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SCHOOLS IN MANITOBA.

The Situation Keenly Contested—Sir Donald Smith Thinks There Will Be a Settlement.

Flint's Prohibition Resolution Shelved—Quebec Conservatives Uneasy—Starke to Command Team.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Although the date fixed for the discussion on the remedial bill in the House of Commons is a week away the fate of the measure and the contingencies were never more keenly canvassed since the Manitoba school question became an issue in federal politics than to-day. The general impression undoubtedly is that negotiations are in progress for some settlement of the question that will relieve parliament of the burden of its solution. One circumstance which gives license for this belief is the return of Sir Donald Smith, whose mission to Winnipeg was undoubtedly connected with the settlement of the school question. It is not quite so clear as those suggestion Sir Donald undertook the mission, and the ministers are reticent on the subject.

Speaking to your correspondent Sir Donald said: "I found an unquestionably better feeling prevailing in Winnipeg. People there realize the gravity of the situation, and I have every reason to believe that an entirely satisfactory solution of the school difficulty is possible. This question is one for the application of common sense, and viewed in this light there should be no difficulty in reaching a solution. Mr. Greenway is a man of shrewd common sense, and I believe is prepared to do what is right."

To the suggestion that it was unfortunate that this view had not prevailed at an earlier stage of the question, Sir Donald replied: "Indeed it is, but as I have already said, I see no reason why a satisfactory solution should not now be reached."

"The report was current here yesterday," said your correspondent, that Mr. Greenway would probably visit Ottawa soon; do you know if that is so?" "I have good reason to believe Mr. Greenway will be here shortly," Sir Donald answered.

Being pressed for information respecting Mr. Greenway's intentions, the Knight became as dumb as an oyster, and nothing definite is likely to be known until Mr. Greenway arrives here. A Western member says he believes Mr. Greenway will see the strength of passing such amendments to the school act as would allow all denominations separate school privileges in the matter of religious instruction in schools, otherwise they would be under provincial control. This would be taken advantage of only by the Roman Catholics and should be satisfactory to them.

Some of the Quebec Conservatives appear to be a little apprehensive; they fear any compromise and want nothing but the remedial bill now that the hierarchy has approved of it. One minister remarked to me that it would be suicidal to withdraw the measure, but he believes the whole fight would have to be gone over again during the next two or three weeks. Meanwhile everybody is waiting the next turn of the political wheel.

Mr. Flint's prohibition resolution was discussed to-night. On motion of Hon. David Mills, of Bothwell, the debate was adjourned, on a vote of 56 to 47, thus shelving the question for the session. Col. Starke of the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, will be commandant this year of the Bisley team.

Hon. T. M. Daly left for Winnipeg to-day to attend the immigration convention.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—(Special)—James Scott, who was one of the largest retail dry goods merchants here, and recently sold out to retire, jumped from the Rosedale bridge this afternoon and was killed. He had softened of the brain.

At a meeting of blanket manufacturers held here yesterday, it was decided to advance prices from 5 to 5 cents per pound. The object is to put an end to rate cutting.

The funeral of the late H. A. Massey took place this afternoon. The body was taken to the Centennial Methodist church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Allen, after which the remains were conveyed to the Mount Pleasant cemetery and there interred. Six hundred employees of the Massey-Harris works followed the body to the grave. Among those who attended the funeral was Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—An immense mass meeting was held to-night in the Massey music hall to protest against the passage of the remedial bill. Ex-Mayor Clark presided. Addresses were made by Messrs. Joseph Martin, M.P., of Winnipeg, Dalton McCarty, M.P., of Montreal, William Mulock, M.P., N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., A. McNeill, M.P., W. F. McLean, M.P., Dr. Sproule, M.P., Dr. Weldon, M.P., and Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested, especially when Mr. Alexander Muir, the author of "The Maple Leaf for ever," sang the national song, accompanied by the grand organ of the hall, at which Mr. J. Lewis Browne presided.

CONSTIPATION CURED. GENTS.—I was in very poor health for over four years, the doctor said it was Constipation. Not wanting to spend too much cash, I got three bottles of Bardell Blood Bitters and took it regularly. I can testify that it has cured me of the best of health and feel very grateful to B.B.B.

ALFRED TEROUX, Montreal, Que.

YACHTING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The racing yacht which the Hendersons are building from the George L. Watson's designs for the Emperor William of Germany, modelled after the Prince of Wales' cutter Britannia, is being built secretly under the same shed as was used for the construction of the Valkyrie III. It will be nearly if not quite as large as the Dunraven syndicate boat. Preliminary work upon Watson's latest is already well advanced. Rumor has it that it will be completed in time to compete at the Cowes regatta. Emperor William, it has long been an open secret, is quite anxious to own a yacht capable of defeating his uncle's swift cutter, and Watson said he had been promised a stiff bonus if the Emperor's new yacht proves to be a better boat than the Britannia. It was in the hope of defeating the Britannia that the Emperor William purchased the British cutter, the Valkyrie III, which was defeated in 1887 by the Yankee sloop Volunteer in that year's series of races for the America's cup. Besides, the Britannia holds the German Emperor's challenge shield, a very valuable yachting trophy, which was to be sailed for over a 120-mile course, around the Isle of Wight. If the Prince of Wales yacht wins it again this year the Emperor's shield will remain the property of the Prince. It has to be won three times, and the Britannia has already won it twice. This is the most interesting contest looked forward to during the Cowes week, when the regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron takes place. On the other hand, it has been stated that the Prince of Wales, in view of the death of Prince Henry, will not race the Britannia during the season of 1896. It is reported that the German Emperor is so disgusted with the British upon his message to President Kruger congratulating the latter upon having suppressed Dr. Jameson and the raiders, that he has expressed his determination not to visit England this year under any circumstances.

