

CONSERVATIVES AND THE TARIFF.

Mr. Borden said at Winnipeg: "No matter is so vital to the country as that the government should have a policy on this question of the tariff, and not be afraid to avow it to the country. We in the opposition have avowed ours."

views upon the question, as every individual with a "mind of his own" has his opinions upon the questions of the day. When Parliament meets it will be made acquainted with the decision of the cabinet as a whole.

UNOBTRUSIVE JOHN.

Powerful forces, as a rule, go about the business they have in hand without much fuss. Notwithstanding all the talk about the decadence of Britain, John Bull can make a few things yet. For instance, the Pacific cable. When the scheme was first mooted, it was talked about a good deal. Considerable agitation was necessary before the government was convinced that it was worth the trouble to undertake the task.

THE BOND OF UNION.

The Pacific cable has been completed and with the conclusion of that undertaking one of the most important links in the great chain of Empire has been forged and placed in position. It has been repeatedly demonstrated to the satisfaction of those in whom the "wish is father to the thought" that Great Britain and her greater colonies are drifting farther apart politically, and that the day must soon come for a final severance of the ties which, in spite of severe strains in times not so very distant, have bound them together more or less strongly ever since the foundations of the commonwealth were laid. It cannot be denied that there are forces making for union and forces making for disruption, but in the eyes of those who view the various movements in their true perspective there is no present doubt as to which movement is the stronger, and unless there should be an unforeseen political catastrophe, will in the end prevail.

years transform it into the chief of the world's highways. It means that improved and cheaper means of communication, assisted by the preference in trade which is promised as a result of the Colonial conference, will quicken our business relations with the people of the great and growing southern commonwealth, and that there will almost certainly ensue before long a considerable expansion in our trade with our brethren in that portion of the Empire. For these reasons it is eminently fitting that we of Victoria should participate in some local celebration of the great event the complete significance of which we cannot fully grasp. But as marking the triumph of the forces of progress and unity over those of reaction and division, there is double cause for jubilation. The movement towards consolidation has merely commenced. It will gather momentum as it progresses. When successes have been achieved in minor matters, those who ventured forward charily in the first instance will be emboldened to try longer strides, while others who stood aloof and washed their hands of all responsibility will be induced to embrace the movement. We who live to-day have no conception of what we may behold before we depart.

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that the bill is essentially a distinct advance on Liberal lines, and Nonconformists would see this were it not for the animosity which the Anglican clergy have somehow evoked." This strongly supports the ideas of the Times. The agitation against the act is mainly sectarian, and not political or educational.

Sir Oliver Lodge seems to think that, however the politicians may dispute and wrangle, the bill is excellent from an educational point of view. Canon Barnett submits and supports the proposition (1) that either County Councils or School Boards must surrender their control if there is to be order under one authority; (2) that the denominations are in possession of a large part of the field, and (3) that all recognized schools should be able to give an equally good secular education."

Sir Edmund Barton said on his return home: "In all that I have seen I have been more and more convinced that the opinion I brought back to Australia in 1900 was a true one, that if the Empire is to hold its own with other nations it must grow closer together. That statement would be a platitude if there were not so many who seem to deny it. But countries so widely separated as, for instance, the United Kingdom and Australia, can only be brought together by better knowledge of each other on the part of their citizens. To bring this knowledge about, with all its attendant benefits, not only must we lead our external trade into the hands of each other as kinsmen, but we must not rest content with mere professions. Our best means of helping each other to attain the knowledge which means strength both in peace and in war is to quicken and cheapen communication, whether by cable, by post, or by personal transit; and if we make external communication quicker we should not be dim in accelerating our knowledge of each other in Australia."

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A STRONG, VIGOROUS MAN Is Liable to Break Down—Pe-ru-na is Sure to Restore.



ALDERMAN FRANK DUNN

Bro. Frank Dunn, Alderman Twenty-Fourth District, writes from 222 East Fifty-Eighth Street, New York City: The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O. Gentlemen: "There is no remedy for a broken-down system that I know of which will so effectually restore health as Peruna."

