









TUPPER--ABERDEEN.

Correspondence With Regard to Official Appointments Submitted to Parliament.

The Ex-Premier's Rejoinder to the Governor-General's Contentions.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—One of the gravest constitutional questions which has ever arisen in Canada is evidenced by the correspondence which took place between Lord Aberdeen and his late minister a few days before the Tupper ministry resigned and which was presented to parliament to-day. The Governor-General contended that as the Tupper ministry was formed when no parliament existed, its acts were in an unusual degree provisional. The fact that the government failed to secure support at the polls in his judgment increased the limitations of its authority. He lays it down as a principle that a government should avoid all acts which may embarrass a succeeding government. For this and other reasons he withholds his assent to the appointments of senators, judges and public officers generally. With regard to senators, he points out that in a house of seventy-eight members there are only five Liberals, and that if the Tupper government had appointed more of their kind it might have led to friction between the two branches of parliament. As to the judicial appointments His Excellency contends that the current deduction that the judges would be in sympathy politically with the government appointing them is not unnatural.

Sir Charles Tupper in a lengthy memorandum replies to Lord Aberdeen's communication. He states that May, Todd and other constitutional authorities to show that the defeated government continued in full possession of its official authorities and functions as long as it retained the seals of office. He defends the judges from the charge of partisanship, and says the Governor-General's information on this point is exceedingly untrustworthy. In Canada, as in England, the judges are neither Liberals nor Conservatives. He reproves Lord Aberdeen for seeking information directly through the clerk of the Privy Council instead of through the Premier or minister in charge of that department. In conclusion he says: "Under the British constitutional system, which Canada has the happiness to enjoy, the Queen's representative, like Her Majesty, is the accepted head of the country, removed from the arena of political controversy, may, and in my judgment no more fatal mistake could be made than interposition in the management of public affairs, which would cause the Governor-General to be identified with either one party or the other. Holding these views, Sir Charles Tupper said no recourse was left to him than to tender the resignations of himself and his colleagues."

CONSTANTINOPLE RIOTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 28.—When the Armenians seized the Ottoman bank on Wednesday, Mr. Edgar Vincent and some of the other directors escaped to the roof, and when the troops arrived the latter fired haphazard at everybody appearing at the windows and several clerks who were trying to escape were killed. Some hundreds of Mussulmans, armed with cudgels and led by the Sofias, gathered in groups, overran the quarter and killed or assaulted all the Armenians they met, the scene resembling the riots of September, 1888, when the shops in the Galata were plundered and a panic spread over the whole city, two bombs being thrown in the poor quarter into the midst of a group of soldiers, several of whom were wounded. The people generally were afraid to venture into the streets, and the officials of the British post office were virtually prisoners until night, the mail not being dispatched. The British charge d'affaires, Mr. Michael Herbert, telegraphed to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister for foreign affairs, urging the complete restoration of order. It appears that while the Ottoman bank was being attacked circulars were delivered to the different embassies, signed by the Armenian revolutionary committee, declaring that they intended to seize the bank and hold it for two days, during which they wanted the British to actively interfere in the settlement of the Armenian question, and adding that if the authorities tried to recapture the bank they would fire on them. Mr. Vincent returned to the bank and parleyed with the Armenians through the window. They had revolvers in their right hands and said they held two or three of the directors and a number of employees of the bank as hostages, and that they had seized the bank in order to demonstrate against the Turks or the bank—but against the powers who had abandoned the Armenians. They added that they had selected the Ottoman bank because it was the most suitable place, and expressed their willingness to surrender provided they were allowed to retain their revolvers while yielding up the bombs in their possession and receiving safe conducts out of the country. These terms were agreed upon and the Armenians surrendered last night and were conveyed on board Mr. Vincent's yacht Gulnare.

Up to four o'clock this afternoon it was still impossible to give the exact number of victims of the rioting. In the streets between Dolmaliaçh and Tophane it resembled a field of battle. Fifty bodies were counted there. The city is quieter to-day, but there was some renewal of disturbances this afternoon and the firing was proceeding when this dispatch was filed. It is stated at Athens that owing to the recent riots in Constantinople, the Sultan has postponed his reply on the Cretan question. The British Consul, fearing the consequences, has applied to

Her Majesty's steamship Hood and asked for protection. The widest excitement prevails at Retimo, Crete, where the fanatical crowds are sacking the provision shops.

EXTENSIVE LOCKOUT.

GLASGOW, Aug. 28.—The federated ship builders of Carlisle have issued a notice to the effect that all the members of trade unions will be dismissed from their employ, four divisions of them on September 12, three divisions on the following Saturday and three more on Saturday of the succeeding week, unless the strike of Dunsmuir & Jackson's engineers is ended, and the men return to their work at the yards of Dunsmuir & Jackson by Sept. 12. The order issued to-day is in accordance with a line of policy recently agreed upon by the master shipbuilders of this country. The master shipbuilders three days ago announced that if the strike was not ended soon a general lockout would be declared and that all the shops would be shut before they would allow freedom of labor to be interfered with.

BLOODY MASSACRES.

Armenians in Constantinople Clubbed and Cudgelled at Sight—Europeans Barricaded.

From Three to Four Thousand People Killed During the Recent Riots.

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—The Tageblatt's correspondent at Constantinople says he saw bands of Turks, thirty and forty in number, armed with clubs and cudgels, crouching in various street corners, planning to kill any Armenian on sight. He adds that their methods are full of cruelty, such as one would scarcely apply to the killing of a mad dog. The correspondent says he saw an Armenian priest hacked into a shapeless mass with cudgels in the hands of Turks, whom he denominates as "savages." During this atrocity, which the correspondent personally witnessed, the police stood idly by, smiling, while the cavalry patrolled the streets and kept a careful watch for the purpose of preventing any assistance from reaching the victims. He claims to have witnessed twenty instances of a similar character, and never in a single case did the troops or the police disturb the assassins. Late in the afternoon he met six wagons which were completely filled with dead Armenians.

General indignation is felt at the apathy of the ambassadors of the foreign powers. Most of the victims of Turkish revenge in this instance were perfectly innocent of any guilty knowledge of the plot to rid the Ottoman bank. The Europeans barricaded their houses and lived upon provisions stored in their cellars. In conclusion the correspondent says that although it was rumored days before that the uprising would take place, and although secret warnings were addressed to the embassies, it was noticed that all of the guardships were absent from the harbor at the decisive moment. On this account European residents in Constantinople were very indignant, the more so when it became known that the number of Europeans had been killed right in Constantinople. LONDON, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Constantinople says that on Thursday it was estimated that from 3,000 to 4,000 persons had been killed in the riots in the different portions of the city. All Europeans were in route for the city have been turned back by the cordons of troops occupying the public places. The whole thing could have been stopped in an hour if the government had desired, but the members of the mob preferred to have received permission to loot, burn and destroy the Armenian quarters for a certain period of time. It is feared that there will be serious trouble in the provinces. A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says that private letters just received from Constantinople state that the Turkish government is on the eve of being overthrown, and that a provisional government will be appointed. The ministry of police has appointed a commission of eight Christians and Mussulmans to inquire into the revolutionary rioting on Wednesday.

LI HUNG CHANG'S VOYAGE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The story of Li Hung Chang's voyage across the ocean on board the St. Louis as related by a correspondent of the Associated Press, who accompanied Li Hung Chang, is an interesting one. The steamer left Southampton on Saturday, August 22, a few minutes before noon. The docks were crowded, all the vessels in the harbor displayed bunting, and as the steamer sailed away a salute was fired from a training ship. During this time Li Hung Chang had been sitting or standing on the deck, a very interested spectator of all that was going on. He did not wander about much on deck unless the weather was good and the sea quiet and smooth, as he is not very superstitious, and as he remarked: "I would feel a great way if I were lost here." In the evening he kept his room, engaged in conversation with his son, Li Chang Son Viscount, and his two doctors, Dr. Irwin, the English medical officer, and Dr. George Mark, the Chinese medical officer, who insists on having his name Anglicized. Every night about 6:30 the Chinese servants made up the berths in the staterooms occupied by the ambassador. Li Hung Chang slept on his lounge. Another lounge was made up for two of his guards, two more were on the floor, four others kept awake in the adjoining staterooms, and the captain of the guard slept in the passageway in front of both doors. The captain of the guard is Lev Bush, a former captain of an Armstrong vessel, which was sunk in the battle off Port Arthur. He saved himself and was not put to death as was the usual custom, but was deprived of all his titles and rights and reduced to a body servant to the ambassador. He has recently been appointed captain of the guard.

THE FIFTH'S RIFLEMEN NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Have Won the Brassey Cup at Toronto and Almost Took the Tait.

British Columbia's Score Still the Record—Prize in the Skirmishing Match.

TORONTO, Aug. 28.—(Special)—The annual prize meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association closed yesterday afternoon with the Tait-Brassey match, the chief event of the competition. The Tait cup, the first prize for battalion teams of six men each, was won by the Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, after a very close competition, as will be seen from the scores:

Cup and 800—10th Royal Grens..... 510  
800—77th Bn., Hamilton..... 508  
40—13th Bn., Hamilton..... 508  
40—45th Bn., Bowmanville..... 507  
20—5th Regt., British Columbia..... 507  
The Brassey cup, for company teams of four men, was won by No. 4 Company of the Fifth Regiment, from New Westminster, with a score of 949, a cash prize of \$20 going with the cup. This is the second time No. 4 Company has won the Brassey cup, the first being in 1894, when the British Columbia team made the record score of 364. Last year they missed winning it only by an incident of one of their team at the last range, and but for this break it would now be theirs to keep, the conditions awarding the trophy to any company whose team wins it three years in succession. For more than twenty-five years the cup has been up for competition, the condition as to absolute ownership being one very difficult of accomplishment. The Fifth Regiment won the Tait cup also for British Columbia, the score of 540 they then made being the best on record in that competition also. The highest individual score in the Tait-Brassey match yesterday was 95, by Pte. H. A. English, of the 77th West-ward battalion.

