

A PROPER MOVE.

We are glad to see that the Board of Trade has directed its attention once more to the way in which the coast of the Province is lighted and buoyed.

MR. SEMLIN'S MISTAKE.

We were surprised to find that Mr. Semlin a few days ago spoke slightly of the Imperial Institute.

It cannot help thinking that the mere existence of a body of this description is not only important, but that it possesses at least the possibility of great usefulness in the future.

PUT IT DOWN.

It is surprising that the systematic gambling, to which our esteemed correspondent directs attention, should be permitted.

the knowledge of the police. Have they winked at the unlawful practices which they are in duty bound to prevent and put down?

ALIVE AND KICKING.

Our readers will not be greatly surprised to learn that Prendegast, the murderer of Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, is still in the land of the living.

A SUCCESSFUL VIOEROY.

Canadians will be pleased to know that Lord Lansdowne, during his term of office, administered the affairs of India ably and judiciously.

The administration of a Viceroy must thus be judged with constant reference to limiting conditions which do not enter into the corresponding estimate of a Government in this country.

A BEWILDERED ORGAN.

The organ of the Opposition is greatly exercised over Mr. Grant's figures. It cannot deny that they are incorrect.

results shown by Mr. Grant. The revenue has grown and the country has prospered during a time in which the financial and political oracles of its party were predicting that it was going at a rapid rate to the dogs.

IN A STATE OF UNCERTAINTY.

The attitude of the Opposition papers on the redistribution bill is a most peculiar and perplexing one. As the leaders have not yet had an opportunity of declaring themselves in the House, the press giving them its support is floundering about in a pitiful fashion.

stolen, but undoubtedly it has not been for lack of effort. However, we understand, that will be his personal plea.

In discussing this matter we had almost forgotten the position taken by our Nominating Convention, which, with local opposition, has developed a feeble political sentiment. It contends that, taking the number of voters as a basis of reckoning, the cities are not given a proportionate representation with the rural constituencies.

THE POLICY OF DECEPTION.

Mr. Keith introduced a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act which he ought to have known, and which he probably did know, was unconstitutional.

It would be the merest folly and an inexcusable waste of the time of the Legislature to enact a law which would be in contravention of the terms of the British North America Act, and against the principle of which the Supreme Court of the Province had already decided.

The Leader of the Opposition, in his solemn and parhilaric manner, declares that the Speaker has no right to declare out of order a measure which he knows is unconstitutional, and the Times, without attempting to prove that the Speaker's decision is not sound, tries hard to create the impression that it was procured through undue influence exercised by the Leader of the Government.

POOLED.

As soon as the House went into supply on Friday afternoon it was seen that the Opposition were prepared to try their hand at obstruction. Their leader and his chief supporters resorted to various little devices to prolong debate, and to prevent business being done.

Mr. Beaven and his followers were permitted to begin their little game of obstruction with hardly a word of remonstrance from their opponents. It was, we presume, supposed they would, after a while, get tired of the game and before it became very late permit the House to go on with the business in hand.

When the playful Oppositionists had been allowed their fling long enough, as the Chairman of the Committee believed, he began to check the discursive orators. He resented this, and some of them lost their tempers.

The Times, we see, lays the whole blame of the unpleasantness on the Government. This was to be expected. It has taken great liberties with the truth, but it surely cannot expect its misstatements to be believed. It was patent to everyone that the Government was most desirous that the work of the House should be proceeded with, with all possible despatch.

ENLIGHTENED HAMID.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Washington's birthday was made the occasion of a double celebration by the subjects in New York of His Imperial Majesty, the Sultan of Turkey.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

LOUISIANA, Feb. 24.—A dispatch from Fort Louis, Louisiana, reports that a cyclone swept the island yesterday, doing almost incalculable damage to property and killing and injuring many people.

WEST KOOTENAY MINES.

Active Work to be Resumed Almost Immediately—Some of the Propositions.

Many Locations Taken Up During the Winter—A Well Equipped Store Wanted.

FORT SHEPPARD, Feb. 18.—The lengthening days of bright sunshine and the melting snow point to an early opening of the business season in this West Kootenay country.

A further advance of some four miles is being made along the north bank of the Pend d'Oreille river, has a contract of hydraulic machinery now on the rails, and also a substantial cash balance at their Spokane bankers. This is a New York company, associated with Mr. Russell Sage, the multi-millionaire.

The Trail Creek mines have not ceased their output, but have sent down from the Le Bol two 18-ton scow-loads per week; this is put on the rail close here and brings \$80 to \$90 per ton at the smelters.

A great want here is a good, well equipped store, which could supply the needs of the mining camps, not only in the West Kootenay, but along the Lower Salmon River as well. The Upper Salmon country should be supplied from Nelson, if the merchants there can accommodate their prices to those payable for American goods.