WILL SUCCEED THE PHAETON ON PACIFIC

H. M. S. Flora Will Be Commissioned at Plymouth on 11th Inst. for Esquimaut Station. H. M. S. Phaeton, which is now doing duty at Panama in protecting the interests of British subjects there while the revolution is in progress, will not return to Esquimaut. Her commission, as also that of the Amphion, which is now in the latter will probably remain on this station, the Phaeton is to be sent home, she having put in a long service on this Coast.

BRIDGE TENDERS.

To the Editor:—I notice by yesterday's Colonist that the tenders for the new Point Ellice bridge have all been received, and that they are in the hands of the city clerk, and that that accommodating official has been handing out these tenders (which of course are all enclosed) for inspection of reporters. About a year ago this city experienced some trouble in regard to tenders for this same work, and it appears to me it is a most singular thing that tenders for public works amounting to \$100,000 should be in the city clerk's possession in the first place, and in the second place that he should employ any person to inspect or handle the same previous to the opening of them by the council. It appears to me that these documents should be placed in the city's vault on receipt and kept there until required by the council. While in no manner intimating that any wrong has been done, still to prevent any insinuations or innuendoes as to juggling, would it not have been common sense to have done as above suggested?

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WILL NOT WORK.

Washington, Oct. 31.—A severe arraignment of the Indians on the Ponca Voto and Okland reservation in Oklahoma is made by Agent Erwin, in charge of that reservation, in his annual report to the commissioners of Indian affairs. The report says: "Hardly any of the young Indians, those who have graduated from non-reservation schools as well as those who have attended for a number of years, do any work at all. It can be set down as a perfectly safe rule that as a class the young educated Indians are the most worthless ones in the whole tribe. Nearly all of the work done by the tribes is performed by the middle-aged bodied-ones who cannot write or speak English. The educated Indian coming from the schools usually gives the excuse that he has nothing with which to work, neither money, implements nor stock of any kind."

HOTEL FAIRVIEW FIRE.

R. Russell, President of the Fairview Corporation, Gives Additional Detail. J. Robinson, of Vancouver, formerly secretary to R. Russell, president of the Fairview corporation, has received a letter from Mr. Russell, giving an account of the recent fatal fire at the Fairview hotel. The letter states that the fire must have started about 2 a.m., as Frank French, one of the guests, was reading until 1:30 a.m., when he put out his light. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Mathias heard a crackling sound, and, going out, found the lower portion of the staircase in flames. She immediately rushed to the rooms of the guests to awake them, while her husband ran down stairs to try and extinguish the fire. C. A. C. Steward accompanied him, but the flames were so fierce that Mr. Steward had to throw a pail of water over Mr. Mathias to extinguish the flames round him. The latter was, however, fatally burnt, as is already known.

WILL COME TO CANADA.

Large Number of Reservists Likely to Sail in the Spring. Montreal, Oct. 31.—The London cable to the Star says the high commissioner is receiving practical support from the colonies in various British regimental districts, where South African soldiers reservists have been discharged, in his efforts to induce those who have been unable to obtain employment here to settle in Canada on land. There is every indication that a large number will proceed to Canada in the spring. The Elder Dempster line has promised to reduce passages. The high commissioner has also organized a series of Canadian lectures up and down Great Britain this winter illustrated by lantern slides. A large number of applications have been received from schools, institutes and clubs eager to know more about Canada.

RELEASED ON BONDS.

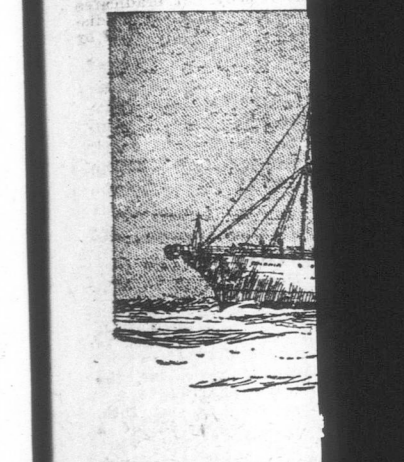
New York, Oct. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Quimby and John C. Lathrop, a Christian Science healer, gave bonds for \$2,000 to-day for their appearance for trial. They were indicted yesterday at Whiteplains for manslaughter in the second degree for having caused the death of Esther Quimby, seven years old, by neglecting to provide medical attendance.