The Elkington cup, first prize in the grand aggregate, was won by Sergt. T. Mitchell of the 13th, Hamilton, with 297. Lieut. W. C. King, 45th, being second with 296. The Gowski challenge cup, first prize in the skirmishing match for teams, was won by the Royal Grenadiers of Toronto with a score of 267. The Fifth Regiment of British Columbia won the fourth prize of \$20 with 222 points. The Dominion rifle matches at Ottawa opened Monday. British Columbia will have eleven representatives, the total number of competitors being close on 450.

NANAIMO, Aug. 29.—Mr. Grant Jessup of Wellington, who has been off on a fortnight's prospecting trip on Texada Island, has returned. Among the passengers by the Alberni stage were J. McKinnon and two companions, all from Seattle, who are going out to swell the band who are searching the district for the precious metals. Mrs. Stevens, wife of A. C. Stevens, and mother of Mrs. M. Matheson, died at Wellington yesterday morning at the advanced age of 79 years. The deceased was a native of Colchester, Nova Scotia, and had resided at Wellington for the past four years, where she was most highly respected and esteemed. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon.

NORTHERN FIRES.

Indian Villages Reported to Have Been Wiped Out by Prevailing Fires.

The steamsip Danube, Capt. Meyer, arrived from Northern ports at 9:30 p.m. yesterday with a good cargo of salmon and a large number of passengers, principally from the canneries.

Having visited nearly every port on the coast, as well as Queen Charlotte Islands, the trip of the Danube was rather a protracted one, some of the passengers having been on board a whole week. The weather on the Coast has been dry for a considerable time and a great deal of fog was encountered. The sawmills which are driven by water-power have come to a complete standstill for want of water, and being unable to fill orders for boxes and other canneries are on this account delayed in the preparation of their salmon for shipment. Forest fires are extending all along the coast, a thing almost unheard of in other years, and on the Naas river it was reported that at least two Indian villages had been completely destroyed. Just this side of Alert Bay the Danube's passengers saw a pretty island, a small but heavily wooded island being one mass of flames.

The Danube carried a very valuable cargo, among which was a lot of about 100 bales of furs valued at about \$50,000, shipped by the different Hudson's Bay posts in the interior and carried to Port Simpson by the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer Caledonia.

The salmon cargo was shipped by different canneries. Inlet-Abertdeen, 550 cases; Nannu Harbor, 1,350; Good Hope, 1,100; E. T. C. Co., 5,400; also 2,400 empty tins for Fraser river.

The Danube brought down a very large number of passengers, including 109 Europeans, the others being Chinamen who had been employed at canneries work during the season's work. The steamer's saloon passengers were: A. McCall, F. Leary, L. Grant, A. W. Silver, Harry Camp, L. B. Hamlin, E. Jorgensen, J. Tuttle, W. L. Leonard, J. Howans, Miss Chambers, A. Noble, Mrs. Chambers, T. Riedel, A. Buttimer, E. Buttimer, W. Roxbury, J. Simpson, E. T. Lake, R. Noble, J. Groves, Mrs. Gurd, J. Abbott, Rev. Gurd, Mark Gosse, A. S. Robertson, Wm. Green, R. Cunningham, W. T. Donahoe, C. Wesley, H. Nicholson, J. T. Derrick, W. E. Skilton, Mrs. B. Stacey, W. B. Skilton, M. O'Brien, L. Le Croix, J. Moore, A. Oakes, W. J. Jones, Mrs. Jones, H. Morey, Miss Tomlinson, M. Stone, J. Donaldson, M. K. Morrison, A. Chey, A. Peden, S. A. Eckell, John Rose, Stapledon, J. Manning, A. Cameron, Bishop Ridley, Mrs. Ridley, F. Parker, C. A. Gardner, J. Wilson, J. McDonald, Geo. Palmer, T. Derrick, W. E. Henderson, S. Pike, J. Stewart, J. Johnson, Frank Raggett, James Tagg, W. Morey.

Fishermen's Sports at Westminster—Forest Fires Near Union—Died From His Injuries.

B. C. Oats for New South Wales—Drowning Accident Near Waterloo Camp.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 29.—A. Mercier, who was injured at Messrs. Robertson & Hackett's, as already reported, died at St. Paul's hospital yesterday. Mr. Mercier was short of stature and not being able to properly handle the board in the planer and it flew back and struck him in the abdomen.

The Nanaimo and Vancouver Trades and Labor Council will take part in the carnival procession. The Consolidated Railway and Light Co. are obliged to instal another dynamo owing to increase of business. Thirteen thousand lights will be in use. Among the workers in the carnival none deserve more praise than Sam. Thomson, of the Alhambra, and Mr. Robinson, of Weeks & Robinson, who collected from the liquor men of Vancouver \$1,400.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Aug. 29.—The Gold Pulverizing Co., will start up in a few days.

H. Ryall, the lacrosse player is ill from blood poisoning and will not play in Monday's match. The fishermen's sport passed off satisfactorily yesterday. Chilliwack won from Valdez Island and Coquitlam in the canoe race. Jack Shears won the Ewen cup and \$95 in the keel boat sailing race; there were eight entries. Coquitlam Johnnie won the fishing staff race. The sports ended to-day with a number of canoe races.

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A. C. Wilson, florist, Comox road, has among his collection a night blooming cereus. Mr. Wilson had calculated that the plant would bloom last night, which it did, the flowers being comparatively lifeless from the stem. He fully opened the flower measured 14 inches in diameter, the colors being white, yellow and pink, and looking like a rose from which the plant derives its name.

UNION. [From the Union Weekly News.] N. Harvey shot on his ranch on Monday a bear which kicked the beams at 810 lbs.

Word received on Monday was to the effect that the fires were blazing along the roadside half the distance between Berkeley and Vancouver. Sunday at Union was overcast by a pall of smoke. The forest fires were raging all about and especially in the Big Meadow where the bridge on the road to Courtenay was only saved by the persistent work of Road Superintendent Berkeley.

On Sunday afternoon as Father Durand, Mrs. Doney and her brother were coming from Courtenay towards Union, they encountered the forest fires, in sight of which their horses became frightened and threw all three out of the buggy badly bruising them. There have been more panthers killed this summer than ever before, and still the slaughter of the sheep goes on. Harry Martin came into our office on Thursday with several fine specimens of silver bearing quartz and copper. They were found near the headwaters of the Trent river, and he reports that it is found in large quantities. He intended sending it down for analysis. It is thought it will turn out to be richer in gold than in silver, although the silver is exposed to the naked eye.

NEW DENVER. (From the Ledger.) Phil Aspinwall has been looking for coal. He has 5,000 acres of coal land somewhere that may make him more money than he has to-day. Phil is one of the whitest men in the camp, and deserves all the good fortune that comes his way.

There are several ranches along the Kootenay lake, between Balfour and Nelson. Henry West shipped several hundred crates of strawberries this year, and has an orchard of 300 trees, principally apples. Collins has shipped several hundred pounds of cherries this year. Seacott has set out 1,000 fruit trees and erected a \$4,000 house. The Lake View ranch, owned by Mrs. L. V. Roberts, has been extensively cultivated this summer and has raised nearly everything from mushrooms to cauliflower. Mrs. Roberts will build a \$5,000 residence this fall and set out 300 fruit trees. At this ranch chickens are hatched by the incubator.

On the up trip of the steamer Nakusp from Trail a week ago last night a boat was found amongst the cargo without a tag or an owner. At Waterloo camp Ed Cannon came aboard and without saying anything shoved the boat off on the side furthest from shore. At this point the current is very strong and the steamer had its nose against the bank and stern out in the swift waters. Cannon's boat was then the steamer pulled away from the shore. Harry Chapman saw him and threw out a life buoy. Harry had to stand by the throttle and sent the

watchman to inform Captain Gore. It is a long way from the engine room to the pilot house of the Nakusp, and by the time the late do anything and the steamer did not stop. The people on shore did all in their power to save Cannon, and would have succeeded if the unlucky man had not taken cramps. A. J. Hughes and A. R. Code, from Manfoba, have formed a company to stock the Brindle group of five claims. The name of the company is: The Mount Mabel Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd., and the capitalisation is \$1,500,000, at a par value of \$1 a share. Mr. Code owns one East to float the treasury stock. In the meantime development work will be commenced under the management of A. St. C. Brindle. The claims are situated at the head of Finnell creek. The present officers of the company are: A. J. Hughes, president; A. R. Code, secretary-treasurer, and A. St. C. Brindle, manager.

The Columbia & Ontario Gold Mining company, with a capital of \$750,000, has been formed by J. White, R. K. Garney, J. B. Miller and J. Cole, all, except Cole, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The company has purchased a claim called the Pug. This property is convenient to the N. & F. R., and is not far from Waneta. There is a strong ledge on the claim and assays from \$6 to \$10 have been obtained on the surface. The company expects to ship in ninety days. J. Miller is manager. Miller has been prominent in the nickel mines of Ontario, and this spring bonded a claim near Sudbury to Chicago parties for \$100,000.