The said railroad appears to be doing a big business. One who, like the writer, remembers the meagre supplies which sufficed for West Kootenay for the winter of 1892-93, can but wonder what is inside the long trains of box-cars which pass up to Nelson twice or three times a week, and what becomes of it all.

BENHAM AT

Press Opinions as to Admiral's Course. Janeiro.

Story of Insurgent Defeat on Nieth Denied.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 23.—From the insurgent source de that the insurgents were defeated at Nieth.

London, Feb. 23.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that the British ship Nautilus is a supply of water in Rio, says it is difficult to understand the British fleet at Rio if no British interests.

The St. James' Gazette says Lord Rosebery does not accept the doctrine that the right of conscription belongs to the United States. "It is humiliating for the British sailors had to seek protection."

PARISH COUNCILS BE

London, Feb. 23.—The House this evening agreed to permit councils to hold meetings in school houses. The Duke of Devonshire, the Liberal Unionist, and the county councils be made to decide upon the compulsory allotments under the allotment act.

GERMAN CURRENCY COM

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The currency question, appointed by the government, has been discussed at its first sitting to-day. Count Bismarck, secretary of the Imperial Treasury, introduced the proceedings.

"RIGID ECONOMY."

London, Feb. 21.—The Times approving comments a long letter from Cross, who contends that rigid economy is the only policy open to the United States.

SOUNDLY FLOGGED.

Bakersfield, Cal., Feb. 23.—Who tried to assault a woman yesterday, was attacked by a crowd. The woman got away to her home.

BOUBDIN'S FUNERAL.

London, Feb. 23.—Anarchist Boudbin's funeral was attended by a large crowd. There was no disturbance until the hearse reached Bond Street, when some one hoisted a flag.

Advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, featuring a bottle and text: 'CURES BLOOD, PERFECT TONIC, SOUND SLEEP, LONG LIFE, STRONG NERVES'.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Fine farm in Westman Island, British Columbia, 25 acres, over 1000 feet elevation.

MINES.

Up During the...
The lengthening and the melting of the snow...

Some four miles in...
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have not ceased...
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The Globe says: "Admiral Benham...
is doubtless at liberty to bully the insurgents...

Diapatches from Buenos Ayres say: It...
is reported from Montevideo that the whole government...

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 23.—The Bishop of...
Rio has issued a letter calling the various congregations...

PARISH COUNCILS BILL.
LONDON, Feb. 23.—The House of Lords...
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GERMAN CURRENCY COMMISSION.
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was buried to-day. The funeral was attended by a large...

ORIENTAL ADVICERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The steamer...
Osano brings the following advices from China and Japan...

A tragic story comes from Gunma, Japan...
Tsunobu, Zenshiro, fell in love with a girl who refused...

ASSIGNMENTS AND PREFERENCES.
LONDON, Feb. 24.—The judicial committee...
of the Privy Council gave judgment to-day declaring the Ontario...

The Supreme Court decision in the Purcell...
will case may be appealed to England. By mistake forty acres...

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—An absurd rumor in...
circulation to-day, that Hon. Messrs. Angers, Oulmes and Costigan...

MIDWINTER FAIR.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—The question...
of how the awards shall be made in connection with the...

BRITISH BEATEN.
LONDON, Feb. 24.—Advices from Bathurst...
capital of the colony of Gambia, West Africa, say that...

AT BRANDENBURG.
BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Emperor William went...
to Brandenburg City to-day to attend the annual banquet...

VATICAN TREASURES.
ROME, Feb. 24.—As a result of the scare...
recently occasioned in the Vatican by the breaking out of...

CAPITAL NOTES.

Canada's Rejoinder on the Cattle...
Schedule—A Highway or Railroad.

The U. S. Court Decides in Favor of...
Withholding Awards from Canadian Exhibitors.

From Our Own Correspondent.
OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—The latest dispatch...
which the Canadian Government has forwarded to the Imperial...

Oil prospectors and manufacturers had...
their meetings before the tariff committee to-day.

The Marine department has been notified...
that a carrier pigeon service between Sable Island Halifax...

CAPT. WALTON OF THE STEAMER QUADRA...
has notified the Marine department of the existing rock...

ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 23.—At sunset...
yesterday Ker J. Grant, a Baptist minister, was committed...

BRUCEFIELD, Feb. 23.—The body of...
Samuel Cooper, of this place, was found in a field yesterday...

INGERSOLL, Feb. 23.—George F. Garnette...
editor of the Ingersoll Chronicle, died from diphtheria...

DUNDAS, Feb. 23.—The Patrons of North...
Wentworth have nominated R. M. Briggs for the Legislature...

MONTECALMO, Feb. 23.—Jacob A. Moore...
aged 85, and Mrs. Jake Raymond, aged 96, the former's housekeeper...