VISITING VICTORIA.

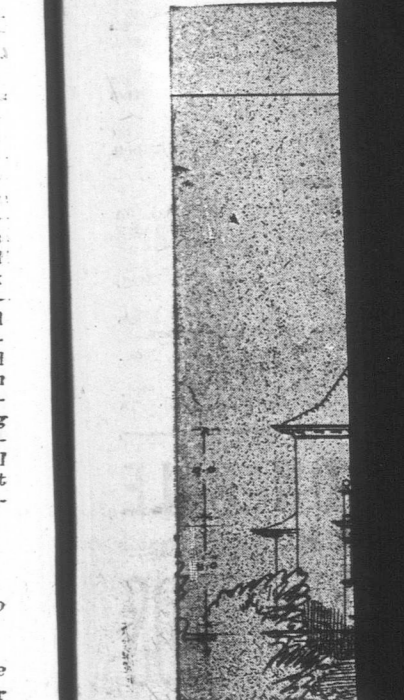
J. T. Wilkinson, of Vancouver, was in the city Saturday. Since his last visit to Victoria he has visited most of the creeks in the Klondike. He "took in" the Atlin country on his way home, and stopped half a day in Vancouver, going thence direct to the Hot Springs, Virginia, to attend the "Two Hundredth Convention" of the New York Life. Any man writing \$200,000 of business was entitled to this trip at the expense of the New York Life. Mr. Wilkinson wrote a quarter of a million in four months, and was one of only two from the Dominion who attended. He was delighted with the Southern country, and visited

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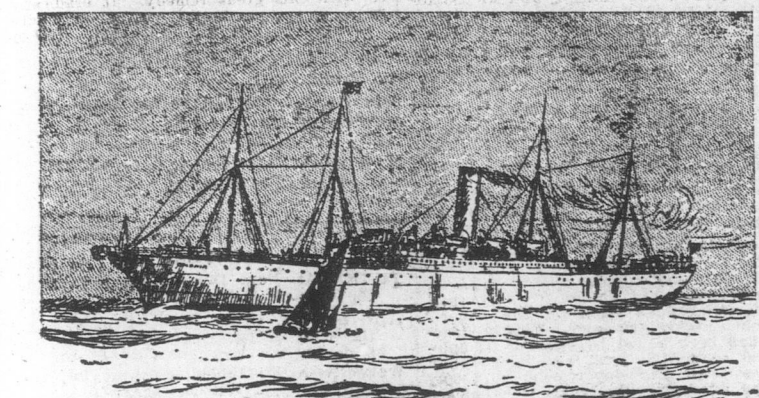
other parts of the empire. By means of the Atlantic trans-Canadian telegraph line an all-British telegraph network Britain, Canada, and Hawaiian colonies. The laying of the final sea cable was completed at Suva

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THE "ALL RED" CABLE COMPLETED