The Westminster Gazette discussing the report that the Prince of Wales, as Commander of the Royal Yacht Squadron, has in some manner intervened either to induce Lord Dunraven to send an apology to the New York Yacht Club or prevail upon His Lordship to make an amende honorable, says it has reason to believe that the Prince will intervene one way or the other in the Dunraven matter.

STARTLING SURPRISES.

Japan's Possible Course in the Event of China Repudiating Her Obligations.

Will Attempt to Dismember the Empire and Uproot the Existing Dynasty.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Advices from Tokio state that China's enormous indebtedness to Japan bids fair to be the cause of awkward complication, in the near future. In three months the second instalment of 60,000,000 taels will fall due, yet, so far as can be discovered, no provision has been made for meeting the obligation. The Peking government pretends to be entirely at ease upon the subject, and apparently looks to Russia for protection against Japanese reprisals. In case of need the Taung-li-Yamen hopes to appeal successfully to the European league which held the conquering empire in check a year ago. It would, however, be a mistake to suppose that Japan will quietly submit to any denial of her pecuniary claim. For several weeks past her ministers of state have been carefully deliberating upon the course to be pursued if China attempts to repudiate the indemnity or even to alter the stipulated dates of payment. Many plans have been proposed, most of them pointing in a direction as yet wholly unsuspected by western governments. To reopen hostilities would be impracticable at the present time, and to threaten violent measures would probably be unavailing. But unless their just demands are satisfied, the Japanese have in view a line of action which they believe will precipitate the dismemberment of China and enable them to secure for themselves a substantial share of the partitioned territory.

What forces they propose to put in operation to execute this project can only be conjectured. It seems a big undertaking for a small nation—bigger than the reformation of Korea, in which the Japanese have sailed entirely, but its very magnitude captivates their imagination, and they are not without hope of co-operation from powerful sources. They have long been convinced that they possess the means of uprooting the existing Chinese dynasty, and many of their public men consider it easily possible to throw the huge empire into a state of anarchy from which it can be rescued only by an arrangement for its distribution among the various powers concerned. Without speculating as to details, it can be stated as a fact that if the Chinese attempt to shirk their financial responsibilities they will find their creditor States yet some startling surprises in store for them. It may be that the Japanese wholly overestimate their ability to reconstruct the map of Eastern Asia, but the leaders of the government have pretty nearly made up their minds as to what will be expedient in case they are defrauded, and if once they set about the task they will not lightly abandon it.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never do without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Gives Notice of an Exceedingly Important Resolution.

Said to Be in Connection With an Arrangement Made by Sir D. A. Smith.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Attorney General Sifton gave the legislature another school question surprise this afternoon when he gave notice of motion of a long resolution for Wednesday. The notice is a protest against the passage of remedial legislation by the government at Ottawa.

"It is sincerely regretted that the repeated and earnest invitations for an inquiry have been absolutely ignored by the advisers of His Excellency, who propose, without complete information themselves to take coercive legislation from a parliament the great majority of whose members are necessarily without a full knowledge of the facts relative to the past and present school systems of Manitoba; that: "That in amending the school law from time to time and in the administration of the school system of the province it is our earnest desire to remedy any well founded grievance and to remove any appearance of inequality or injustice that shall be brought to our notice, and to consider any complaint which may be made in a spirit of fairness and conciliation."

"That it is admitted by all competent authorities that a system of separate schools for the minority, established and carried on under Dominion legislation, cannot be made effective without the active and substantial co-operation and assistance of the provincial authorities; "That since the order in council which set forth the policy of the advisers of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the policy therein set forth has been submitted to the electors of the province, with the result that the people have, in the exercise of their franchise, approved of the policy thus set forth, by an overwhelming majority."

"That while the constitutional rights of the Dominion parliament to deal with the question in some way is not denied it is confidently maintained that the general authority ought not to interfere with a province except in a case of most urgent necessity, and only as a last resort and after the clearest possible case has been made out of flagrant wrong-doing on the part of the provincial authorities; "That no case has ever been made out for interference with our school law by the Dominion parliament, which would justify the said interference; "That the well recognized principle of provincial autonomy—a principle the maintenance of which is essential to the satisfactory operation of our constitution; "That the Dominion parliament, without a solemn protest against the passage of the remedial act which has been introduced into the House of Commons of Canada and doth hereby declare: "That said act has been brought before the House of Commons without a proper investigation of the facts; "That said act will not, nor will any legislation which is coercive in its character and directly opposed to the majority of the people of this province, bring about a harmonious and satisfactory solution of the questions in issue; "That said act will confer no substantial or useful advantages upon the minority but, on the contrary, will prove to be deceptive and disappointing in its practical educational effect; "That said act is an unnecessary and unjustifiable attack upon the constitutional rights of the legislature and people of Manitoba and indirectly upon the rights of the legislature and people of every province of the Dominion, and a violation of the principle of provincial autonomy which is at stake in the history of the Dominion."