KAMLOOPS. (From the Inland Sentinel.) J. J. Carment, secretary of the Kamloops Agricultural Society, has received a request from the Dominion Minister of Agriculture for specimens of oats grown in this district. The intention is to send these specimens to New South Wales, the government of which colony has asked for them. Samples of two or three ears will be gladly forwarded by Mr. Carment and by him forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture.

H. F. HEISTERMAN.

Somewhat Unexpectedly His Illness of the Past Three Weeks Terminates Fatally.

By His Death Victoria Loses One of Her Best Known Business Men.

By the death of Henry Frederick Heisterman Saturday Victoria lost one of her best known citizens—a man who for many years past has been identified with the city's progress and business development. Though Mr. Heisterman was never of a robust constitution it was not expected that his illness of the last three weeks would terminate fatally and in fact only a few days was believed to be recovering. However, it was not to be. His illness took a turn for the worse and shortly before noon yesterday he died. Mr. Heisterman while not aspiring to any public position was always energetic and keenly interested in seeing Victoria progress and as a member of the Board of Trade and on several occasions elected to the council of that body, his business ability was of service to the city's commercial interests. He also for some time was a school trustee and was always keenly alive to the necessity of sustaining a good educational system.

Born in Bremen, Germany, July 22, 1832, Mr. Heisterman when 15 years old entered a business house at Dantzic. From there he went to Liverpool five years later, and in 1862 came to British Columbia attracted by the gold excitement. After making a prospecting trip to the Stickeen river with a party of other gold seekers, and meeting with failure like so many others, he returned to Victoria and again settled down to commerce, entering into a partnership with John Banks, wholesale paints and glass merchant, and real estate and insurance business which he so successfully conducted until his death. His shrewd, clear judgment giving him the reputation of being one of the best authorities in the city on the values of real estate. For many years a member of the Masonic order, Mr. Heisterman, it is believed, was the last one of the original members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of British Columbia, and for twelve years past held the position of grand treasurer. The deceased leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters, one of whom is Mrs. D. R. Ker.

The funeral, which is under the auspices of the Masonic order, takes place on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., from the Masonic Temple and an hour later from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The Pioneer Society, to which the deceased had belonged, will attend the funeral. The remains will be removed to the Masonic Temple on Tuesday morning.

DEVELOPMENTS AT ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Aug. 29.—(Special)—George Smith has finished the survey for the tramway and road to Alberni from the mouth of Mineral Creek. Mr. Going has just finished the survey of the Last Chance, part of the Quadra company's property. Mr. Brown sent down some fine quartz from Mr. Rithet's claim. On the Yellowstone rich quartz has been struck in the Alberni tunnel. The Ace of Spades still continues to improve and shows up a fine ledge. George Brown and George A. Kirk are applying for a crown grant on the Mining Link and Champion claims. Over one hundred men are working in the vicinity of Mineral Creek. The new hotel at Mineral Creek is crowded. The Quadra arrived here to-day.

Leonard C. Mills, after spending his vacation with his parents in Victoria, left last night's steamer on his return to college at Ottawa. Mrs. Mills and Miss Gertrude Mills accompanied him to the Mainland. Lieut. Governor Dewdney returned home last night from his visit to the East and the Old Country. Mrs. Dewdney accompanied him.

MCKINLEY'S VISITORS.

He Is Waited on by a Committee of the National Republican League.

The U. S. Will Not Change Its Financial System Except for a Better.

CANTON, O., Aug. 29.—A committee of fifteen from the National Republican League reached here at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Milwaukee, and dined with Private Secretary Boyle, and called on Maj. McKinley at 2:30 o'clock. John Goodnoe spoke for President Woodmansee, of the league, who could not be here, and Maj. McKinley responded:

"Mr. Goodnoe and Gentlemen: It gives me great pleasure to greet at my home this large committee, representing the Republican clubs of the United States. I know something of your work and work. I know how in former campaigns the splendid services of the young Republicans of the country have counted to bring to us most signal triumphs. I am glad to hear from your spokesman, fresh from your national convention, that the Republican party and the Republican cause this year are to have your united, aggressive and unflinching support, and I am sure that support, connected with the support which will come from all classes of our fellow-citizens everywhere will give to the national ticket and to our party a triumph like of which we have not had for many years. We cannot overestimate the value of the young men in politics, and I would not have believed it, if Mr. Goodnoe had not told me that they were not practical politicians. (Laughter.) My confidence with them has been that they have been politicians of the most practical sort known in American politics.

"Gentlemen, you never had a worthier cause to strive for than you have this year. The financial honor of the country and the prosperity of all its people are enough to inspire every American heart to the best possible effort. (Applause.) I have seen somewhere an inquiry, 'Cannot the United States establish a financial system of its own? Is it too weak and dependent to do that?' I answer, the United States now has a financial policy which, in the main, it has been pursuing since the beginning of the government, and which it does not mean to change until it can find a better one. Those who make inquiry are usually against the American policy of finance, and they are insisting that we shall adopt the financial policy of China or Mexico. I hope it will not be thought an evidence of lack of national spirit and independence that we desire to adopt their propositions."

A delegation of 300 people from the Ohio Union Brethren conference followed closely upon the call of the league committee. To them Major McKinley said: "It gives me sincere pleasure to respond to this call of greeting and congratulation. I am duly appreciative of the message of goodwill which you so kindly bring from the great religious body which you represent. It is a good omen when religious teachers are alive to the questions which tend to make the country great, prosperous and righteous. Civic virtue is a good text for the preacher always, but a better one for every citizen to guard in his daily life. Good citizenship lies at the foundation of our true greatness as a free government. Those who proclaim it are indeed Christian teachers and public benefactors. The better the citizen, the better a free government's laws. It is a gratifying fact, as you state, that our form of government character counts for so much. The lack of it almost amounts to a disqualification for public trusts. Whatever men's individual opinions on moral questions may be, whether good or bad; whatever may be their party affiliations, all prefer that public officials shall be of high character and worth.

"They may be heedless of virtue and careless in their own lives, but they insist that those who are to execute the public will shall be men of unquestioned integrity. Public opinion demands this, and all political parties respect it. I wish for every religious body and every other agency whose object is to elevate mankind the fullest measure of success. No nobler cause could engage your faculties. I trust that your annual conference will bring pleasure to you, and that you stay here will bring pleasure to our people and to our city. I will be glad to meet and greet each and every one of you, and I thank you over again for the courtesy and compliment of this call." (Great applause.)

It is reported that the Emperor William and the Prince of Wales have been exchanging telegrams of an unfriendly character relative to the fatality in the Solent by which Baron von Zentwitz lost his life in a collision between his yacht, the Isolda, and the Emperor William's yacht Meteor. The nucleus of the Commercial exhibition projected by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a view to revitalize British trade with the colonies, has been opened and is attracting considerable attention. It consists of specimens of foreign goods which are supplanting British goods and shows that the principal rivals of British merchants are those of the United States and Germany. Comments on the exhibition agree that the display is an eloquent proof of the great changes which are occurring in Great Britain's commerce. And the opinion is expressed that the cause of Great Britain's inability to compete in prices with other countries is the failure of British manufacturers to adapt themselves to the demands of the market.

The general postoffice report, just issued shows the profit of the year to have been \$362,122. This was the most prosperous year in its history. A grand total of 8,080,000,000 pieces of mail was delivered. The value of British property, found in letters which were collected in the dead letter office was \$580,000. Transmitted postal orders amounted to \$54,000,000; 78,830,000 telegrams were sent and there was deposited in the savings banks department \$445,000,000 of which amount \$247,000,000 were checked out.

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NEWS OF MANY SPORTS

Portland's Cricketers Arrive This Evening to Open Their Playing Tour in B. C.

Golfers in Annual Meeting - The Bays' Annual Regatta and Its Features.

To-Morrow's Important Meetings on the Lacrosse Field and the Cinder Path.

The members of the Victoria Cricket Club will this afternoon welcome to British Columbia's capital the strong eleven which Captain C. W. Lawrence has got together to represent Portland in the series of matches opening with that of Victoria vs. Portland at Caledonia park to-morrow.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Harvey Combe on behalf of the members presented a very handsome silver cup, suitably inscribed, to Mr. C. B. Stahlshmidt, as an expression of appreciation of his services as secretary for the past two years.

Mr. Stahlshmidt suitably acknowledged the gift, thanking the members, and said that he felt sure that with their cooperation the coming season would be equally successful with the past one, and from present indications it was likely to be more so.

LAWN TENNIS. FOULKES SUFFERS DEFEAT. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Aug. 28.—The great international tennis tournament began in earnest yesterday morning and is now in full progress.

In the preliminary round of the men's singles, J. F. Foulkes, the British Columbia champion, defeated W. C. Grant, of Boston (6-1, 6-3), but in the second round was beaten by Fritz Ward, of Rochester (6-3, 6-2).

The game was a sharp one, but Foulkes was handicapped by having a much inferior racket.

THE OAR. THE "BAYS" ANNUAL REGATTA. The executive of the J.B.A.A. last night decided that the regatta should be held on Saturday, September 12, in the inner harbor as usual.

The events will include senior and junior single sculls; double-scull dingey four-oared lapstreaks; and race for the four-oared lapstreaks. The senior single scull for the Holland cup, and the senior single for the Mallandaine cup.