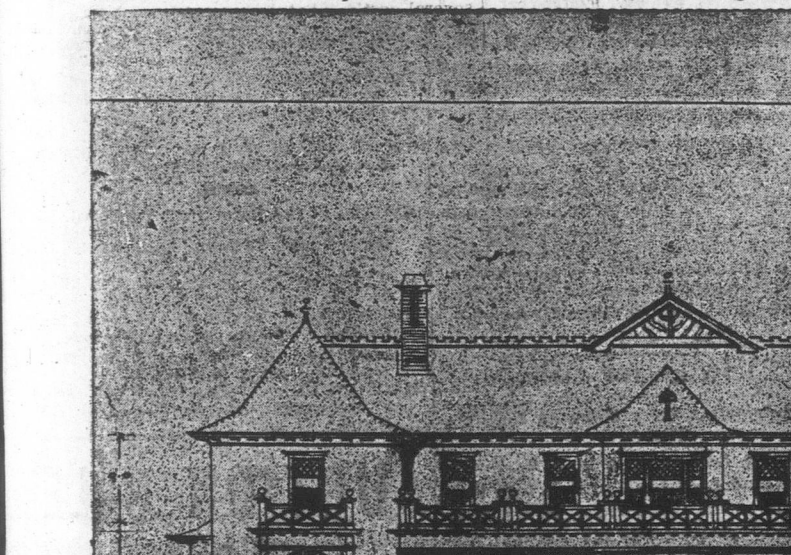
Last Section of the Line Which Links British Empire Has Been Laid at Suva, Fiji Islands.

The Pacific cable is completed and what was but a few years ago looked upon by many as merely a visionary scheme has been brought to a successful conclusion. Among cable laying undertakings it has been by far the most gigantic in its character. No other such work which could at all compare with it has ever been undertaken, and in a manner peculiarly unostentatious and as such characteristic of the British people, whether in the mother country or in the colonies, it has been carried out.



CABLE SEAMER COLONIA.

With the eastern terminus of the cable, starting from Bamfield Creek, on Vancouver Island, the cable laying has been brought very intimately to the attention of the people of Victoria. The cable seamer Colonia started on her work from here and from time to time there have visited the city the consulting engineers of the Pacific Cable board and of the construction company. Kept closely in touch with the various stages of the work, Victoria has had a peculiar interest in the work, and will fittingly celebrate the completion of this great undertaking, which is calculated to bind together even more closely the mother land and the



THE CABLE BUILDINGS AT BAMFIELD CREEK, NEAR VICTORIA.

other parts of the empire. The Pacific cable board, representing these several interests, have carefully supervised the work from its very commencement. The construction of the cable has been done under the supervision of its engineers, and in turn the laying of it has been carefully watched by experienced men representing the board. Thus, while the



LANDING THE CABLE.

Drawing the line in from buoys which carried the wire from the ship to beach.

Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Company have had the contract for the work it has been carried out actually under the eye of the engineers of the cable board.

F. R. Lucas, the chief engineer of the Construction Company, has accompanied the cable steamers throughout their work, and was assisted by an able body of assistants including T. Clark, chief electrician; T. London, M. R. Bond, Mr. Studer, Mr. Bernier; J. Downes and W. Hintzle.

A. L. Dearbone, a well trained engineer, represented the Pacific cable board upon the Australian-Suva end of the line and then was despatched to Bamfield, the Canadian terminus, to fill the trying position of making the official test of the line.

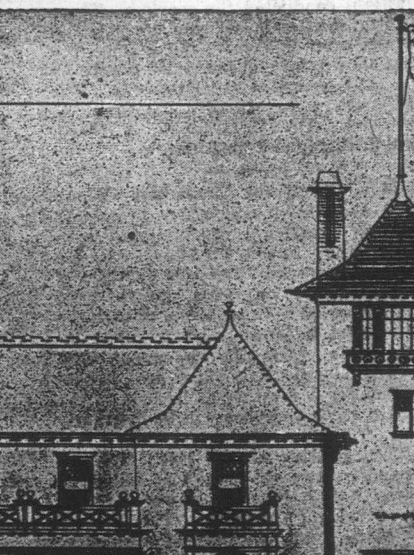
From Bamfield Creek to Suva, E. E. Peake has represented the board on the Columbia, and later on the Anglia. When such great care has been exercised, in connection with the work it is safe to assume that it has been well done, and the cable will stand the most severe tests to which it may be subjected.

With a length of 3,455 miles along which to transmit the electric energy necessary to the success of cablegramming, too great care could not be exercised in the work. To facilitate this the Dearlove automatic transmitter, the invention of the engineer who is now connecting the official terminus at Bamfield Creek, will be used. By this the paper is fed into a mechanism which punches the letters. This is in turn fed into the transmitter, and thus sent forward. By utilizing this it is expected that a speed of one hundred letters a minute will be attained. So far the test has been most satisfactory.