There are many who believe that the introduction of the above resolution is merely the first part of the programme for the settlement of the question arranged by Sir Donald A. Smith during his visit here last week.

COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

An Interesting and Satisfactory Report of the Year's Operations.

New York, Feb. 24.—The annual report of the Commercial Cable Company for the year 1895 was published to-day. The gross earnings amounted to \$2,009,738.14, and the working and other expenses to \$794,340.53, leaving a balance of \$1,215,397.61. There was an increase in the earnings of \$296,304.10, and an increase in expenses of \$31,344.69, as compared with the previous year, resulting in an increase in the net earnings of \$204,962.91. A dividend of one per cent on the capital stock was paid for the year, amounting to \$700,000. The reserve fund has been augmented by the purchase of \$200,000 United States government bonds. The balance of the year's profit amounting to \$315,397.61, has been transferred to "profit and loss." Six sections of the company's cables were interrupted at different periods during the year, chiefly caused by contact with the anchors of fishing vessels. The repairs were, however, promptly effected. The whole system of the company is in excellent condition.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Deficits in Accounts of the Diocese of Westminster A Contractor Missing.

Ore Shipments From Revelstoke—Among the Kootenay Mines—The Coal Loading Record.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Feb. 25.—H. W. Suckling died at the hospital on Sunday under sad circumstances. He was alone and without means. Though a man of education and culture, he was too feeble to care for himself. His wife and daughter were on a protracted visit to Winnipeg. He had been turned out of one boarding house after another owing to his inability to pay board. At last Mrs. Wick, wife of Steward Wick, of the Oriental line, heard of his pitiable plight and paid his immediate debts, and through the assistance of Dr. Brydome-Jack had him removed to the hospital, but it was too late. The late Mr. Suckling was highly connected in Eastern Canada and Birmingham.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Brown, wife of Charles H. Brown, took place to-day.

Angus McDonald, contractor, is said to be missing. Just before he disappeared he was known to have been paid \$450 by the South Vancouver municipality, with which he was going to work in connection with his contract.

The firm of Braid & Kelly, wholesale and general dealers, has dissolved partnership. Mr. Braid continues the business.

Two letters and a petition containing 409 names have been received by the council praying that the Sunday observance by-law be amended so that those who wish to keep their stores open on Sunday may do so.

The creditors and sub-contractors of the reservoir are still agitating to have their claims paid by the city council. A Westminster contractor built the reservoir at too low a figure, and many of the creditors suffered. These creditors claim that the city should have safeguarded them, and now want a committee composed of the members of the Board of Trade, the Labor Council and the City Council to say whether or not they should be paid by the city. These creditors are backed up in their appeal by a petition over 20 feet long.

Rev. Mr. Clinton, Episcopal, Rev. Father Emmanuel, Roman Catholic, and Rev. E. D. McLean, Presbyterian, were a deputation to the council last night asking them to pay for destitute women at private hospitals, or to supply the local market with mutton.

The result was as follows: J. T. Edwards 51, Jas. Mellors 49, J. R. Hull 49, W. J. Roper 48, W. McLeod 44, Thomas Newman 43, J. Brien 42, I. Campbell 39, W. Livingston 35. The first five were elected.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

The first load of ore from the Silver Cup, Trail Creek, arrived at Thompson's on Thursday. Andy Craig has gone in to put his team to work on this portion of the haul. They have eight horses rawnhiding on the trail.

Not many men are at work on Trout creek this winter, and those who are working are not supposed to be getting out a fortune.

The three men at work on the Consoletion are getting out good pay. Over \$800 worth of the yellow metal was taken from the mine last month.

D. C. McGillivray is down from McCulloch creek. He says that from all he can learn of the McCulloch Creek Tunnel Co.'s mine he is satisfied it is a good property.

Beaton & Vandall have disposed of their mining property on French creek to the French Creek Mining Co. They will probably do some prospecting in the Bend with a view to acquiring a fresh location there. E. Mason returned this week from Carnes creek. Mason has secured an eighth interest in the Gold Yam.

E. McBean, who has been trapping at the head of Carnes creek, reports marvellous success this winter.

The following are the shipments of ore by the Nakusp & Slocan railway, the figures being supplied by C. E. Shaw, customs broker:

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(From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.)

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ROSSLAND. Rossland, Feb. 21.—C. D. Rand, of Vancouver, has reached here from London, England. With him came J. R. Callahan, an expert, who is known all over Western mining camps as the representative of the celebrated California syndicate—Hearst, Tevis and Haggin. Mr. Callahan is investigating in the interests of a large London syndicate, who intend, should his report of the camp prove favorable, making large investments in the camp. Local rumor says that the company are especially taken with the Centre Star, Le Roi and War Eagle mines, and that they have plenty of money to buy them. The mines just mentioned were examined yesterday, and to-day Messrs. Callahan and Rand visited the Cliff. The Iron Horse will be examined to-morrow.

Mason Thompson, of San Francisco,

resides at Port Angeles, has wired the authorities to delay the interment until his arrival.

Chas. Donato, an Italian employed in No. 30, met with a painful accident on Thursday night while preparing to fire a shot. He was putting powder into the hole, when a spark from his lamp fell and exploded it, and his face, neck and arms were severely burned in consequence.