The four-oared lapstreak, which will be rowed in four or five heats, is for the Flumerfelt cup. As the Bays have many promising young oarsmen this year the races ought to be even more than usually exciting.

The crews that take part in the Vancouver regatta leave to-morrow night for the Terminal City with their boats.

THE CANADIAN IS FAVORITE. TORONTO, Aug. 28.—A cablegram from London says that the Thames watermen are taking more than ordinary interest in the sculling contest between Gandaur and Stanbury and are inclined to favor the Canadian's style.

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SAILED FOR VANCOUVER. Two of the yachts which will represent Victoria at the Vancouver regatta on Monday sailed for Burrard Inlet yesterday.

NEW MINING COMPANIES. The rapidly growing interest in British Columbia as a profitable field for mining investments is shown by the increased number of companies being formed to do business in this province.

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GOLF. PRESENTATION OF CHALLENGE CUPS. The annual general meeting of the members of the Victoria Golf Club was held yesterday afternoon, when the secretary announced that he had received offers on behalf of the club from some members to present Silver Cups to be played for during the coming season.

medal handicaps; another from Mr. Robert Cassidy stated that he would be pleased to present a silver challenge cup to be competed for by the lady members of the Tacoma Golf Club at the next and following spring meetings of the Victoria club—this cup to be known as the "American Consolation Challenge Cup."

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The honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks the substantial sum of \$245.40, received from Messrs. Jeeves and Smith as the result of the lacrosse match on Saturday last between the employees working on the new government buildings and those on the new post office structure. It may be added that the firm's band furnished free music during the afternoon.

Mr. HERBERT STEVENSON and Miss A. Reid were united in marriage by Rev. W. E. Ditchburn, at Christ church cathedral on Wednesday evening last. After the wedding the couple drove to their future residence, where they were serenaded by the fine and drum band of No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment. The bride wore a gown of white, and carried a handsome silver tea service, which but one of numerous costly gifts of which the newly married ones were recipients.

Miss STEVENSON, whose home is on Oak Bay, was a victim of a miraculous escape from death on Wednesday evening. She had been driving down the avenue in company with Mr. Oliver and was left in the rig outside a residence where her companion had occasion to call. When the accident happened, the lady, untruly the horse backed immediately over the tram line just in time to be struck by a large car travelling down grade at a good speed. The collision broke the axle of the splinters and she came within an ace of falling. Through the promptness of driver Kingsley in reversing the power of the car, the lady was only touched by the car's trucks, being picked up unconscious beneath the front of the car. She soon regained consciousness, and yesterday was almost entirely recovered from the shock.

ALTHOUGH several months will elapse before the civic elections, preparations therefor have already been begun in a manner that gives promise of an interesting campaign. The temperance workers of the city have started the ball rolling and are organizing in one big society. They hope to exercise more influence in the saloon question through the election of staunch temperance workers on the aldermanic board, and a canvass of citizens to enter the field as candidates is now being made. The names of some of the present aldermen have, it is stated, been favorably considered. A well attended meeting, over which Dr. Lewis Hall presided, was held on Wednesday evening in Temperance hall when several reports were read and the committee discussed, though the business of the meeting assumed no definite shape. The Victoria West Good Templars, the Jamboree Club, and the Epworth League of the Jubilee Bay and Centennial Methodist churches, amalgamated with the society known as the Christian Citizens' League at this meeting. Among the planks of the society's platform is the abolition and entire closing of the saloons on Sundays. It is urged that the saloons should be closed from 4 p.m. Saturday until 6 o'clock the following Monday morning.

It has long been recognized by the young people of the Pacific Northwest that there is no more safe port than Victoria from which to set sail on the sea of matrimonial felicity, and when this opinion is endorsed in practice as well as in theory, the moulders of public opinion it surely must be so. Last evening fresh exemplification of the established fact was furnished in a wedding solemnized by Rev. T. J. McCrossan at the little Methodist church in James Bay, a wedding in which the newspaper world of Puget Sound will be particularly interested, the groom being one of the best known journalistic workers of the Northwest, Mr. Charles W. North. His bride was Miss Gertrude Macdonald of Port Townsend, a young lady who by her wit as well as beauty has won for herself the affection and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. The wedding was a private one, only the mother of the bride, the best friends and friends of the groom being present. Afterwards Mrs. Macdonald returned by the Kingston to her home in Port Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, who were present at the wedding, will be in the city for a few days. Mr. Charles W. North is a well known newspaper man, having for eight years past been prominently identified with many of the leading papers of California and Washington—but he is in addition a political speaker and worker of eloquence and marked ability. His friends in his chosen profession are very many, and all give him credit in sincere best wishes for himself and the lady of his choice.

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ELECTION PROTESTS.

Objections Filed to the Petition Against the Return of Messrs. Prior and Earle.

Grounds on Which It is Asked That the Petition Be Set Aside.

Yesterday Mr. Robert Cassidy, as agent for Hon. Mr. Prior, filed the preliminary objections to the petition of W. E. Ditchburn, James W. Pilling and John Robert Giscome against the return of Hon. Mr. Prior as member of parliament for Victoria. The court is asked to set aside the petition on the grounds, among others, that the signature of the petition on Mr. Prior was to date, being on August 22, while the petition had been presented to court on August 5. It is urged, too, that the order of Mr. Justice Weller, extending the time for service without jurisdiction, and im-provident for want of affidavits that there were any special circumstances of difficulty in effecting service. Other grounds were that no copy of the receipt of the registration and im-provident was served on Mr. Prior; that proper notice of the presentation of the petition was not served nor was there anything to show that the petition was signed by W. E. Ditchburn, J. W. Pilling and J. R. Giscome. The objection reads:

"The statement in the introductory part of the petition that the names of the petitioners are inscribed is not a statement that the names so inscribed were subscribed or signed by Ditchburn, Pilling and Giscome, and it cannot be presumed that they had anything to do personally with the petition further than to present it as a petition or document of content."

Other objections were that the petitioners were themselves guilty of corrupt practices during the election; that the petition was too indefinite, and that the statement that the names so inscribed as required by law. Also that the petition does not as required by law recite the act complain of undue election or return of any specific member and it is not warranted to present a petition asking the court to determine that both of two candidates were not duly elected, and in the alternative asking that one of two candidates, without mentioning which, be declared not elected."

On behalf of Mr. Earle, the preliminary objections to the petition against him have been filed by Mr. A. E. McPhillips as his agent. Among the grounds for asking that the petition be set aside is the one stating that the petition was insufficiently served on Mr. Earle, as it was handed to him enclosed in an envelope, so that he was not aware of the nature and effect of the paper handed to him. It is also alleged that the petition is too indefinite; that it is not dated; that the deposit receipt does not state that the deposit was in gold or Dominion notes; and there are other general objections.

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The weather has been calm and foggy off Cape Flattery for a week past, and the waters are reported alive with small fish and large whales.

The prize list is out for the annual exhibition of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society, to be held on September 30, October 1 and 2. The list of premiums is up to the standard of former years.

The fire department responded to two alarms yesterday and succeeded in preventing any serious damage to be done in either case. The first blaze, at 3:30 a.m., was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the residence of Mr. Elliott, North Park street; the second alarm was for a brush fire, on Simcoe street, shortly after noon.

VEN. ARCHDEACON SCRIVEN paid a pleasant visit to Metcalchin district on Thursday afternoon, his mission being to perform the interesting ceremony uniting for life Mr. Walter Dunn and Miss Annie Fisher, youngest daughter of Mr. William Fisher, a great-grandson of the officiating clergyman was assisted in the ceremony by the brother-in-law of the bride, Rev. Mr. Stephenson.

ONLY routine matters came up at the Jubilee hospital board meeting last night and an adjournment was reached in half an hour. The thanks of the board were expressed to the Arion Club for \$51.40, and to the officers of their open air concert in aid of their recent benevolent work.

Dr. Langley wrote accepting the position of pathologist, and the only other item of importance was the passing of the monthly pay sheet for \$667.

MR. LANG—an M. A. of Christ church, Oxford, in high honors, and formerly president of the Oxford University Athletic Club—is about to become a resident of this city. Having been successfully engaged in education for twenty years, he is about to co-operate with Rev. C. Ennor Sharp in the management of the Collegiate school, and one feature of the new management will be the addition of technical education to the work of the school.

"ROYAL ARTHUR" was the signature to a letter from Coquimbó received by a well known firm of Government street stationers a day or two ago. The writer, evidently one of the genus "middle," with a facetiousness truly nautical, related how it had come to pass that evening before the ship sailed a visit had been made to Victoria for the ostensible purpose of purchasing the wherewithal to endite farewell purchases, and finding the store shut, the would-be-purchaser had proceeded to borrow the large and elegant gold pen which from time immemorial had adorned the shop front of the address as a sign of the wares for sale within. The writer went on to apologize for the seeming discourtesy in having detained the borrowed property so long, but explained that the ship sailed promptly on time and no more shore leave could be had and no more time could be obtained. The letter closed with profuse thanks for the loan of the pen, and explained that the golden stilts was being put aboard the ship for transportation to its rightful owners. The owner of an equally large and elegant gold tooth which was

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The Ladies of the Macbaines are making preparations to give a "Representation of the New Woman," in honor of their first anniversary, some time in September.