The laying of the cable began last winter under the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Company. The Australian end of the line was first undertaken, and their cable steamer, the Anglia, laid the two sections connecting Southampton, in Queensland, Australia, and Doubtless Bay, New Zealand, with Norfolk Island, where a station was established. These two sections are respectively 835 miles and 518 miles long.

From Norfolk Island the Anglia proceeded to Suva, in the Fiji Islands, paying out the 931 miles of cable, forming the necessary connection on the all-British cable line. On April 23rd Suva was reached, and the Anglia returned to England for a new supply of cable for continuing the work.

The Colonia, the new cable steamer belonging to the Telegraph & Maintenance Company, was hurried to completion by the builders, the Wigham-Richardson Company, of Newcastle, to get her ready for the laying of the long section of the cable from Bamfield Creek to Fanning Island. While the Colonia was being built the cable line for this longest stretch of cable in the world was also being manufactured. Almost simultaneously, in almost one year's time, the



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was in evidence a broad spirit of Imperialism awakened by the display of this same spirit on the part of the leaders in the several parts of the Empire which culminated in the carrying out of this great enterprise.

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A Congratulatory Message Received by the King-- Victoria Celebrates the Completion of Work.

The part of this commencing at Bamfield Creek had to be constructed through the unbroken forest. From Alberni the existing line maintained by the government and the C. P. R. jointly was utilized. A wide clearing was made along the line, however, and an extra wire, specially heavy, was strung. Over a part of it new poles were put up. The line has all been completed for some time, Supt. Wilson pushing the work through with wonderful dispatch.

In a timely fitting manner Victoria



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o'clock in the morning, but the importance of the occasion induced them to hope that they might be excused for disturbing him at that hour.

To Sir Wilfrid Laurier would also be sent a message, which would probably reach him after he had retired. The active sympathy and assistance which he had given to the project had very materially assisted in bringing it to a successful completion.

To Sir Sandford Fleming also would be sent a message. His early efforts in this cause should not be forgotten. He had done much for it, even when it was regarded only as a dream.



BUOYING THE CABLE.

The Colonia men marking the end of the cable which was picked up by the Anglia of the country. They might have faith that God would continue to bless the nation.

H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P. H. D. Helmcken, in seconding the resolution, said he appreciated the work accomplished by these men who had worked so hard in accomplishing this

Queen of the South, of rich-deserved renown, On whom, benign, the Southern Cross looks down, Sprung from the lion's loins like us, you bear The image of your mother, strong and fair, We greet thee, scion of a noble line Of luck, whose names in history shall shine Long as the sun pursues his wonted way, And sweeps triumphant through the gates of day.

We greet thee, Sisters of the South, from this far sunset rim Of Canada's domain, and fill our chalice to the brim With wine of gratitude deep, and with delight sincere We touch the magic key, and flash this blessing to your care "Did you not yield your loyal meed, as subjects of the throne? Did not the heart's blood of your sons fall mingled with our own, That, from the sacred seed, deep-sown, should grow the tree of peace? Firm-rooted in a kindlier soil, and fruit without surcease? You have the products we desire, we, the merchandise you need, Shall not this chosen batch to-day, a closer commerce breed?"

And thou, O, sea-girl Isle, Britannia's ancient home, We send to thee this greeting, beneath the tossing foam: "All hail, O noblest Fount of Liberty divine, Hall, Flag of Freedom, waving o'er the brine This is the welcome day that joins thee ocean isles On which the sun of promise ever brightly smiles, Welcome this happy hour, blest hour to That belts the earth with gladness in one unbroken span."