NANAIMO, Feb. 23.—Captain McLeod, of the barque Rufus E. Wood, not satisfied with his previous loading record, which, however, was subsequently beaten by the Ellwell, has again achieved distinction. The Rufus E. Wood sailed from Nanaimo on the 26th ultimo, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, reached San Francisco on the 4th instant, discharged her cargo, took on ballast and sailed again for Nanaimo at 1 p. m. on the 16th, arriving here at 10 o'clock on Sunday, or 27 days, 22 hours for the round trip.

DUNCAN. DUNCAN, Feb. 24.—Bishop Perrin came up from Victoria on Saturday afternoon's train, and is a guest of Mr. W. H. Elkington, Quamichan lake. The Bishop officiated yesterday at St. Peter's church, Quamichan, South Cowichan, and at Duncan in the evening. To-day His Lordship will attend a Band of Hope meeting at Duncan.

A meeting of electors was held at the agricultural hall on Saturday evening last, Reeves T. A. Wood in the chair. Major Muter, M.P.P., addressed the meeting at considerable length, and was well received by the large audience.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Sentinel.)

The first election of a board of overseers under the Cattle Ranges act for the Kamloops polling division, which includes the country between Savona, Rockford, Martin's Range on the South Thompson, and Heffley's Creek on the North Thompson, drew a large number of ranchers to the city on Thursday. The conflicting interests of the sheep and cattle men gave animation to the election and a very large vote was polled. The cattle men are especially fearful of the practice of driving in large flocks of sheep from the United States on the Kamloops range may be established, while they have no objection to sufficient sheep, if kept within the specified limits to be arranged, being reared to supply the local market with mutton.

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has just been in town from the Highland claim, situated four miles to the north of Rossland, and which he has been steadily opening up all winter. The Highland is said to be a mammoth proposition, having a well defined and heavily mineralized ledge nearly 200 feet wide. Mr. Thompson reports that he has a shaft down 30 feet with ore at the bottom, and that a cross-cut has been driven 16 feet and the ore is improving. He says that he has found the rock much harder than expected and that he will install a diamond drill for prospect boring in May.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledger.)

There are 26 carloads of ore ready for shipment at Cody creek. A carload of piping for the Washington concentrator has arrived. The Star is shipping two carloads of ore a day, one by the K. & S. and one by the C.P.R.

In a few days the Chambers group will ship a carload of ore. This mine is situated up Carpenter creek, near Cody. The Noble Five, Goodenough, Last Chance, American Boy and Deadman are said to be taking out 24 carloads of ore per day between them.

No work has yet been done on the Arlington No. 2 and Burlington No. 2, but buildings will be erected and development begun as soon as it is possible to get to them.

The Enterprise, on Ten-Mile creek, is progressing favorably on the lower tunnel, while the upper tunnel has for the first time pinched-out, but work is continued on it with expectations of shortly striking ore again. There are all told about 11 men at this mine. This property is under bond to J. A. Finch, who is carrying on the present work.

The Ivanhoe mine, owned by the Minnesota Silver Company, have laid off all their men with the exception of five and cook and manager. The cause of the lay-off is attributed to the fact that the contract let last fall for a tunnel to tap the ledge at a lower point was not pushed forward rapidly enough by the contractor, and now the company will complete it themselves. The tunnel is in already about 300 feet, and will be run another 200 feet. This property is a good one and will soon be a steady shipper.

Considerable excitement has been aroused in the Slocan the past few days caused by some fourteen engineers arriving on Tuesday's train from Nakusp, who are now camped at the foot of Union street along the lake shore. They are here for the purpose of surveying a road from New Denver to Slocan City for the C.P.R., which will branch off at New Denver from the Nakusp and Slocan branch.

John W. Stewart, of Spokane, has bonded from L. Alexander, of Kaslo, the R. E. Lee, Shunias and Duluth for the sum of \$35,000, with payments as follows: \$1,750 at time of execution; \$5,000 1st of August, and the balance in two equal payments of \$14,125 on the 1st of February and 1st of May, 1897.

H. P. Haycock, of Spokane, and A. R. Tillman, of Montana, are at present in the Slocan looking up mining property with the intention of buying. They are thoroughly investigating different properties and no doubt will make some good deals. These gentlemen spent a few days in and about New Denver this week. Mr. Haycock, who represents Montana capital, will be remembered as being here some short time ago on a similar mission, while Mr. Tillman is on his first visit to the Slocan.

"Is your hatred of soap and water founded on any rational basis, or is it mere prejudice?" asked the sarcastic lady, surveying Perry Patetic with considerable interest.

"On a good solid basis, lady—a good, solid basis, I had a forch of \$275 once, an' lost it all peddin' washin' machines."—[Cincinnati Enquirer.

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IMPUDENT MISREPRESENTATION.

The way in which the people of the United States are misinformed by their newspapers is something wonderful.

A treaty has been signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Olney, and is now before the Senate, providing for a court of arbitration to assess damages, if they are found to be due, for the seizure of Canadian sealing vessels in Behring Sea by our patrol fleet.

One would never suppose from this rabid article that, let, the Behring Sea Arbitration found that the United States never had any right to exercise sovereign jurisdiction over Behring Sea outside the ordinary territorial limit; and 2nd, that the United States has not and never had any property in the seals found swimming in Behring Sea more than three miles from land.