At the Sir William Wallace Society's meeting last night an interesting account was given of the geological formation of Queen Charlotte Islands, and also of ancient foot prints of man and mastodon discovered on the Island. A pleasant evening followed, with songs by Messrs. Ross, Russell and Jameson. Chief Mackie read from the Scottish American a sketch of the life of Lieut. Thompson, the Queen's prize man, after which the meeting closed in the usual manner.

The handsome new residence of Mr. C. Spencer, on Bricage walk, was brightly adorned last evening for the garden fête in aid of the Jubilee hospital. The church, very crowded, with young people, all of whom not only took pleasure in the programme provided, but also in the congenial surroundings. Refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served, and a programme furnished as follows: Miss Josie Spencer and Miss Hornsby; C. Powell; piano solo, Miss Hornsby; song, Miss Withers; solo, Madam Laird; recitation, Miss Cartwright; song, Miss Jones; song, Mr. Beens Spencer; and song, Mrs. Chris. Spencer.

The London Financial News of recent date contains the following: "As an example of a prospectus which is out of the usual run, and, in fact, a very good lesson in gold mining to the public, that of the Golden River, Queenella, Limited, might be cited. Apparently the public have read in earnest, as well as for instruction, for I understand that it has been in very good demand, owing doubtless to the strength of its board and surroundings." Private advices received in Victoria from London state that Major Dupont, who arranged for this and two other companies, deserves well of the people of this province for the excellent way in which the several mining proposals were placed before the investing public. As a result a very large sum of money has been brought to British Columbia for the purpose of opening up its mines.

ILLUSTRATED printed matter and full information in regard to sailings, accommodations, connections, etc., of the new Japanese steamship line is now being furnished by the G.N.R. Co., in connection with which the N.Y.K. line from the Orient is to be operated. In an attractive circular just issued the passenger rates are announced as follows: Honolulu, \$75, \$50 and \$21; return tickets, \$112 and \$131; Yokohama, \$40, \$55 and \$35; return tickets, \$210, \$245; Hongkong, \$165; \$112 and \$35; return tickets, \$247 and \$289; Shanghai, \$165, \$110 and \$35; return tickets, \$244 and \$285; Fusan, \$160, \$107 and \$38; return tickets, \$240 and \$287; Vladivostok, \$170, \$118 and \$44; return, \$264 and \$308; Hientien, \$170, \$118 and \$44; return tickets, \$264 and \$308; Sienso, \$190, \$133 and \$50; return tickets, \$255 and \$332; Colombo, \$218, \$150 and \$57; return tickets \$327 and \$381; Bombay, \$225, \$158 and \$57; return tickets, \$357 and \$394. The return tickets are good for four to twelve months. When the Miiki Maru, the first vessel of the company, reaches Seattle she will receive an appropriate welcome. On the day of her arrival there addresses will be given by the mayor of the city, and the governor of the state, and much celebration will be indulged in.

"PLAYING AT SOLDIERING." To THE EDITOR:—It is rumored that several merchants and others have refused to give permission to members of the militia in their employ to go with their companies to Vancouver, as one gentleman put it, "business is more important than playing at soldiering." The gentleman misunderstands the situation, and apparently thinks the boys are looking for an excuse to get a holiday on the contrary many of them are going at great inconvenience to themselves, as a return to the Vancouver companies which came to Victoria to assist in making the Queen's birthday celebration a success. The people of Victoria realize that a sham fight is a great discrediting card. It would be equally drawing in Vancouver, and as the people of Vancouver are anxious to make it a feature of their celebration, the merchants and others of Victoria have a duty to show their neighbors by giving leave of absence in every case where they can possibly do so.

As for "playing at soldiering," it is just such so-called play which makes the militia efficient and able when called upon to take part in such games as that of the Northwest rebellion; and the people of British Columbia have to thank the militia for the recent occasion of the Skeena river uprising and the Wellington strikes. At such times the first to suffer are the owners of property and employers of labor.

F. B. GREGORY.



GRIM OCEAN TRAGEDY.

Crushed by an Iceberg—Passengers Thrown Overboard to Save Their Fellows.

What One Man's Self-Command Accomplished—A Cause of Curious Controversy.

(From the New York Sun.)

On Monday night, April 19, 1841, the American ship William Brown, homeward bound from Liverpool to Philadelphia, was reefing off the knots 250 miles southeast of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

The night was black, bleak and tempestuous. The air was filled with sleet, and from the horizon came booms and grindings indicating the proximity of icebergs. Over the most sultry and the vicious piece of water on the globe the ship sailed onward to her doom.

The great ship—her one salvation—was in confusion, wrecked in rigging, and damaged in hull from an impact with an iceberg. Even the eyes of the most inexperienced could detect the advances of a deadly peril.

There were two boats—a shameful lack of those days and a longboat, located at sea—a jollyboat and a longboat, located at best of affording even temporary refuge to half of the human beings on board.

Holmes, then, without meeting a show of resistance, assumed control. He saw that the boats were properly equipped; he calmly prepared the sails, and the probabilities of the weather. By word and deed he sought in every way to put heart into the crew.

Then an incident occurred which showed that Holmes was both compassionate and brave. A man of the crew, who was in the longboat, there was a scream of despair in response as the woman recognized the head and arms of the man.

At midnight the ship settled at the head and went down like a diving monster, hurrying into the vortex of death 31 passengers. The two boats, held by a fearful attraction, lay on their oars throughout the night and at daybreak drew near for consultation.

ger and its occupants brought safely to land. Though the Captain's judgment as to how justifiable the conduct of the crew of the William Brown had been, resulting in the indictment of Holmes by the federal grand jury for manslaughter in killing Frank Askin on the high seas.

The case attracted universal interest. The people were represented by District Attorney Meredith, Mr. Dallas and Mr. Hopkins, and the defense by Mr. Paul Brown, Mr. Hazlehurst and Mr. Armstrong. All these gentlemen were leaders of the Philadelphia Bar.

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"We don't want your money, Frank," replied the implacable leader; and Askin was tossed over.

Suppose two persons, who owe no duty to the other which is not mutual, should be placed in a situation where both cannot survive. Neither is bound to save the other's life by sacrificing his own; nor would either commit a crime in United States own life in a struggle for the only means of safety.

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CHINA CREEK MINES. First Clean-up on the Duke of York Considered as Highly Satisfactory.

Wagon Road Now Being Constructed to the "Albani" Mine on Mineral Hill.

Mr. George A. Kirk has returned from Albani, where he went a few days ago to be present at the first clean-up on the Duke of York hydraulic claim on China creek.

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Sir Charles Tupper Appointed to the Conservative Leadership—He Recommends Reorganization.

The Estimates Substantially Those of the Late Government—Dismissals of Officials.

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BUSINESS OF THE WEEK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Clearing house certificates have not been issued, but instead gold is coming higher largely on the 'swiftest steamers, about \$100,000 being already on the way, notwithstanding the foreign events which disturb the London markets and the growing confidence in the monetary future of the country.

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Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, featuring the text 'First Always Hood's Sarsaparilla' and describing its benefits for various ailments.



AGAINST MONGOLIANS.

The Five Hundred Dollar Head Tax Proposal Endorsed by the Public Meeting.

Other Cities Apprehensive of the Japanese and Effect of Their New Lines.

The anti-Mongolian meeting in the city hall last evening drew a large audience, well filling the council chamber.

Mr. Duncan Ross was unanimously called upon to act as secretary of the meeting, after Ald. Marchant had been excused as he intended to speak.

Ald. Glover moved a resolution endorsing the petitions just read, and advising the citizens to sign them.

Ald. Partridge seconded the resolution, and hoped that the sentiments of the working classes would be heard to-night to give weight to it.

Ald. Marchant came forward in response to repeated calls. Though it was not done an unpopular thing to admit, he must state that he did not agree with a great deal of what is said against the Chinese.

He instanced the allegations in the petition that they are immoral, dishonest and unclean, which he considered, as equally true of many white men.

With respect to taking money out of the country, he thought that a good deal more is taken by the absentee landlords and mortgage holders than by the Chinese.

He was proceeding, as he said, to affirm his belief, in common with the Ald. Macmillan, that a Chinaman is a child of the same God as the white man, and to discuss the religious aspect of the question.

When the former was decided signs of uneasiness, and one voice cried: "This isn't a prayer meeting." Ald. Marchant said he proposed to discuss this subject in his own way, and he proceeded to express surprise that anyone should seek to exclude labor from this province.

When the forests and the fisheries afford such abundant opportunities for labor, the drift of this remark appeared to be not popular with many in the audience, who expressed themselves in hisses to such an extent that the Alderman continued that there never was an audience yet who could put him down by hisses.

He asked if by reason of his attempt to state "the other side" of this Chinese question, and declared that while he thus contended that there is an "other side," he at the same time agreed in many respects with the contentions of those who do not approve of the presence of Chinese.

A man certainly has the right to choose his neighbors, and he frankly admitted that he thought the presence of Chinese would be in his way.

He was greatly troubled with indigestion, and frequently could not keep anything on his stomach, not even a glass of milk. I had dizzy spells, severe headaches, and my complexion was of a yellowish tinge.

My kidneys also troubled me, and in fact I was all aches and pains. In going up a flight of stairs I had either to be assisted up, or would have to rest several times before I got to the top.

At times my hands and feet would have no more warmth in them than lumps of ice. On one occasion while stopping at an hotel in Kingston, after waiting on a number of my customers, I fell down in a faint.