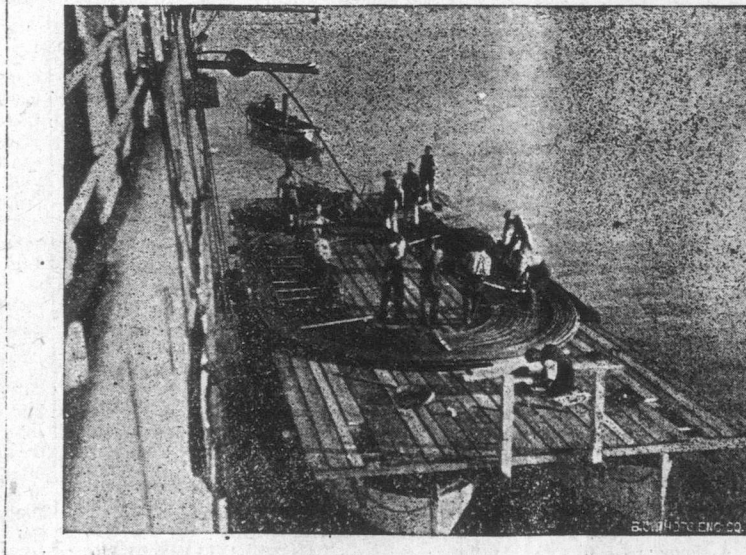
Mysterious force! whose seamless robe engirds the earth with power, Whose fiery arrows fiercely cleave the bosom of the shower, Whose bright auroras glid the dome of Arctic solitudes, Where everlasting winter reigns, and silence ever broods, Whose wondrous needle points the way across the stormy deep And guides throughout the trackless wilds and ill the mountaintops, Whose glorifying beams illum the caverns of the night, And cheer the homes of millions with incandescent light, Thy hands are everywhere outstretched to do the will of man, No age so blest with favor since the world began; Even now thy towers receive man's message from the breeze, And wait his whispered words o'er confluence and sea, Ere long his voice shall thunder at the gates of Mars, And we shall hold communion with the splendid Stars.

It was received with great applause. Sir Henri Joly. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor moved the next resolution, which was read by Rev. Dr. Campbell. It was as follows: Whereas, the work of laying the Pacific cable from Bamfield, on the West Coast of this Island, via the Fanning and Fiji Islands, to connect with the British cable system at Australia, is this day an accomplished fact; And whereas, by the completion of this great work, the world is now engirdled by an all-British cable, and the several members of the British family of nations are thereby bound together as never before; And whereas, the successful completion of this undertaking cannot fail to greatly facilitate and enlarge trade relations, promote a closer union of interests between and prove of incalculable benefit to all parts of the British Empire; And whereas, by the laying of this cable the city of Victoria becomes an important station on the Imperial highway of telegraphic communication now opened up, and consequently will directly participate in the beneficial results which, for all time, will flow from the achievement of the event we now celebrate;

Therefore be it resolved, That this meeting of the citizens of Victoria, representing every office and calling, profession and occupation within its bounds, called in honor of the occasion, do hereby express its sense of thankfulness to Almighty God that this new means for the further union and consolidation of the Empire has been so successfully established and, in this auspicious hour, join hands with Britons round the world in mutual congratulation.

W. J. Dowler was introduced to recite an original poem composed for the occasion. The poem was recited with great effect, and was as follows: THE GIRDLE OF EMPIRE. Another onward stride, another forward bound, Let the note of triumph round the world resound, Wake, I pray, of gladness, ring, O, bells, your cause, Fill the air with music, let the earth keep time, For the mighty pulse of life is throbbing with delight, And the caravans of the ages are rolling from our sight, And we hail the rising splendor of this tremendous new, When the world is clothed in brightness, and continents are born.

The lifting of a lid unloosed the potent arm of steam, The flying of a kite drew out the cleaving thunder-gleam, And forth the wheels of industry begin to move space, And forth the upward march of progress laughs at time and space; The east and west, the north and south, are phantoms of the brain, In loyal hearts and true-clasp hands, beneath the swelling main.



ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF LANDING CABLE.

This plan was employed where the approach to the land was by shallow water and over an extreme distance, when it was too far to handle by casks.