If the editor of the Chicago Tribune had any regard for national good faith and any knowledge of international law, he would have seen that to stigmatize British subjects engaged in hunting seals in Behring's Sea as "poachers" was unjustifiable vilification, and to claim that the seals were the property of the United States the most mischievous nonsense.

A DESERVED REBUKE.

The abuse of Sir Charles Tupper by the Grit organs has been so violent, so coarse, and in every way so brutal, as to disgust so zealously an advocate of Liberalism as the Ottawa Free Press.

cient allowance for the imbecility and the ignorance of many of those who conduct Grit newspapers. It requires some knowledge of the past history of Canada and of contemporary politics as well as a fair amount of general intelligence to discuss Sir Charles Tupper's career as a Conservative leader, but it needs neither knowledge nor ability to tell lies about the Secretary of State's loss of physical and intellectual power, and to attempt insane jokes on his personal appearance.

LEFT TO THEMSELVES.

It is hard to understand what is to be gained by making such statements as the following: "There is every reason to believe that if the Manitoba people were left to themselves they would smooth out their own difficulties and arrange among themselves compromises and concessions which both majority and minority could accept as perfectly satisfactory."

The minority, finding that they could get neither compromise nor concession from the majority, at last availed themselves of their constitutional right and appealed to the Dominion Government for redress. This is what the Manitoba school dispute came to while the Manitobans "were left to themselves."

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

The free traders are continually telling us that free trade is good for the working man, that under it commodities are cheaper and wages higher than under protection. This theory was put to a practical test not long ago in Sydney, Australia.

THE WAGE EARNERS.

There is one way by which the manufacturers of boots and other articles may precariously hold the local market that is not popular with labor leaguers or the workingman.

A SET OF PROLOGUES.

BY FRANK BARRETT.

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CHAPTER X. We turned into the first posada we came to—a poor, mean sort of an inn and general shop, to be sure, but we were in no condition to cavil about trifles, being fagged out with our journey and the adventures of the day and only too happy to find a house of entertainment still open.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Several Cuts Made in Prices This Week.—The Sale of Flour.

Some very radical changes are to be noted in retail quotations this week, chief among them being that affecting Snowflake flour, which through competition, notwithstanding the fact that the price of flour has dropped to \$4.40 per barrel.

Table of retail market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

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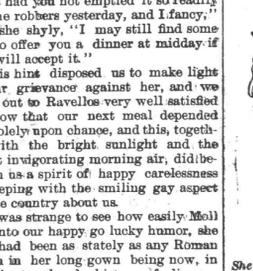
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At Valencia we staid a week and three days, lingering more than was necessary in order to see a bull fight. And this pastime they do not as we with dogs, but with men, and the bull fight free, and save for the needless killing of horses, I think this a very noble exercise, being a fair trial of address against brute force. And 'tis not nearly so brutal as seeing a prize fought by men, and not more cruel, I take it, than the shooting of birds and hares for sport, seeing that the agony of death is no greater for a sturdy bull than for a timid one, and hath this advantage, that the bull, when exhausted, is dispatched quickly, whereas the bird or hare may just escape capture, to die a miserable long death with a shattered limb.

From Valencia we traveled five weeks, growing, I think, more lazy every day, over very hilly country to Alicante, a seaport town very strongly protected by a castle on a great rock, armed with guns of brass and iron, so that the pirates dare never venture near. And here I fully thought we were to dawdle away another week at the least, this being a very populous and lively city, promising much entertainment. For Moll, when not playing herself, was mad to see others play, and she did really govern, with her subtle wiles and winning smiles,

THE GREAT SENSATION.

Sir Charles Tupper Criminally Labeled—Remedial Legislation—Charlton and Sunday Papers.

Col. Prior Re-elected President of the Artillery Association—Longest Speech this Session.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—The great sensation here is the publication of an open letter by Mr. McConnell, editor of the Halifax Chronicle, addressed to Dr. Weldon, M.P., asking him to substantiate certain charges which he (Dr. Weldon) is alleged to have made that Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. received \$40,000 out of a Dominion loan some years ago.

Twenty-one Conservative members, including Messrs. Mara and Corbould, supposed to be doubtful on the remedial bill, had a conference with Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper yesterday. Some expressed themselves favorably to the bill, others against it, while still others are doubtful.

Mr. Mulock's bill to prevent persons accepting office under the crown while members of parliament or within a year thereafter was killed.

The Senate met last night. Hon. Mr. McInnes, of Victoria, has given notice that he will call attention to the fact that the steamer Quadra has only been in commission eight months during each year, and will ask the government if it is the intention to place her in optional commission in order to develop the fishing and shipping interests of British Columbia.

The Senate had an exciting time this afternoon over the appointment of a housekeeper. John Dunne, brother of the late occupant, was nominated and the division was in the affirmative.

Hon. E. G. Prior was re-elected president of the Dominion Artillery Association yesterday. Major Irving being elected a member of the council. Col. Prior in his presidential address advocated better pay for the artillery and the sending of a team to Shoeburyness this year.

Hon. E. G. Prior was to-day re-elected vice-president of the Dominion Rifle Association. General Gascoigne made an important speech. He said he hoped the militia would be drilled annually. His purpose would be to have them made thoroughly familiar with the use of rifles.

A caucus of private members of the Conservative party will be held on Friday of next week. The ministers will again meet to resume the discussion of the school question.

The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific have been successful in killing the project to charter an electric road from Montreal to Windsor.