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Commercial...
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ERASTUS WIMAN.

Opinion of One Who Was Well Acquainted...
With Him—How the Trouble Arose.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A gentleman fully...
acquainted with the case of Erastus Wiman, but who refused...

"Mr. Wiman would sometimes tell them...
that he was very hard pushed for money, and ask if they could...

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—General B. F. Tracy...
said to-night that, to-morrow, he would endeavor to have...

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Charles H. Derr...
who furnished bail for Erastus Wiman, a wealthy manufacturer...

IN RESPONSE TO A NOTE sent in by a reporter...
yesterday, Erastus Wiman, from his cell in the State Prison...

After his discharge on bail to-day, Mr. Wiman...
was closeted with his counsel and the lawyer Tracy made...

ERASTUS WIMAN, capitalist, was born in...
Churoville, Peel county, Ontario, in 1834. He received a...

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AN OLD CHESTNUT.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The trial of the...
action of Mrs. Victoria Woodhull-Martin against the trustees...

After further testimony the case was...
adjudged.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)
TORONTO, Feb. 20.—James Conmee was...
the first to give notice of motion at the opening of the Ontario...

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—Stephen J. Vaughan...
a farmer living near Toronto Junction, was arrested and looked...

MILLBROOK, Feb. 1.—The McCarthys of...
East Durham have renominated George Campbell, sitting member...

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—In the Legislature...
yesterday, Mr. Meredith gave notice of a resolution favoring...

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Ten degrees below...
zero were registered here this morning, being the lowest...

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24.—The Patrons of East...
Huron have nominated Wm. Milne, Reeve, of Grey, for the Legislature...

DOWNSVILLE, Feb. 24.—The Liberals of...
West Durham have nominated W. F. Lockhart, sitting member...

MONTECALMO, Feb. 24.—The old established...
hardware firm of Thomas Wilson & Co., is endeavoring to effect...

MONTECALMO, Feb. 24.—The C. P. R. traffic...
receipts for the week ending February 21, were \$288,000...

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—The Methodist Missionary...
committee of consultation and finance concluded a two-day's...

CABLE LETTER.

Radicals Eager to Attack the Peers—...
To Restrict the Powers of the Chamber.

A Dissolution Probable in September...
—Government Programme for the Next Session.

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LONDON, Feb. 24.—The submission of the...
House of Lords on the Parish Councils bill has been almost...

On Monday when the Parish Councils bill...
will be returned in its newly amended form to the House of Commons...

THE DISSOLUTION.
Will take place in September. Already the...
issues of the coming electoral campaign are the political foreground...

REVISION AND SUGGESTIVE FUNCTIONS.
may initiate legislation, but when a bill, once amended, shall...

NEW GUATEMALA, Feb. 24.—Private advices...
from Nicaragua say that President Zelaya is tired of the war...

SAN JOSE DE COSTA RICA, Feb. 24.—The...
Rodriguez party has formed a coalition which apparently insures...

AMAPALA, Honduras, Feb. 24.—A cargo...
of arms and ammunition has arrived here from New Orleans...

It is expected in Belize that the coffee...
crop and other crops will be lost because there is nobody...

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Prendergast, who was...
to-day sentenced to be hanged March 23 for the murder of Mayor Harrison...

WHOLESALE CORRUPTION.
ST. JOHNS, N.E., Feb. 24.—The cases...
against the members of the Whiteaway government, alleging that...

PERFECT DIGESTION. SOUND SLEEP. LONG LIFE. STRONG NERVES. SERRILLA.

Wentham Island. 1000 acres. 1000 cows. 1000 pigs. 1000 sheep. 1000 chickens. 1000 ducks. 1000 geese. 1000 turkeys. 1000 geese. 1000 turkeys. 1000 geese. 1000 turkeys.

PRESIDENT VS. SENATOR.

The contest between President Cleveland and Senator Hill is a most peculiar one, and it is carried on in a very singular way.

Why then were Mr. Hornblower and Mr. Peckham personally offensive to Senator Hill? Not because they were not men of high character, for everybody admitted that they were.

MR. TALMAGE.

The Rev. Mr. Talmage has, it appears, severed his connection with the congregation that met in the Tabernacle.

The popular New York preacher has provoked bitter antagonism. One would think by the way in which some men speak and write of him, that he had done them a personal injury.

His career has been one of false pretenses throughout, and he has at last been found out. He was quick to see that there was money in notoriety.

Having become notorious, Talmage proceeded to market his name. He charged large sums for writing small amounts of matter as "editor" of one or another publication which was ready to pay for a name.

The New York Times is hardly less severe. What is the secret of this odium? Does Mr. Talmage deserve these bitter and sweeping criticisms? If he does, it is difficult to understand how he attained the high position he occupied as a minister of the Gospel.