The landlady found me in this condition and sent for a doctor, who after bringing me back to consciousness gave me medicine to take. He told me that my system was so badly run down that it was imperative that I should have absolute rest.

His medicine had no beneficial effect. I could see, and I tried a number of other doctors, with no better result. I became so low that I cared for neither work nor pleasure, and my friends thought that I had gone into consumption.

It was at this juncture that I determined to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and my appearance to-day is a proof of their efficacy.

I had a wonderful change in my health, and I continued taking the Pink Pills for three months, and before discontinuing them every ache and pain had disappeared.

I can now speak too highly of this wonderful medicine, and I am glad to let the fact be known for the benefit of other sufferers.

Mrs. Byrnes was present during the interview and strongly endorsed what her daughter said, adding that she believed they had saved her life.

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for the work that now is performed by Chinamen.

Mr. Field-Johnson, the delegate from Vancouver, was then called upon by the chairman, and proceeded to state what is being done by the society, of which he is secretary.

He said they are more particularly concerned with the Japanese, who are taking up the higher forms of labor, particularly the fishing on the Fraser, where about thirteen hundred Japanese were this year employed.

He said he had written a prominent member of parliament at Ottawa that British Columbia has this year entirely in her own hand, and can have whatever legislation she desires upon. He then read the letter from this M. P., whose name he did not care to state now as the letter was prepared for presentation to parliament, and pointed out the necessity for its being a big affair.

His object in coming here to-night was to ask Victoria as the capital of the province to take up the question, as he had been most anxious to hear the sentiments of this city. He felt it of great importance to have Victoria in line with the other cities.

He pointed out in conclusion the danger of Japanese competition will be invited by the steamship lines now being liberally subsidized by the Japanese government to run to this continent.

The resolution endorsing the petitions was put by the chairman and carried by a standing vote.

Mr. W. J. Dwyer moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to circulate the petitions in Victoria, and this was unanimously carried.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mayor Beaven, moved by Mr. Johnson, concluded the proceedings at 10:35 p.m.

WHEN OTHERS FAIL.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS RESTORE HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

A Well Known Young Lady in Napanee gives Her Experience. So Weak that She Could Not Go Up Stairs Without Resting—Her Friends Thought She Was in Consumption—Now the Picture of Health and Strength.

(From the Beaver, Napanee, Ont.) Among the young ladies of Napanee there is none better known or more highly esteemed than Miss Mary L. Byrnes.

Indeed, her acquaintance and popularity covered a more extended field, as she is a travelling saleslady for the Robinson Corset Co., and has many customers on her route which extends from Ottawa to the city of Montreal.

How this young lady happens to be the subject of this article is due to the fact that she has recently undergone a most remarkable change through the use of those wonderful little messengers of health, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When the reporter of the Beaver called to make an inquiry into her case, she was met in person by the young lady herself, whose rosy cheeks and healthy appearance gave no indication that she had undergone a prolonged illness. The reporter mentioned his mission and found Miss Byrnes quite willing to tell the particulars of what she termed "an escape from death."

In reply to the query "what have Dr. Williams' Pink Pills done for you?" she replied, "why they have done wonders. I feel like a new woman now. For eight years I was weak and miserable, and at times I could not walk. I was greatly troubled with indigestion, and frequently could not keep anything on my stomach, not even a glass of milk. I had dizzy spells, severe headaches, and my complexion was of a yellowish tinge. My kidneys also troubled me, and in fact I was all aches and pains. In going up a flight of stairs I had either to be assisted up, or would have to rest several times before I got to the top. At times my hands and feet would have no more warmth in them than lumps of ice. On one occasion while stopping at an hotel in Kingston, after waiting on a number of my customers, I fell down in a faint. The landlady found me in this condition and sent for a doctor, who after bringing me back to consciousness gave me medicine to take. He told me that my system was so badly run down that it was imperative that I should have absolute rest. His medicine had no beneficial effect. I could see, and I tried a number of other doctors, with no better result. I became so low that I cared for neither work nor pleasure, and my friends thought that I had gone into consumption. It was at this juncture that I determined to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and my appearance to-day is a proof of their efficacy. I had a wonderful change in my health, and I continued taking the Pink Pills for three months, and before discontinuing them every ache and pain had disappeared. I can now speak too highly of this wonderful medicine, and I am glad to let the fact be known for the benefit of other sufferers."

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WILL BE A BEAUTY.

Charles Spratt's New Tugboat Is Almost Ready to Take the Water.

The "Edith" Purchased for Fish Carrying—Discouraged Miners Return From The North.

An important launch will be made from the ways of the Star shipyard sometime about the end of the coming month, when as pretty a hull as one would wish to see will be floated to receive machinery and housework, and then to be placed in active business. The vessel has been previously spoken of in the COLONIST as building for Mr. Charles Spratt, and intended for heavy towing. Construction work has been in progress throughout the summer, and now the shell, for such it is as yet, is all but complete, requiring, seemingly, only the water dress paint to make it ready for launching. The ship is the entire production of the firm and will be credited to the yard in which her keel was laid, and to the builder, Mr. Trahey, whose painstaking efforts in workmanship have been rewarded with the greatest success. Her lines are the conception of the owner and Mr. W. J. Stephens, the well known ship builder, and they indicate a speedy vessel splendidly calculated for towing purposes. The dimensions are: Length over all, 110 feet; beam, 20 feet; and depth, 11 feet. The machinery for the vessel has been built in the Spratt & Gray foundry, the engines having been once in the wrecked steamer Michigan. They are quadruple and are of 300 indicated h.p. Two large steel boilers 9 ft 8 in. by 10 ft., and capable of carrying 180 pounds of steam, have been made in Mr. Thomas Shaw's shop, and these, with the machinery, are the very best and should give not only good speed but splendid satisfaction.

THE OLD, OLD STORY RETOLD. The steamer Willapa, which has just returned from Alaska, brought back to civilization several parties of disappointed miners who agree with those who have come down before them that there are far too many miners for the money to be made on the Yukon. In fact, according to Martin Trowl of Tacoma, there are upwards of 2,500 men in the Yukon population on the river this season and not a single good strike is reported. Trowl and his party left Tacoma last March expecting to return millionaires; they lost their entire outfit through the treacherous currents of the Pelly river and are now glad to get home with health and strength. The only new mine in Alaska that is making good money is said to be the Bald Eagle, near Sum Dum, and there the miners are disheartened not with the wages but with the machinery. This was the cause of a strike only a short time ago, as a result of which nineteen of the men were "let out."

IN BOUND OCEAN CARRIERS. Unless some unexpected delay occurs the R.M.S. Empress of China will arrive Tuesday from the Orient. She left Yokohama on the 21st with a heavy cargo, which included 150 tons for Victoria. Her passenger list is also large, with 80 in the saloon, 50 Chinese and 25 for Portland and 200 for overland points. The next day after the China's departure for Victoria the steamer Hupel left Yokohama under special charter to the C.P.R. with a load of freight for Victoria, 50 tons for Puget Sound and 100 tons for Portland, besides a big amount of overland cargo, composed mostly of tea. The Canadian-Australian liner Mior will also be due from the South on Tuesday. She sailed from Sydney, N.S.W., on the 10th instant with freight amounting to 50 tons for Victoria, 20 saloon and 20 steerage passengers.

TO REPLACE THE "TRISTLE." Seattle exchanges announce that Mr. W. N. Laster, manager of the Victoria Fishing and Trading Co., has been successful in closing a deal with the N.P.R. Company for the purchase of their well known steamer Edith, which it is proposed to put at once into the carrying of fish through the fishing station to Tacoma. The "Tristle" was last year chartered for this work, but recently was engaged by the rivals of the Victoria company—the New England Fishing Company to operate from Vancouver, and immediate search had to be made for another suitable craft. The Edith is said to fill the bill in all particulars.

FIRST OF THE SALMON FLEET. The British bark Emblemton reached the outer wharf from Tacoma last evening. She is the first of the salmon fleet to arrive, being under charter to E. P. Risher, Ltd., to load for England. Stevedores Cates and McDermott have the contract for loading the vessel and intend commencing as soon as possible.

MARINE NOTES. Shipping men are once more reminded of the sale by auction of the clipper ship Kilbrannan, which takes place this morning at 11 o'clock, in the rooms of Mr. George Byrnes, Yates street. Full information regarding the sale will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

Tug Sea Lion arrived from the Sound yesterday to take over the ship Blythe-house.

The Hawaiian steamer Aztec is taking coal cargo at Nanaimo mines for Honolulu.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS. WINNIPEG, Aug. 28.—(Special)—There is quite a little stir in government circles in this city since the announcement from Ottawa that a basis of settlement of the school question had been agreed upon. Some of the government supporters think that this basis, so far as it is understood here, is in the nature of a concession as characterized by promises of greater privileges in some respects to the Catholics than they enjoyed before the act of 1887, and that this may account for Mr. Laurier's confidence in the settlement proposed satisfactory to his Quebec followers, it does not follow that it may prove equally acceptable elsewhere.

SAID TO BE SEIZED.

Trading Schooner "Jessie" of British Columbia Word of Misfortune to Two Victoria Sealers.

The "Beatrice" of Victoria and the "Beatrice" of Vancouver the Unlucky Craft.

