon and remain there as equal to a resident population of 30,000 for one year. More than that many people will go into the country, very many more. Possibly less than that number of people will stay there for a full year; but surely the total will reach the suggested average. These 30,000 people will have to be provided with transportation for themselves, their food, their personal baggage, their machinery and tools. Everything they need, except lumber for their houses, will have to be taken into the country. This will average over two tons to the man, but put it at two tons. It will come to 60,000 tons. The lowest rate at which goods were taken from points on the Coast to Dawson City last year was six cents a pound. An average of ten cents a pound to all the points on the Yukon will not be excessive. Ten cents a pound is \$200 a ton, which for 60,000 tons comes to \$12,000,000 for transportation alone for 30,000 people. Most people will think we are too conservative altogether to estimate on so small a number as 30,000. Those who think so can increase the amount in proportion to what they think will be the number. Others will say that the cost of transportation will average to all points more than ten cents per pound. An experienced miner told the Colonist the other day that the cost would be at least fifteen cents a pound, and he was very sure that it could not be done for that. At fifteen cents a pound the trans-

portation for 30,000 people, not counting their own tickets would come to \$18,000,000, to which must be added the cost of transportation of individuals backwards and forwards, those who stay in the country and those who do not, which would swell the transportation outlay to at least \$25,000,000. There are people who will say that if we multiply the number of people by ten we will be away within the mark. We do not care to figure upon such estimates. Twenty-five millions for transportation alone is quite a lot of money.

Now, let us suppose, that 100,000 people come out here to the Coast and start North. They will probably spend in living expenses and outfits an average of \$500. Five hundred times one hundred thousand dollars are \$50,000,000. Add to this the transportation and we have \$75,000,000, if 100,000 come and the length of stay of those who go North is equal to a stay of 30,000 people for a year. This is a pretty fair year's business. The amount seems incredible; but when one reads what is being said all over the country as to the coming rush, it is easier to make the amount larger than to cut it down.

However, we did not begin this article with the idea of making calculations of this kind. Our point is that the merchants of Canada must keep in view the fact that after this year the greater part of the Yukon trade will be done by business houses having establishments in the gold-producing country. This will be the great outfitting year. It is therefore important that the most persistent efforts should be made to secure that trade now.

We know that our business men will pardon us when we say to them that very much will depend upon the manner in which the first parties are treated. If they are used well, they will send back favorable reports. If they have reason to think themselves ill-used, they will advise their friends not to come to this city. We have seen some letters in regard to the way in which miners were used in Seattle, that must have a very prejudicial effect upon the minds of every person who reads them. If by any mischance such letters should be written from Victoria about Victoria merchants, they will be sent all over the United States. We caution our merchants against people who may come here looking for trouble in order to give the business of the city a black eye. The men who have spread falsehoods abroad concerning our city are equal to any honorable trick that will keep us from getting our rightful share of the trade of our own country. We also suggest to our merchants that they get letters from the persons whom they outfit, which can be used in the event of any trick of the sort mentioned being attempted.

The Toronto Globe resumes its active opposition to government aid, that is Dominion government aid to any additional railway projects. This time it speaks against such assistance being extended to a line to open Northern Ontario. Our contemporary in this respect seems itself from the charge of specially directing its opposition against Western projects. But we are not able to agree with it upon this special matter. This country must be developed and that too as quickly as possible. It is necessary for this purpose that federal aid should be given. This can be extended in such a way as to make the burden upon the taxpayers comparatively light. We think it is not beyond the ingenuity of the government to devise a proper system of government aid.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Seattle asking the Colonist to oppose the proposed scheme of an individual to get a cinch on the route around Lake Lindenman and charge a fee of \$2 on all people crossing it. Our esteemed friend need not fear. There will be no cinch game up in those latitudes. Neither the Provincial nor the Dominion governments will allow it. We are speaking "by the book."

A LOT of more or less amiable New Yorkers have formed an anti-British society. There is probably nothing so childish or so blind as the average ignorant United States politician, and they are in the majority, that is so far as newspaper notoriety is concerned. If it were not that the majority of the people have fairly good sense, those crazy leaders of public opinion would have shipwrecked the nation long ago.

The San Francisco Examiner thinks that Great Britain is decaying. It would be a sorrowful thing for the United States if this were true. In such a case the republic would stand alone among the nations, hated by all and an easy prey to its enemies. But it is not true. There never was a time since history was written when it was less true than now.