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A FIZZLE.

"The Government's silence with respect to the charges embodied in Mr. Kitchen's amendment," says the Times, "was highly suggestive."

The Kitchen resolution, which was drawn up with such pains, and which was so carefully transcribed, came literally to nothing because there was not a single member of the Opposition who had either the courage or the ability to attempt to prove to the House that it was based on truth and reason.

AN EXPANDING REVENUE.

Mr. John Grant, in the speech which he made in the debate on the Budget, showed in a very conclusive way that the money expended on improvements by the Government had rendered it easy for the Province to meet its obligations.

In 1894 the Real Property tax is estimated at \$90,000. Personal Property tax 105,000. Wild Land tax 50,000.

The Provincial debt charges for that year are estimated at \$187,400. This leaves a surplus from the three sources of Provincial taxation named of \$87,000.

CECIL RHODES.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes is one of the most remarkable men of the age. It is very evident that he is an "Empire builder."

At a banquet in his honor at Cape Town Mr. Rhodes gave his hearers a short history of the late war in Mashonaland, in which he justified the course which he had pursued and the conduct of the settlers.

power had been destroyed by a band of 800 colonists, mostly tradesmen. They had vanquished a barbarian power equal to that of the Zulus, a savage power with which Her Majesty's Government would otherwise have had to deal, at great cost.

These amiable gentlemen are not always judicious. Lobengula, the scourge of the aborigines, did not need their help, but something entirely different. The kindest thing that could be done, with regard to him, as far as the aborigines were concerned, was what Mr. Rhodes and the six hundred settlers have done, namely, to deprive him of the power to kill and to torture the aborigines.

It is an anomaly said Mr. Rhodes, that a cyrenic tyrant in London who devotes his time to the vilification of any one who becomes above the average and includes in that the family of our Sovereign—it is an anomaly that the man should appeal to a working community, I refer to the electors of Northampton, but they require to be educated, they require to be told that the little England which is the cause of their destruction to their industry, and to have pointed out to them the necessity of the mother country in its future interests keeping well in with the colonies.

THE LORDS AND COMMONS. It is becoming more and more evident that the people of Great Britain will be required, and that too before very long, to judge between the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

REV. MR. SHARP'S LECTURE.

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is the clearest proof that they believe that they are in accord with the majority of the nation, and the coldness with which the Government regard the proposal for a dissolution is evidence that they have no great faith in their own assumption that the House of Commons is virtually the nation, and that its voice must be regarded as the voice of the people.

It will have to be admitted that the alacrity with which the House of Lords and the Conservative party generally hail the submission of the questions in dispute to the people at the polls, and the willingness which they show to abide by the decision of the electors, take from the arguments and appeals of the denouncers of the Peers much of their force.

It seems to us that the Liberals have made a serious mistake when they placed it in the power of the House of Lords to become the champion of the sovereignty of the people, for that is the position it occupies at the present moment in Great Britain.

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TO THE EDITOR:—The Rev. Mr. Macleod struck the key-note of the coming battle to the introduction of Biblical education into our present purely secular public school institutions of British Columbia, in his late sermon, as reported in your DAILY COLONIST.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder



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Improvements Desired at Beacons and Buoys Angeles Ferry

Life-Saving Arrangements over Island Coast—the Quadra.

President A. C. Flumerfelt chair at a regular meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon.

"Gentlemen: Herewith is my lights, beacons and buoys in waters contiguous to this city, on the northern coast.

"Behren's Island Light at Victoria Harbor—It is requested light be removed from its present position at present, the light signal be used, or if it is not certain the bell, that it be sounded every and not by hand. It is furthered that if the bell is retained that covered in as at present at the top open for the sound to escape.

Replace the present open wooden by a stone beacon, the base to be black and the top white. Fiddle Reef, inside Discovery Bay, a stone beacon, the base to be black, remainder white. It is suggested that a wooden triangular also painted white be added at the lantern attached showing red.

"Zero Rock—A stone beacon, black, also wooden triangular at Fiddle Reef.

"Off Sidney Spit—An iron buoy, black and white, West Rock. Sidney Spit—The present wood tower to be boarded up entirely. Paint black at bottom, white at top. Anderson Rock, off Moresby. A lantern on beacon would be of assistance here.

WALKER ROOK.

Walker Rook, off Galiano Island, Beacon would also be of assistance here. "Sisters, Gulf of Georgia and Mudge—These are most important and a light is absolutely necessary being large.

"Malcolm Island—A light is wanted and it is suggested that for the ordinary lantern would answer, the show red.

"Pine and Egg Islands, in the Charlotte Island district—Both the require lights; they would great assistance.

"Sanction of Fisher Channel Passage—This is another important and a light would seem absolutely necessary.