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POLICE OFFICERS' PAY.

Petition to the Council Giving Strong Reasons Against the Proposed Reductions.

Fire Wardens Against the Campbell Charges—Sewerage Assessments—The Aldermen's Salaries.

Last evening's regular meeting of the city council was broken off at a most interesting point. A mass of routine had been under consideration for a couple of hours, when the Mayor producing a new resolution from the heap before him said something about officials' salaries.

Mr. W. H. Salmon wrote complaining of an obstruction near the crossing of Yates and Government streets, and also of abusive language from Foreman Mason when spoken to on the subject.

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rent of their premises in the market building, in keeping with other reductions by the council and others. Referred to the market committee, to report.

POLICEMEN PETITION. The police constables sent in this joint petition:

VICTORIA, Feb. 24, 1896. GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned members of the Victoria city police force most respectfully approach your honorable body asking you to reconsider your decision regarding the reduction of our salaries of which we were notified by letter from W. J. Dowler, city clerk, dated February 20th, 1896.

At the new rate of wages we would get less than 25 cents per hour (7 days per week) of regular duty, a majority of which is night work. In addition during holidays, etc. we often have to pull in double time, besides the time taken up attending court, working up cases and providing witnesses, for which we receive no remuneration whatever.

It is often happens that in important cases in connection with our department where prompt and decisive action is necessary to accomplish the ends of justice that we have to spend money out of our own pockets there being no emergency fund provided by the council to meet such requirements.

It has, and we trust will continue to be, the desire of each and every member of our department to carry out all orders of those in authority over us with dispatch and to the utmost of our ability. We therefore pray that you may see your way clear to reconsider your former decision and place our salaries at their former rate per month, which we feel would not be exorbitant but will meet the wants of us all, and we feel confident that your honorable body in its wisdom will do so.

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STORM AND FLOOD

Work Frightful Damage Along the Queensland Coast—Very Many Vessels Wrecked.

The Losses Ashore Will Aggregate Half a Million Sterling—Deaths from Hot Weather.

The last week of January in this year will long be remembered by residents of the Australian colonies by reason of the fact that it witnessed the most terrible gales and floods ever known on the Queensland coast...

The Townsville Bulletin did not publish on Monday and Tuesday owing to the violence of the weather preventing the employees of the printing office...

bushels would have been harvested in this colony. As it is, reports from the country show that the crop has not been so bad in some districts as was at one time supposed...

ELECTORS OF COWICHAN.

A public meeting of the voters of the Cowichan electoral district was held in the agricultural hall, Duncan, on Saturday evening, February 22, for the purpose of discussing the following measures...

Major Mutter, M.P.P., was present and explained the reasons for the new acts and the principal clauses, also the amendments which the government intend to introduce in the other measures.

The meeting was in favor of a more efficient system of assessing and collecting the wild land tax.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament. NINETEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1896.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Hon. Mr. MARTIN introduced a bill to amend the game act.

Nelson Electric Light Company incorporation. Hon. Mr. KELIE moved for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. KITCHEN asked how much has been spent on the enterprise, and whether there have been any assessments on the stock.

Mr. HUNTER had some knowledge of the operations of this company, having been consulted as an engineer in connection with the proposed line.

PRIVATE BILLS REFUSED.

The committee further reported upon the bills respecting the incorporation of the Pacific Gold and Silver Mining Company...

WOMEN'S COUNCIL PETITIONS.

Mr. HELMCKEN presented a petition from the Women's Council asking for legislation to permit the appointment of police matrons.

SCHOOL LANDS SALE.

The house again went into committee on the bill to provide a fund for educational purposes by the sale of public lands...

Mr. KELIE at length remarked, with respect to the conflicting arguments, the opposition, that these hon. gentlemen don't know what they are kicking about.

Mr. HUNTER also spoke of the ill success of the opposition in endeavoring in the News-Advertiser and elsewhere to stir up feeling against this bill.

Mr. WILLIAMS—Have they? You'll see if they have. Mr. HUNTER—Mentally they have; let them now exhaust themselves physically.

THE CITY.

Mr. ALEXANDER DUNCAN, whose little boy a day or so ago yielded a sling with disastrous results, as described in yesterday's COLONIST, desires to explain that the case was hardly as bad as reported...

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. B. Harrison took place from the family residence, Montreal street, the large attendance showing the esteem in which the deceased was held.

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The funeral of the late Mrs. Haldon, who died at her residence, South Saanich, on Monday, February 25, at 1 o'clock, was held at St. Stephen's church on Thursday.

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THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

The schedule of games drawn up at the meeting of the B. C. Football Association is as follows: March 7—Nanaimo v. Wellington, at Nanaimo; referee, Mr. John McKenzie, of Nanaimo.

March 14—Wellington v. Victoria, at Wellington; referee, Mr. Francis English, of Nanaimo.

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April 4—Wellington v. Nanaimo, at Wellington; referee, Mr. J. McKay, of Wellington.

The old country plan of playing for points is being followed, 2 points being allowed for a win and 1 point for a draw.

PRIVATE BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. HUNTER presented the seventh report of the private bills committee, reporting the preambles proved of three bills: Respecting the incorporation of the Rosedale Water and Light Company; the incorporation of the Sandon Waterworks and Light Company; and the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.

SMALL DEBTS FEES.

Dr. WALKER inquired when the returns from the police magistrates respecting the fees of small debts courts are to be presented to the house.