We think we will have to ask our correspondents to excuse us from printing any more letters about "boys." The subject is as exhausted as the sea, and if we do not draw the line now we may find it necessary to give the whole paper up to the discussion. Therefore, as it is impossible to publish all that has been sent in on the subject, and equally impossible to justify decide what shall be printed and what consigned to the waste basket, we will lump them all together and mark them unavailable.

A KLONDYKE letter speaks of candles selling there at \$200 a box. Why don't they use gas?

THE REGULATIONS AT DYEA.

While some further particulars remain to be made public, sufficient is known of the agreement between the Canadian government and the United States government as to the regulations at Dyea, to show that they are wholly satisfactory, and that no further impediments will be placed in the way of the transportation of Canadian goods across the narrow strip of territory now in possession of the United States, but which may ultimately be found to be part of Canada.

We are glad to make public a recognition of Hon. Mr. Sifton's good work in this matter. He has taken the question up with a great deal of business sense, and appears to have arrived at as good results as could be expected. This shows the advantage of having the ministers visit the Coast and learn from personal observation what the situation calls for. There are one or two esteemed members of the cabinet, whom we would like to see sent out here for a good long visit. Indeed there are quite a number of people, having influence with the present administration, who would be greatly profited by a sojourn in this live country. They would get some new notions into their heads, which would be an excellent thing for them and the Dominion.

There will be much weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in certain quarters south of us at the way things have worked out at Dyea. The great American hog has been very much in evidence lately on the Sound. The Washington government has put a ring in his nose. This will not, however, prevent him squealing pretty loudly. We are very glad that it was not necessary for the Dominion government to the extreme of closing the passes. Every avenue of travel will be taxed to its utmost by the great rush now certain to come, and it would have been a pity if it had been necessary, owing to the greed of our neighbors, to have prevented travel from seeking the route from the head of Lynn canal. A policy of live and let live has prevailed, and we are heartily pleased.

THE SEALING AWARD.

Through the kindness of Hon. Fred. Peters we are able to give our readers full details of the sealing award. It will be observed that interest has been allowed in every case. We gather from the list that only the actual damages and interest upon them has been allowed, and the prospective damages have been rejected altogether.

This list seems to throw discredit upon the Ottawa special to the Victoria Times, of date December 24, in which Sir Louis Davies was quoted as saying that the award was in a lump sum and nothing was said about interest.

As we view the matter, the sealers would appear to have good claim upon their own government for compensation for the damages caused by their being driven from a legitimate occupation. It has been decided that they had a right to kill the seals, that the United States was bound to pay them for the actual loss they sustained by reason of the seizures. Surely, then, some one ought to pay them what they have lost by which they had a perfect right to carry on. The decision, as far as it goes, is between the two governments only. The claim of the sealers upon their own government has yet to be presented.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Kind Sympathy.—The Pierce One—I do wish the Lord had made me a man. The Gentle One.—Kingsley He has America, dear, but you haven't been able to find him yet. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Her Youth.—Judge.—Witness, you are 40 years of age. Female Witness.—Yes, alas! One gets older every day. And yet I was young once [heaving a sigh]. Ah, your lordship would hardly believe how young I was.—London.

Why He Hesitated.—"I am thinking of tendering my resignation," remarked one official. "I envy you," was the reply. "I wish I dared." "Why? It's a free country." "Yes; but mine would as likely as not be accepted." —Washington Star.

Unlucky Thirteen.—"Thirteen is an unlucky number in all cases," said Jarley. "I don't know," said Butler. "I'd rather have \$13 than \$12." "I wouldn't," said Jarley. "If I had \$12 I'd spend only \$12; but if I had \$13 I'd spend \$13." —Harlem Life.

A Profitable Guess.—Stranger—I want a room as low down as you can spare. Clerk—Give you No. 876, top story. Bestiando—forwarder. Stranger—I want to be low down, so as to be handy to the bar-room. Clerk—Front! Show the gentleman to parlor C.—New York Weekly.

The Tacoma Ledger complains that Consul Smith's report contains good advertising matter for Victoria. That is because it tells the truth. The truth is the only advertisement that Victoria needs.

If Great Britain guarantee the new Chinese loan it will be on condition that new ports are made open, and free to all the world. A fair field and no favor always was John Bull's motto.

Spain is the latest nation to receive the advantage of that preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain. Come, Mr. Fielding, move to make it unanimous.

And now it is Labrador that is coming to the front as a gold-producing country. What a trick nature has of putting gold where it is hard to get at!

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THESE LIBEL SUITS. Premier Turner has used good judgment in setting the machinery of the law into operation against those journalistic traders, the Province and other papers following in its steps. They will now have the opportunity of either proving their charges in court or else of admitting themselves to be slanderers.