In this latter connection, Col. P. referred to the recent loss of the Both and Mr. Earle had written to asking that Captain Christensen be the use of the Quadra to search for the missing steamer or those who had been of her. The reply received was that Captain Gaudin believed there was a hope of the Quadra's crew being the Estelle's crew the steamer was taken. Captain Gaudin did not think was any hope, and so the steamer was abandoned. It was his opinion, if there was a possibility, not being necessary, of one steamer being saved the Quadra's services should be adopted. After some further discussion of the it was resolved that the Board express the Dominion Government its surprise the Quadra had not been available for the last season, and emphasize the necessity for the passage of a mental order making the use of the possible without any reference to the event of emergency arising.

in doubt he would be glad to explain it again. Hon. COL. BAKER said it appeared to him that the gentleman opposite was not willing to be convinced, but that their object was merely to give the Finance Minister...

Hon. Mr. TURNER replied that he must refer the hon. gentleman to his remarks of the other day, where he thought a very full explanation would be found. He moved that the committee rise and report progress...

Hon. Mr. BEAVER took the point of order that the hon. gentleman was not to go into committee of supply without a motion that the Speaker leave the chair, and that this point might be decided the Speaker was again called to the chair.

Hon. Mr. POOLEY argued that it is in accordance with the practice of the house no such motion is necessary. The SPEAKER said that the house had simply risen at six o'clock for a recess, and a motion that he should now leave the chair was not necessary.

Hon. Mr. BEAVER reiterated his objections, and argued that the best thing for the province is to stop the conversion at once. Hon. Mr. DAVIS said it was quite evident that the hon. gentleman opposite were present this evening with the sole object of putting in time and preventing any business being accomplished.

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on the conduct of the government, which he said had provoked the obstinate attitude. The CHAIRMAN said it was not in order for Hon. Mr. Beaver to proceed with this address until the point of order had been decided, and in turn called Mr. Beaver to order, requesting him to take his seat.

The CHAIRMAN thereupon announced that he would refer the matter to the other side, Mr. Beaver, who, being sent for, took the chair and received the formal complaint from Mr. Hall that the minority were persistently obstructing the business and that his authority and orders had been ignored.

The SPEAKER proceeded to consult May's Parliamentary Procedure upon the point, and sharply rebuked Hon. Mr. Beaver and Mr. Sword, who wished to at once argue the matter, with the remark, "I'll stand no nonsense; I want that understood. I will give you May straight."

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Hon. Mr. DAVIS suggested that the point raised as to whether the amendment was in order should be referred to the Speaker. This being agreed to the Speaker was called to the chair.

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lost no time in commencing operations, rising to object to vote 21, \$3,000 for miscellaneous advertising. His remarks drew from Hon. Mr. DAVIS the explanation that on account of the general elections the amount to be expended during the coming year will necessarily be large.

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Don't Lose Heart. What finer can you drink than JOHN JAMESON & SONS' WHISKY. "OWN CASED" Very Old BLACK-BOTTLE WHISKY.

Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLOROZYNE. Vice-Chancellor Sir W. PATERWOOD stated publicly in 1878 that Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE was undoubtedly the inventor of Chlorozyne.

HON. MR. BEAVER commenced an address on the subject of the conversion of the land from agriculture to grazing.

HON. MR. DAVIS said that he would let the hon. gentleman have the floor, and that he would not take his seat as yet.

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Advertisement for 'COCA' medicine, including 'Coca-Cola' and 'Coca-Pop' brands, with text describing its benefits for various ailments.

THE CITY. From THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 24. The charge against J. Fullerton of using a cancelled postage stamp was dismissed in the police court yesterday.

A PORT TOWNSEND SPECIAL TO THE COLONIST. says: "The largest building in Neah Bay—the India Agency—with its contents, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the kitchen; cause not known."

At the regular meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society last evening, Mr. Watt resumed his interesting talks on Scottish history, treating of this absorbing subject from the stirring times of Robert Bruce down to the present.

The case of Lee Got, charged on the information of Benjamin Davis, his next-door neighbor, with harboring a vicious terrier dog, was in the police court yesterday and was again remanded, until Monday next.

In the Divisional court yesterday, composed of the Chief Justice and Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, the appeal of the B.C. Iron Works v. Buse and others was argued.

A TELEGRAM was received yesterday from Golden announcing the death of Miss Margaret (Daisy) Hardie, daughter of Mrs. Henry Hardie, of this city.

HABIB NASSIR was sentenced to nine months in the Victoria Prison by Mr. Justice Drake, in the Speedy trial court.

One of the best known cattle men in the Province, Mr. Price Ellison, of Vernon, is at present visiting Victoria—the first time in some sixteen years.