Although none of the vessels of the Victoria sealing fleet now operating in the Behring Sea would in the ordinary course of events be looked for back in port for weeks to come, two at least of the number are reported to be now on their way down from the North and likely to arrive at any time. They have not completed their season's work, but in some way have fallen foul of the patrol ships sent to the Sea to enforce the international sealing regulations, in consequence of which they were a fortnight or more ago placed under seizure and ordered to proceed at once to Victoria and report themselves to Admiral Palgrave.

By a strange coincidence the unlucky vessels both bear the same name, the one being the 49 ton schooner Beatrice, owned and commanded by Capt. A. H. Jones, of Vancouver—for which Messrs. E. P. Risher & Co. are the managing agents—and the other Capt. Wm. Grant's well known 66 ton Beatrice, which went to the sealing this summer in the charge of Capt. William Heater.

The news of their misadventure was received at Unalakleet by the master of the Port Angeles trading schooner Jessie, with the request that he report the matter as quickly as possible in Victoria. The Jessie made a smart run down and early in the morning on Thursday afternoon delivered her unwelcome message to Captain Langley, the latter bringing the word to Victoria yesterday morning.

To no one does the news come as a greater surprise than to the owners and agents, and only one theory is advanced as to the probable difficulty—that unintentionally the vessels may have come within the proscribed zone extending for sixty miles around the Tribes Islands. Having learned by hard experience how small a technicality is often deemed sufficient to justify a seizure by the officers of the American cutter on patrol duty, the sealer men were particularly careful this year in instructing their commanders, so that no possible cause might arise for interference with hunting operations. The vessels which hunted the seals in the early summer on the Alaska side went so far as to land all their arms at Hakodate, whence they were shipped home as freight, in order that no suspicion might be created to their prejudice; while the coasting fleet, including the two Beatrices, were equally careful and took no firearms with them.

The lessons of former years have shown how even a hole in a seal belt may be deemed cause for seizure—and the owners accordingly are generally believed to have no chance.

It is generally believed that 1896 would pass in consequence without a single seizure being recorded. The prediction appears, however, to have been premature, and all concerned will now anxiously await the arrival of the two schooners with details of the cause of their capture and their version of the case. Each was hoping to make up in Behring Sea for an unsatisfactory spring catch, the Victoria Beatrice having secured but 181 seals and the British Columbia coast hunting, and the Vancouver vessel 363.

THEY MET IN SECRET. City Council Discuss in Private Hon. Mr. Tarte's Telegram About the Bridge.

Only on Certain Conditions Can a Temporary Structure Be Built Over the Arm.

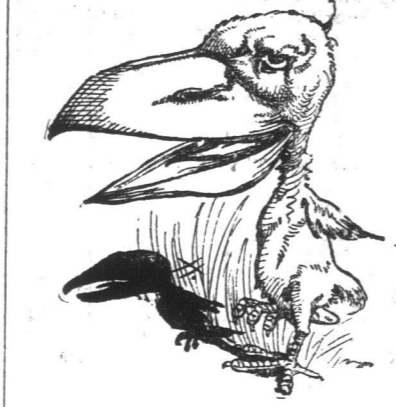
When that telegram came from Senator McInnes the other day that Hon. Mr. Tarte had been prevailed upon to allow the construction of the pile bridge across the Arm to proceed there was joy among the aldermanic supporters of that proposed structure. A telegram from Hon. Mr. Tarte yesterday somewhat changed the feeling, and another of those secret meetings was called on summoned by the Mayor to discuss the new phase the question had assumed. Hon. Mr. Tarte in his telegram said that the pile bridge would only be allowed to be completed and used on condition that it was understood to be a temporary bridge, and the city council must bind themselves to have it replaced within two years by "a bridge built according to law."

This, of course, taken in conjunction with the letter of Hon. Mr. Tarte a few days ago, in which he expressed his surprise that even on the score of economy the council should erect such a structure as a pile bridge, meant that the city must bind itself to build a steel and stone bridge with two one hundred foot draws within two years.

It was a point for the council to solve. They could not accept the terms, as the opinion was expressed by someone that the board being elected annually could not bind any future council. As a way out of the difficulty a telegram was drawn up and dispatched to Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, asking that the council had not the power to bind the city to build a bridge within two years, but that if the Minister would allow the pile bridge to be put before the council would agree to put before the people a by-law to build a steel and stone bridge.

Ald. Tarks, who tried ineffectually a few weeks ago to have such a by-law introduced, again gave notice yesterday that he would ask leave at the next meeting of the council to introduce a by-law to borrow upon the credit of the municipality of Victoria a sufficient sum to erect a permanent bridge of stone and steel to cross Victoria Arm at Point Ellice.

Oh! That Bill. Reduce It.



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AN IMPORTANT REPORT. The report on the Trail Creek mining district by William A. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist, is a most important document.

We notice lately a disposition to receive with distrust and incredulity what is said about recent gold discoveries in this Province. Some persons, whether intentionally or unintentionally we do not undertake to say, are just now doing what they can to lead the public to believe that the men interested in gold mines and mining enterprises in this Province are a pack of scoundrels.

The consensus of opinion among many mining men who have studied the conditions and surface showings in this new camp at Rossland is to the effect that few camps have ever shown so many favorable indications that warrant systematic exploration other than extensive gold ore will be uncovered.

The information contained in the Report is valuable, not only to the intending investor and gold-seeker, but to the Governments both of the Dominion and the Province. Mr. Carlyle dwells earnestly on the importance of supplying the district with means of communication.

and encouragement given to mining by the construction of roads will not only help the miners and mine owners but will advance the prosperity of the whole province. The suggestions made by Mr. Carlyle with respect to the Trail Creek district apply to all the other mining districts.

Those who say that there are hundreds of thousands in Great Britain who have lost their faith in free trade and who believe in the policy of protection are laughed at by Canadian free traders, who declare that no one in Great Britain favors protection except a few old fogey landlords, who have been always behind the times.

The facts set forth are of the highest importance to the nation; they are arranged with care and precision; the conclusions drawn from them are sound and, indeed, irresistible; and throughout the hundred and seventy-five pages of which this unpretentious volume is composed, the style is earnest, without being didactic, and though always animated, is never inaccurate or exaggerated.

It was, indeed, high time that some one attacked, boldly and resolutely, and with the necessary element of facts, the fetish of free trade. The abolition of the corn laws and the introduction of the system of free imports constitute quite a remarkable transaction in modern history.

It is difficult to say what harm the World's recent false statements may have done in this Province. Yet its impudence is quite as great as its recklessness, for instead of withdrawing its accusation when it was unable to prove it to be true, it jauntily says that it has reason to believe that its calumnies and wanton lies have been "effective."

When we add to this the fact that the not only he an American of the Americans, but a man of the most simple life; that he springs from a deeply religious family; that he is a devoted adherent of the Presbyterian faith, and a regular attendant at the services of that church; that his life is like an open book; that no scandal has ever smirched him; that he has neither the liquor nor tobacco habit; that he is a devoted husband, a kind father and a good citizen—when we have said these things, all of which are true, it is easy to see that attacks upon Bryan's life or Bryan's character will injure only those who make them.

to them and their system. The Saturday Review says of the condition of things that existed when free trade was introduced and of the changes that have taken place since: We banded and manufactured and carried for the world. At such a moment the theory of free imports wore a very plausible appearance. We knew that other nations must come to us for our manufactures; we on our side were rather short of corn, for the time.

Observation and reflection are showing many besides Mr. Williams and the editor of the Saturday Review that the time is at hand when Great Britain must make fundamental changes in her trade policy if she hopes to maintain the position in the commercial and political world that she has so long occupied. There are some who believe that an Imperial trade policy will be the salvation of Great Britain and her Colonies.

A few weeks ago the reports from Matabeleland were most alarming and dispiriting. The news-caterers seemed to have agreed to send to Europe none but bad news from South Africa. We said at the time that too much credit should not be given to the dolorous accounts from Matabele. It now turns out that our newspapers were well grounded and that the newsmongers were more concerned to discredit Mr. Cecil Rhodes than to give the people of England reliable news from the disturbed country.

The Hamilton Spectator, we see, quotes the Vancouver World's libel of the public men of British Columbia for the purpose of warning men seeking investments in the East against having anything to do with British Columbia mining enterprises. It heads its article with the very significant word "Beware," and says "The British Columbia papers are not so cock-sure about big fortune as they are."

No one will be surprised to find Sir Charles Tupper has been chosen leader of the Conservative party unanimously and enthusiastically. He is the right man for the place, and Conservatives everywhere will be glad to see him in the leadership of the Dominion, and happy to accord to him the position which he is so eminently qualified to prove himself to be a patriotic statesman, and a skillful political general. Both the Conservatives and the country may depend upon his performing the very important duties of leader of Her Majesty's Opposition in a way which will not only further the interests of Conservatives as a party, but which will be conducive to the welfare of the country.

While the election campaign in North Grey was going on the Government organs did their best to create the impression that the Manitoba school question was on the point of being settled. It was reported that Hon. Mr. Sifton, Attorney-General of Manitoba, had been in Ottawa, had had several interviews with the Premier and that the negotiations were progressing swimmingly. When Mr. Sifton returned to Winnipeg he was of course interviewed by the newspaper reporters who no doubt expected to hear that everything was settled and that the day of secrecy and reticence on the Mani-

toha school question had gone by. But if they had any such expectations they were cruelly disappointed. Mr. Sifton was very guarded in what he said on that delicate subject. He did not take even the representative of the Government organ into his confidence. After having admitted that the school question had been discussed by his colleagues and himself with the Dominion Government and that the "whole question would in a day or two be fully and most carefully considered by the local cabinet" the following conversation took place between him and the reporter of the Tribune: "Do you hope that a satisfactory solution of the matter will be arrived at?" "Yes; I think there is a reasonable ground for hope that the issue will be satisfactorily settled."