If it can be proven to be a crime for any public official to have his name associated with a mining company, now is the Province's chance to have this new crime clearly defined. If such associations justify a newspaper in publishing columns of coarse innuendo and scurrilous abuse, the Province will doubtless look for its justification.

When men of high character are called to public office, they naturally shrink from acceptance if they feel that they are to be made defenceless targets by any newspaper that disagrees with them. The Big Suit will doubtless have a tonic effect upon those papers whose laziness makes them prefer ill-natured gossip to sensible news publication, and we may expect a general bracing up all along the line.—British Columbia News.

ROSSLAND WAGON ROAD.

Now that the snow road project is a dead issue, the proposed wagon road to Cascade City can be discussed without any side lines being tacked to it. It is certain that the wagon road to the Victory-Drumph and Vailvet groups, on Soophie mountains, will receive assistance from the government. If the board of trade will point out the necessity of the continuation of that road five or six miles further west, there is little doubt that an appropriation will be made for a trunk road from Rossland as far as Castle mountain. This would give access to a vast number of mineral claims that cannot possibly have any other outlet.

Directly after passing the branch road leading to the Victory-Drumph group, the wagon road would enter a district that is thickly covered with mineral claims. There is the Umattila group of three claims, the Wallaroo group of five claims, the Big Four group of three claims, the Rossland group of two claims, the Prospector group of eight claims, and numerous others further away from the proposed road that must slip one way or the other.

Summit mountain and Big Sheep valley are well covered with mineral claims that must find an outlet over the Dewdney trail route, and on Castle mountain there are some well-known groups to be served, such as the Algonquin group, the Sanant group, the Rossland group, the Jubilee group, and over 100 separate claims on this eastern slope, all of which will be tributary to the proposed wagon road. It is safe to say that the number of claims and mines that would be benefited by such a wagon road would aggregate quite 1,000. Of these many will be shipping ore next summer, and a wagon road can be constructed none too soon for the interests of the claim owners and the merchants of Rossland. Besides the bringing out of ore from these claims the carrying in of supplies from Rossland is an item that must not be overlooked.—Rossland Times.

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AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The preparations now in progress for the opening of the new parliament building give promise that the occasion will be one of uncommon interest.

We hope as many visitors from other parts of the province will attend as conveniently do so. It would be really very excellent for themselves and the province.

THE HURLING OF CHARGES.

The Nanaimo Review says the COLONIST is wrong in alleging that no charges have been made against the government, and that as a matter of fact charges and grave ones "have been hurled at the government party."

THE TEST OF DIVINITY.

There has lately been a revival of that rather unprofitable theme, "If Christ came," which Mr. Stead started some years ago by applying the query to Chicago.

THE STUDY OF HISTORY.

In most schools history is taught from the wrong end. By this we do not mean, as Tom Hughes once said, that when the knowledge cannot be taught into the head it is whipped into the other extremity.

with us that if we have any attack to make upon the Dominion government or any members of it, we should make it with reasonable certainty as to particulars in order that those whose duty it is to defend the ministry may be in a position to make specific answers.

STREET CROSSINGS.

As a chain is no stronger than its weakest part, so a street is no cleaner than its muddiest part. This is philosophy. Now for the application.

A pedestrian gets into a street-car, and by exercising a great deal of care manages to do so without getting his or her boots very muddy.

There is considerable opposition developing to the proposed purchase of the Canada Eastern railway as a branch of the Intercolonial.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

Without any delay a deputy clerk of the peace should be appointed in this lower country. This is made necessary to prevent the great expense attending the removal of prisoners to a waiting trial to Vernon, who determine to take advantage of the Speedy Trials act.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Constituent—I want to get a govern ment, kumel, but dem civil-service rule is a little too much for me.

RECIROCITY

is coming to the front with quite a rush, if the Washington advices are to be fully credited.

large. For this purpose the history of our own Empire should be the basis, and it should be divided into periods of twenty-five years each for the first hundred years, measuring backward, and into periods of fifty years each for the next two preceding centuries.

Let us take, for example, the history of popular government. It is literally true that under the system of teaching in vogue in the schools of the United States pupils are taught that human liberty had its origin in the declaration of independence.

It is not perfectly correct that nine out of ten pupils leave school without so much as a glimmer of the history of India, China, Japan, Central or South America?

There is a well-defined rumor of a hole-in-the-corner convention held in Victoria lately by some would-be leaders of the provincial opposition.

THE PEACEFUL MIND!

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