Mr. GEORGE STREITZ, a native of Bavaria and one of the foremost growers of Victoria, died yesterday at his residence on Flaxland street, after a long-continued illness.

At the trial of Mr. W. T. Jennings, an eminent engineer of Toronto and formerly chief engineer of the Coast by the G.P.F.S.R. survey between 1875 and 1879 in this Province and laid out the line between Boston Bar and Harrison.

PETITION PRESENTED. From THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 25.

The Lower Fraser Deputation Ask Government Aid for Bridge and Railway. Request for a Guarantee on Bonds and Interest at Four Per Cent.

The following is the full text of the petition presented to the Government, praying for aid toward the construction of the Delta, Westminster & Eastern railway and the Fraser river bridge:

"We, the undersigned, in view of the proposed undertaking of the company, in the existing circumstances, it can easily be seen that there is good reason to expect that the company would be able to pay a fair dividend from the completion of the first section of its railway and the bridge, and to believe that nothing but the present extraordinary financial depression could make it necessary to ask for a guarantee by the Government of the company's bonds, which in good times might be expected to be salable without it."

"The extreme limit for the amount to be guaranteed as asked is \$750,000, interest at four per cent. per annum, for \$30,000; which, for the next five years, would certainly be covered, if the necessary funds were raised by the company already granted of \$15,000, and the railway and traffic tolls, apart from an ordinary revenue from the railway, and at the end of that time the ordinary revenue, combined with the tolls upon traffic, if necessary, may be counted upon as sufficient to protect the Government against loss."

A CREDITABLE SHOWING. There was a considerably larger attendance than usual at the annual general meeting of the Victoria Cricket Club held last evening in the Clarence.

Table showing cricket scores with columns for 'Runs', 'Wickets', and 'Losses' for various teams including H.M. Navy, Corrie College, Tacoma, United Bank, etc.

THE OAR. WAITING FOR THE ANSWER. TORONTO, Feb. 23.—J. G. Gaudaur, of Odessa, the champion sculler of America, is in the city waiting to hear from the British representative in the double sculling match with reference to the double sculling match between himself and Hanlan and Sullivan and Harding.

THE 'WRESTLER' LIBELLED. A claim was yesterday filed by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company against the barkentine 'Wrestler,' now on White Rock, Esquimalt harbor. The claim is based on the engagement of the steamer 'Dante' by the master of the 'Wrestler' to tow the latter off the rocks, and it is stated that the amount of remuneration, which should be \$250 in any case, should not be dependent on the success of the venture. The attempt was made, but the 'Dante's' hawser was broken, and it was claimed that the agreement was that it was to be recomposed to the amount mentioned if the hawser should break.

HINTS FOR FIRE WARDENS. From THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 25.

Instructive Paper on Insurance and Other Matters Delivered at the Fire Chiefs' Convention. The Superiority of the Fully Paid Department and its Efficiency as a Rate Reducer.

The following paper on fire insurance rates and the beneficial results of paid fire departments was read by Chief Deasy, of Victoria, at the recent convention held in San Francisco, and as it contains a deal of information and valuable suggestions the principles set forth were adopted by the convention.

"The topic assigned to me, viz: 'The importance of insurance companies discriminating in favor of lower rates of insurance in all cities (large or small) having paid fire departments,' is a subject of great interest to the insurance companies and inhabitants of the Pacific coast. Wooden structures prevail in all cities of our jurisdiction, and without proper protection destructive fires occur. During the days of our good old volunteer fire departments city after city, and town after town, disappeared in smoke. Seattle, the queen city of the Puget Sound, vanished in a day. Vancouver, the phenomenal city of British Columbia, was wiped off the face of the earth in a few hours; Spokane, Ellensburg, Kamloops and numerous other places were swept out of existence in spite of the efforts of volunteer fire departments. Like magic cities sprang into life again in a short time, to replace the burned districts, and a new order of things was inaugurated. Trained men, with modern appliances, took the place of volunteer firemen with old fashioned apparatus. Electric fire alarms were substituted for croaked town bells. Horses and swinging harness were installed to aid in saving time, the great object whenever fire is in progress. It is almost unnecessary to mention that the result was a complete triumph for the paid fire department, and afforded better security to the lives and property of the citizens. The loss by fire decreased wherever a paid fire department existed. In proof of the last statement I quote from the records of the city I have the honor to represent. During 1886, by fire in the volunteer system, the loss amounted to \$126,000. During 1887, under the paid system, the loss was reduced to \$42,000, a saving of \$84,000. From 1887 to 1894 the average yearly loss amounted to \$17,000."