The information gained by the indefatigable reporter amounted to just nothing at all, and if the Dominion ministers had been as reticent as Mr. Sifton, the assurances so confidently given in the East were perfectly groundless. There is this, however, to be gleaned from the little that Mr. Sifton did say, which is that the terms of settlement, whatever they may be, are not to be submitted for approval to the people of Manitoba. Considering the very profound respect which the Greenway Government always professed to have for the people the remark of the Attorney-General: "There is no referendum in Manitoba," is very significant indeed. The people were consulted on the question a few months ago and the answer they gave was very emphatic indeed. But now this answer is to be disregarded; and the question is to be settled by the Government of the Dominion and the Government of Manitoba, and the decision that they arrive at must stand. If the people do not like it they must jump it; "there is no referendum in Manitoba." Mr. Sifton and his colleagues do well to be cautious in this business, for Mr. Joseph Martin is not appointed Minister of the Interior he may make it very hot for the Government, no matter what may be the nature of the settlement.

The San Francisco Argonaut, though politically opposed to Bryan, protests against the attacks that have been made on his personal character by both Republicans and Gold Democrats. According to the Argonaut's account, Mr. Bryan in private life is a most estimable man. He has lived a useful and a blameless life, and all that can be said against him is that his political opinions are unsound and that he has become the zealous advocate of a vicious currency system. After giving a short biographical sketch of the Popocratic candidate, the Argonaut goes on to say: "When we add to this the fact that the not only he an American of the Americans, but a man of the most simple life; that he springs from a deeply religious family; that he is a devoted adherent of the Presbyterian faith, and a regular attendant at the services of that church; that his life is like an open book; that no scandal has ever smirched him; that he has neither the liquor nor tobacco habit; that he is a devoted husband, a kind father and a good citizen—when we have said these things, all of which are true, it is easy to see that attacks upon Bryan's life or Bryan's character will injure only those who make them."

CONSTANTINOPLE QUET. CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 28.—The riots which have caused so much excitement throughout Constantinople are apparently at an end. The leaders of the mob which attacked the officers of the Ottoman bank have surrendered, and will be expelled from Turkey. The official account of the troubles attributes the riots to an organization of the part of the central committee of the Armenian revolutionists to stir up a revolution. The invaders, as if by a preconcerted arrangement, suddenly entered the great hall of the Ottoman bank, armed with revolvers, daggers and dynamite bombs, forming in small groups. They were accompanied by the officer of the guard, who demanded from them a statement of their business with the bank.

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wicked and cruel, and, besides, those who do so are more likely to injure than to benefit the cause they advocate. Personal attacks are better calculated to create a sympathy for the man against whom they are directed than to do him harm in a political sense. There is danger, however, in going to the other extreme. It would be exceedingly silly for any man who believes that the policy which Mr. Bryan upholds is opposed to the general welfare to vote for him because he is a good citizen and a devoted adherent to any particular church. Stupid and politically dangerous as such a course is there are thousands who pursue it and feel that they are acting virtuously when they do so. They do not seem to realize that when an estimable man votes on the wrong side he does quite as much injury to the cause of right as the greatest reprobate with whom he is politically associated. The good man's vote on the wrong side is not qualified in the least by his religious zeal or his domestic virtues. A political vote should be given on political considerations and on those alone. If Bryan were the saintliest man on earth the elector whose views on the money question are sound should vote against him without hesitation, and be glad that it was in his power to aid in preventing him doing harm to his country.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD MINES. We reproduce the following judicious and timely article on British Columbia gold mining from the Monetary Times of Toronto: "Gold mining in British Columbia is attracting attention not only in other parts of Canada, but in other countries, notably Great Britain and the United States. The business is comparatively new to Canada, and care should be taken that it is pursued by business methods. The fact that no more than a few ways people anxious to make money out of the excitement irrespective of the yield of the mines. The preliminary stage of testing a mine is one in which the speculative element cannot be got rid of. It is generally impossible to tell without some tests whether a mine is going to pay or not. Money is necessary to advance no more than is necessary to make the tests. Till the tests are made, there is nothing of certain value to sell. When gold is found to exist in payable quantities, the question arises, how much of it is there? and even here, there is need for caution. It is not safe to rely wholly on an engineer in the way the deal is contemplated. Capitalists, if they act prudently, always insist on appointing their own engineer to examine the property; and even then, all need utmost care. The mining engineer must be deceived; and he ought not to take much for granted that is beyond the reach of vision. Against the possibility of being misled by others, he has to guard, as well as against the lure of 'salting' and other devices. When a mine has been developed and is regularly producing, it is still necessary to remember that its riches are limited, and it is desirable if possible to ascertain how long it may reasonably be expected to continue to produce. If the returns in the shape of dividends are looked to exclusively, it must not be forgotten that in that form are not only not profit, but also, if at all, a return of the capital, within the term of the estimated duration of the mine; if a redemption fund be created as a means of returning the capital, and it is solely based, the dividend has to be 'looked to only for profit. Regular official returns, duly attested, illustrating the working of the mines, ought to be required by the government. They should show, as in the Transvaal, the product of each mine, the cost of working, the profit realized and a great many other things. In this way the interest of investors would be to some extent safeguarded. If miners are left to do as they like without accountability, they will not fail sometimes to do some strange things."

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

(From the Mail-Empire.) The session has opened quietly, and so far as the speech from the throne is concerned, without any promise of legislation further than the passage of the delayed supplies. Contentiously with the assembling of the Legislature has come a rather hypocritical outcry for a short session. Short the session ought to be, but no public interest should be neglected in order to curtail it. For its part, the opposition has a duty to perform, and it cannot shrink from the full and faithful discharge of its responsibility whatever time it may take. The Liberals were in opposition for the last seventeen years, and during the whole of that period it must be confessed they made good use of their oratorical opportunities. In season and out of season, they were unparing in their criticism; and so long as they had another man to put upon his legs, whether he had or had not any additional light to shed upon the subject under discussion, the public business had no greater standard. The duty of the Liberals is not to stand idly by, but to perform the duty of the Liberal full debate cannot but be the duty of the Conservatives. The Conservative leaders are too skilful as parliamentarians, and have moreover too good a sense of the proprieties, to waste the time of the party in factious opposition. It is pretty safe to predict that unless the occasion is very extraordinary, and the measures brought forward by the Government are fraught with the most disastrous consequences to the country, no obstructive tactics will be resorted to by them. It is to be hoped, however, to overlook the fact that no more in our history did such a serious responsibility devolve upon an opposition as that which rests upon the opposition of today. With a government in power composed in the main of political novices, what is to become of the country if its interests are not carefully watched and guarded? There are but three men in the entire cabinet who give it the slightest claim to experience, and of these, two—Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir Henri Joly—have had nothing to do with Dominion politics during the political lifetime of most men, to say nothing of the fact that the infirmities of extreme age have put them out of the battle. The other—Sir Richard Cartwright—who, with his fads and follies, including his pessimism and his unfortunate disposition to depreciate everything Canadian, is head and shoulders above all his colleagues, is apparently discredited and at least partially side-tracked by his party, and compelled to play second fiddle to inferior men. To the Conservatives, who, although in the minority in the House of Commons, represent a majority of the people of the Dominion, the business men of Canada, being the great captains of our industries, look in what they justly regard as this time of special trial and danger. What they want is that the country needs, and what it must have in order to avert commercial and industrial disaster, is a prompt, full, and frank statement of the Ministerial policy. This, with the utmost explicitness, and without any evasion, it will be the duty of the opposition to elicit.

But besides insisting upon discovering precisely where we are, with proper accuracy and thoroughly united action, the opposition should, to a very large extent, curb the more impetuous tendencies of the ruling party, reducing its power to the minimum, and if not compelling it to do what is best for the country, preventing it from doing the worst that might befall the country. The opposition is entitled to all the time necessary for its work, and with the requisite time, which it will no doubt take, it will give such an account of itself as shall be satisfactory to every loyal Canadian.

BROWN OF SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The friends of ex-Pastor Brown are beginning a systematic effort to prevent his expulsion from the ministry by the Bay conference. Since the confessions of Mattie Overman and Mrs. Tunnell have been made public, many of the ministers composing the Bay Association are outspoken in their desire that he should at once be summarily dismissed from the ministry, and were conference convened at once it is probable that such action would find few opponents. The conference, however, cannot properly convene until December, and in the meantime Dr. Brown's friends hope to rally a sentiment in his favor. The conference is composed of the pastor and two lay delegates from each of the Congregational churches about the bay. Deacon Isaac N. Morse flatters himself that he has yet some influence with many of the pastors by reason of his still controlling the Board of Christian Education, and this is to be exerted to the fullest extent in Brown's interest. A meeting of Dr. Brown's former adherents will be called in a day or so, when some plan to save him from the Bay conference by the ministry will probably be decided upon.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 27.—(Special)—There are 28 horses to date entered for the carnival meet and special trials will be run to meetings by the C.P.R. on both days. Five horses were brought in from Seattle on the Utopia yesterday. While one was being led, a buggy, a mongrel cur snapped at its heels, so frightening the horse that it attempted to climb into the buggy and badly cut its leg.

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