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This is so well known in Great Britain that quarantine has gone into disrepute and the country has to depend almost wholly on what is called its inner line of defence against disease.

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We see from this that British health authorities believe that boards of health are effective not only in preserving the health of the inhabitants of both town and country, but that they are the best defence against the invasion of diseases from abroad.

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THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell's speech in reply to Senator McInnes' tirade on the appointment of Col. Prior to a seat in the Cabinet, which the reader will find in another column, is well worth reading by all who desire to form an intelligent opinion on that much discussed subject.

It is not very creditable to the intelligence or the honesty of the Liberals of Victoria that exception was taken to the constitutionality of Col. Prior's appointment in the first place, and that many of those whom better things might have been expected persisted in declaring that he was not a Cabinet minister even after it was known that he had taken the oath of office and his seat in the Cabinet.

Senator McInnes must be surprised to find that Col. Prior is a Cabinet Minister, and that, too, with the unwilling acquiescence of the Liberal party. If there was anything wrong or illegal in Col. Prior's appointment, what have Mr. Laurier and his co-laborers been about that they have not taken means to oust him from his seat in the Cabinet?

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Retrenchment is the order of the day—therefore let the affairs of the Board be managed with all economy—but let not the legislature stultify itself—and show itself so devoid of all sense of duty as to absolutely say we care not for the lives of our constituents.

FOOLS AND FIREBRANDS.

It has become quite evident that nearly all the fools and firebrands of the United States Congress are to be found in the Senate. In the Senate are seated the men who, in order to enrich a few silver producing States, would imperil the credit of their country and throw its business into confusion.

"Nothing," says Harper's Weekly, "can be more painful to an American citizen proud of his country than the manner in which the attention of the world abroad is called to the degeneracy of our public men in high places by the treatment of foreign affairs by the Senate of the United States."

MANITOBA'S "PROTEST."

The resolution moved in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly yesterday by Attorney-General Sifton was, in our opinion, merely another move in the Grit political game which Laurier, Greenway & Co. have been for some time playing.

"It is to be sincerely regretted that the repeated and earnest invitations for an inquiry have been absolutely ignored by the advisers of His Excellency, who propose without complete information themselves to ask coercive legislation from a parliament the great majority of whose members are necessarily without a full knowledge of the facts relative to the past and present school systems of Manitoba."

A good deal depends upon the way in which a story is told. It may be that in this matter of finance as in some others "distance lends enchantment to the view," for some of those who live in the capital of Ontario the financial position of Ontario does not appear anything like so brilliant as when it is viewed from so distant a point as Victoria, B. C.

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of the demonstrations of the propositions and problems of the First Book of Euclid as to appoint a commission to inquire into the grievance of the denominational minority in Manitoba. The subject is completely threshed out, not a single new fact or fresh argument can reward the labor of the investigator.

Every impartial man must see, whether he is Conservative or Grit—a supporter of religious education or an advocate of secular schools—that the demand for a Commission on the part of the Grits, whether they are in Winnipeg or in Ontario, is nothing more than a device to gain time and to shirk the question.

Both the Government and the Legislature of Manitoba know well that the Administration have gone into this Manitoba school business most unwillingly, that they would at any time have entertained and eagerly considered any advance towards a settlement that Manitoba might make.

A MILD TONE.

The tone of the American press on the subject of the Venezuelan boundary dispute has become greatly more moderate than it was a few weeks ago. Our neighbors are beginning to see that Great Britain is not the greedy, unscrupulous monster that the tail-twisters, in and out of Congress, have represented her to be.

The Americans, too, are finding that they have wasted a great deal of hatred and abuse on the cool and good tempered Brits. The latter, while they listened to the tall talk of the tail-twisters, only laughed good-naturedly and told them frankly that they were not half so angry as they thought they were, and that when they had blown their surplus steam off they would find that they were making a great deal of fuss about a matter of very little importance.

Our readers who admired so heartily Mr. Olive Phillips-Wolley's spirited verses "The Sea Queen Wakes," will be pleased to know that they have been published in full, with a note of the warmest praise, in the London Spectator of the 8th instant.

ONTARIO'S FINANCES.

We are told by the Times about Ontario's wonderful surplus—on paper, "and when Provincial Treasurer Harcourt made his budget speech the other day, he made the almost unprecedented announcement that the expenditure for the past fiscal year had been less and the revenue more than had been estimated."

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municipal, notably the license revenue. Last year it in this way added to its resources by \$290,000. A further expedient was that of laying taxes upon the estates of deceased persons. It now takes, except where the estate is small, a proportion of the property which the people who are economical accumulate during their lifetime. The amount it secured last year was \$298,000. There was very good reason for the precautionary measures upon which the Government embarked, for there has been a constant increase in the expenditures, and, truth to tell, we do not see the end of them yet.

Nothing can be more unreasonable or more unfair than, as the Times flippantly does, to compare the financial position and methods of a young province like British Columbia, in which the Government is required to do nearly everything, with those of an old province like Ontario, in which there is comparatively little for the Government to do and in which municipalities relieve the Government of a very large share of the expenditure on roads, bridges, schools and improvements generally.