"Wherever a healthy, well-paid fire department exists, the city is hopeful and insurance companies do a good business. It is the same with communities as with individuals. A man is culpably negligent if he neglects to provide his family with food and lay aside a sum in case of distress. A city is more than careless that fails to furnish adequate protection against fire and cannot see the advantage of providing against disaster by insuring valuable property. If experience shows hazards in cities with volunteer fire departments to be very great, so great that they are at all times liable to the danger of a conflagration, it also proves that rates should be reduced in cities with well disciplined and paid firemen. In whatever manner fire departments may be regulated or equipped, they must always be inferior to paid departments. Firemen who are drilled once a week, or once a month, can never be as expert as those who are drilled every day. The men who are bound to obey their officers once a week or once a month, and who at all other times are left to their own devices, to manage their own affairs, their own work, without being in any respect accountable to anyone can never have the same disposition to obey as those whose whole time and conduct are continually directed. Regularity, order and obedience are qualities of material importance in fire departments. What the firemen may be in private life is outside the question. Frequent fire drills and discipline in all cities under the volunteer system. Many persons argue that small cities and towns cannot afford the expense connected with a paid fire department. A city must indeed be in very straitened circumstances and cannot be alive to its interests when using such an argument. New Westminster, a city in this jurisdiction, with less than 8,000 inhabitants, has a paid department consisting of ten men. During the last year of the volunteer department the loss by fire in New Westminster amounted to over \$100,000. In 1893, with ten full paid firemen, the loss by fire was \$25,000. With regard to rates of insurance on the American side I know very little. In British Columbia, insurance companies are alive to the importance of paid fire departments. Rates in Victoria are very low despite the fact that the thirty-three companies doing business are taxed \$800 annually. Certainly the insured parties complain at the rates, and still our city cannot understand the fact that insurance is not a philanthropic work, and without insurance companies it is not a public enterprise which would be crippled. The question appertains to 'What shall we insure?' but 'How much is it worth to carry the risk?' Rates are based on the laws of averages, taking the sum total of losses occurring within a certain term of years. It would be manifestly unjust if a good, well-protected city to pay losses occasioned by fire in poorly equipped cities. Looking the stable door after the steed is stolen is like organizing a paid fire department after a city burns to the ground. Even in this progressive city no blame can be attached to the insurance companies if rates are high. The fire department is behind the times, notwithstanding every effort on the part of Chief Sullivan to open the eyes of citizens to the necessity of a full paid system. People cannot realize the magnitude of the danger in a city with a volunteer fire department. It is not a matter of any magnitude. The suggestions to increase the efficiency of insurance, but object to increased taxation, imposed for the purpose of affording protection from loss by fire."

"Among the reasons, therefore, why insurance companies should discriminate in favor of cities with paid fire departments, are the following: Trained men with horses and every appliance for fighting fires, are at all times ready to answer the electric alarm. Discipline is enforced, and fires are suppressed by men who have made this a profession. Approved protection is afforded by the construction of waterworks and the purchase of modern apparatus. Heads of fire departments and municipal authorities are constantly devising means for the prevention and suppression of fires. Incendiaries, the base of insurance companies, and usually frustrated by a majority of fires, are usually frustrated by the prompt work of the paid firemen. All suggestions to increase the efficiency of insurance, but object to increased taxation, are finally repulsive prompt consideration and, finally, repelled by fire, on the Pacific Coast, is decreasing wherever a paid fire department exists. Large cities remain as equals, and suffer to a great extent through the short-sightedness of the authorities in small places. It can scarcely be laid at the door of insurance companies that rates are exorbitant in many of our cities. We assemble to exchange ideas, and it is of paramount importance to know the reason why rates on this coast are considered fair by insurance men. They contend that our two largest cities, San Francisco and Portland, are, under the call system, insufficiently protected. Seattle and Spokane have full paid fire departments; but many years full paid fire departments have full paid fire departments in the two last mentioned cities. They argue that every city fire department is situated by those in charge of municipal affairs and point to our yearly reports as convincing proof of their argument. Folks invade fire departments causing dissension and changes, oftentimes detrimental to the good government of the firemen. Fire insurance companies, they justly contend, are organized to give security to the wealth of private individuals. By dividing among many that which would accrue to an individual, insurance falls light and easy on the whole society. The fire insurance companies employ their capital in a way whereby they receive the greatest returns. Their plans and projects tend always to render the annual income as great as possible, and competition is a factor in keeping rates at a proper standard. Insurance agents, as a rule, through business men and real estate inspectors from the head offices are constantly visiting our fire halls, studying our methods for extinguishing fire, and if our cities are unprepared for an emergency they realize it better than we can tell them."

"In giving both sides of this question, I trust our city authorities will realize what well regulated, full paid fire departments will cause a reduction of rates of insurance. The loss by fire is increasing annually on the Atlantic Coast. An ounce of prevention is far better than a pound of cure. Paid fire departments were brought into existence as a safeguard against disaster. Their efficiency has been shown time and again, and it now remains for our superiors to prove whether, like Nero, they will sit idly by and fiddle while our cities burn, or will reduce losses by placing in our hands the wherewithal to prevent and suppress fires, thereby reducing the modern ash heap, and as a natural result, lowering rates of insurance."

BLUE COAT BOYS. Visitors to the old country must have been struck by an odd figure often to be seen in the streets of London—a bare-headed boy clad in a long blue coat, which comes down to his heels if it is not tucked up in his red leather girdle, yellow stockings and knee breeches, and a white waistband at the neck. Londoners will tell you that he is a blue coat boy, or a scholar at Christ's hospital, whose students have worn this singular costume ever since the foundation of the institution by King Edward VI. in 1553. It was originally intended as a mark of distinction for the poor boys belonging to the higher grades of society. The roll of distinguished names includes Camden, Stillingfleet, Coleridge and Lamb, along with many others of less note.

A large part of the income of the school comes from the subscriptions of the governors, who, in return for a gift of not less than £2,500, acquired the right of nominating free scholars in whose welfare they are interested. A few years ago the Charity Commissioners laid hands upon the foundation, and among other steps they took for bringing the school into line with modern requirements was the abolition of this privilege. The governors resented the curtailing of their rights, and making it secure any remedy by process of law, they took the only effective step of cutting off their subscriptions. The consequence has been an increasing reduction in the income of the school, the deficiency last year amounting to something like \$40,000. On her measures taken by the commissioners for demoralizing the school, and making it impossible for those for whom it was originally intended, have disappointed the good intentions of the framers of the new scheme.

To add to the present troubles, the drainage of the old boarding-school was found defective, as was very clearly proved by the serious outbreak of scarlet fever, resulting in the closing of the school. It has now been re-opened as a day school, but this is merely a temporary expedient, as there is no doubt that a new school is required. But the question is, where is the money to come from, for the corporation have been obliged to entrench on capital to meet current needs, and in this way the annual income of the school has been reduced by about \$80,000. The Council of Almoners announce that now that the inducements to become a governor have been taken away, they have little hope of further benefactions, and they are thinking seriously of reducing the number of pupils, which for many years past has never fallen below a thousand. Everyone regrets the misfortune of an institution which has been both a useful and a picturesque feature of English life for so many centuries, and it is to be hoped that some way will be found of reconciling those who were once generous supporters of the foundation, but are now entirely alienated by what looks very like a stupid official blunder.

A Gentleman
Who formerly resided in Connecticut, but who now resides in Honolulu, writes: "For 20 years past, my wife and I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor, and we attribute to it the dark hair which we have, while hundreds of our acquaintances, ten or a dozen years younger than we, are either gray-headed, white, or bald. When asked how our hair has retained its color and fullness, we reply, 'By the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor—nothing else.'"

Ayer's Hair Vigor
Advertisement for Ayer's Hair Vigor, describing its benefits for hair growth and health, and including testimonials from satisfied customers.

THE POLICY OF DETRACTION.

The Leader of the Opposition and his supporters are exerting themselves to the utmost to prevail upon the majority of the Provincial Assembly to declare that they have no confidence in the Government.

The money that has been borrowed has been borrowed for the use of the people, and the Government have been able to obtain it on very favorable terms.

The Opposition not being able to deny that the Government have worked for the good of the Province, and that it has benefited by the laws they have introduced.

There is on the Statute books of the Province a certificate of Mr. Brown's ability as an administrator and of his respect for law when in the office of Mayor.

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ASTOUNDING IGNORANCE.

Mr. Brown was nearly caught out by the Finance Minister of Tuesday, when he blamed the Government for not making the trust funds, so-called, a liability of the Province.

According to Mr. Beaven it is a grave political offense for a Government to expend money under Special Warrants and Orders in Council.

The Leader of the Opposition inveighs against the Government for spending money without authority, yet he conceals the fact that far more than half the sum which he arraigns the present Government for spending in that way, it had the very best warrant for spending.

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The desirability of calling an early meeting to discuss the form to be taken by this year's celebration of Her Majesty's birthday anniversary, meets with general approval, and already the many to be found who incline to the opinion that a week's carnival of sport could be conveniently and advantageously arranged.

There was a liberal amount of enjoyment furnished those who attended at St. Paul's Presbyterian church last evening, the occasion being a "recess breaker" for the Ladies Aid of that congregation, whose growth numerically is giving strength to all their undertakings.

The lecture room of the Metropolitan Methodist church was well filled at the Charity concert last evening, and though several changes were made in the order of the programme, none of the artists whose names appeared on it were absent.

THE CHINESE.

There was a remarkably lively discussion on the Chinese question at the single tax club meeting last evening, when a good audience gathered to hear what was to be said.

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