Merrier found Quebec expending \$3,000,000 a year. He added to the outlays, increased the debt, and left the annual expenditure at \$4,446,000. Mr. Fielding took over the affairs of Nova Scotia when it was spending \$620,000. He has brought the amount up to a million in round figures. When Mr. Greenway took hold of Manitoba the expenditure was \$484,000. Now it is \$900,000, and there is a debt of \$4,000,000 odd, with nothing to show for it.

RACING FOR MILLIONS.

Deputy United States Marshal Sam Vinson has returned from Marcus, where he went to be present in case any trouble or disturbances might arise incident to the rush for the new gold fields in the Colville reservation. He witnessed the wild stampede from Marcus when the word was given that the President had signed the bill, and says: "It was the most exciting event I believe that I have ever witnessed. The town was overrun with prospectors and all kinds of people, all feverishly awaiting the intelligence that was to be the signal for the great race for wealth in the rich mineral country across the river."

"My impression is that the very fact that everybody is looking for trouble will be the means of preventing it. One of the most exciting incidents of the rush from Marcus was the race for what is known as the Le Fleur mine, on Fourth of July creek, about fifty miles from Marcus. This property is known to be very valuable, and two syndicates have had it in view with the intention of locating it as soon as the reservation was opened. Government Surveyor Reynolds is at the head of one of these syndicates and Collector of Customs Hugh McCool the other. Each syndicate knew that the other intended to make for this property and each made extraordinary efforts to get a man there first."

"Hugh McCool proposed to make the race himself, while the Reynolds syndicate make Mark Gilliam, a brother of Lane Gilliam, an offer of \$500 if he would make the race and get there first. Each party was watching the other closely. The word reached Marcus about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon when the race for prospective millions began. McCool and Gilliam were both mounted on two of the best horses to be had. They struck the trail across the river to about an even start. Then followed perhaps the most desperate struggle for wealth that has ever been witnessed. "The route taken was up the Kettle river. There was no advantage to be gained in short cuts as only the one trail led to the goal and that a tortuous one. It was simply a question of the endurance of the respective horses. It will give you an idea of what a struggle it was when I tell you that an average speed of ten miles an hour was made over the rough trail for the entire distance. Who won? Why, McCool did. Gilliam's horse proved the better of the two, and he beat McCool nearly half an hour. Notwithstanding that, however, McCool was first on the ground and posted the necessary notices of location first. Gilliam returned to Marcus yesterday. It is said the reason he did not locate the mine was because he did not care to be shot."

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THIRTY-EIGHT NEWS OF THE PR

Arrival of Mormon Missions Evidence in the Mower nevis Salvage Ca

Vancouver School Trustees Unadvisable to Cut S of the Teachers

(Special to the Colonist) VANCOUVER, Feb. 27.—The voters' list will, when the reduction, due to the total figures of 1895. Tax also coming in slowly.

The Mormons have favored an Australian line since construction. They represent a portion of the traveling Australian missionaries are in Victoria yesterday and

The evidence of the Captain Mowra was taken before the U. S. marine commission, J. M. Ashton, representing the Stratiener's people claim the not saved by the Mowra a under sail for Victoria when the Canadian-Australian line supplied them with two provisions, but did not

alleged entitling them. To-day the evidence of the second officers was taken. It ble the case will be heard Majesty's admiralty court in H.M.S.S. Royal Arthur are in port.

Mr. R. P. McLennan has been president of the Vancouver city, and G. Campbell secretary. Messrs. Robert Ward & Company premises on the corner and Homer streets as a branch Victoria establishment.

A special meeting of trustees yesterday it was decided to carry out of cutting of teachers' salaries for teachers in the districts of the province who were the principal government teachers for the month, while that of the teachers was some twenty-six month less.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 28.—The violently on Burrard Inlet and the warships in port were to put out an extra anchor. Successful shooting was being from Agassiz reporting Mrs. Tapley, widow of Tapley, has returned to the two children.

The American schooner W is in port, and will load Moodyville. Theatre-goers are talking of performance of the T Co. and big houses are assured four performances. Western largely represented.

The board of revision to a reduction of a million dollars assessment of the city, market \$14,000,000. Block 264 A. valued 20 per cent., and 540, WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 28.—E who became insane in Caribbea has been brought to Westm lodged in the provincial jail examination.

A joint meeting of a committee the council and board of trustees last night to consider the situation. It was decided to authorize \$500 cash to enable the to secure a suitable, desirable salary information. There are parties desirous of erecting here.

A special important meeting of the local club was held with closed doors. The quo warranto proceeding Ald. Holmes have been with

NANAIMO, Feb. 27.—A meeting Nanaimo Angling Club will the Windsor on Saturday. H.M.S. Royal Arthur are called on Tuesday evening yesterday.

The city council estimated receipts for the year at \$3 this on a reduced assessment call for tenders for a new brick net with Newcastle townsite. A number of miners are at arrival of the Willapa, who leave for the Yukon.

During the week business markedly quiet, but the outlook more satisfactory. The coal have been larger.

KAMLOOPS. (From the Inland Sentinel) At an adjourned meeting of presidency of Mr. James M motion was adopted: "Wh opinion of this board it is unchants, traders and farmers riors that the B. R. Com continue the practice of supplies by means of a store resolved, that this board regarding of supplies by a grievance, and ask the through R. Marpole, superintendent remove its store car from the ritory."

Some experiments have recently by a local company of testing the quality of some the town for brick-making purposes. If the experiments success, several brick built near future will be the result. The Consolation last mo