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Salisbury's Warning.

Britain Must Be Prepared to Fight on Sea and Land.

He Does Not Speak to Alarm But to Counsel Watchfulness.

The Spirit of Voluntary Service Must Be Fostered and Propagated.

London, May 9.—The annual grand meeting of the Primrose League was held in Albert Hall this afternoon. Lord Salisbury, who presided, commented on the remarkable change which had taken place in the latter half of the century in the views of the people regarding the Empire. They had formerly repelled it as a burden, and that doctrine had been carried to such extremes by a man of splendid genius, Gladstone, that it had produced a strong reaction which started after the disaster of Majuba Hill and the death of Gen. Gordon. The death of Gordon had been avenged. Perhaps it was not soon to say the great humiliation of Majuba Hill had been effaced or that the great wrong had been righted, but he felt that things were on the road to a new era. Under the brilliant guidance of Lord Roberts, 200,000 soldiers, a larger army than had ever before been sent across the sea, were now engaged in reducing to obedience to the Queen those territories which ought never to have been separated from the empire. It was the only chance it has of peace, development and tranquility.

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SEA WITCHES' FAULT.

Advices Show She Was to Blame for the Boarding.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh on His Way West—New Lease Line.

Winnipeg, May 9.—A Starbuck correspondent reports a double drawing was made at Fannyville. Two young boys, sons of new settlers, went out for a row in a skiff on Mallard lake and both were rescued. Hon. Charles Mackintosh, of Rossland, was here to-day en route home from the East. The Manitoba & Northwestern railway will be taken over by the C. P. R. as a leased line May 15. The C. P. R. will receive \$100,000 for that line to three cents per mile and a daily passenger train service from Winnipeg to Minnedosa will be maintained. D. McNeill, vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R. arrived in the city this morning on his first annual trip of inspection in his new official capacity. The meeting adjourned.

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NOTE—Avoid baking powders made from alum. They look like pure powder, but may raise the cakes, but alum is a poison and no one can eat food mixed with it without injury to health.

YANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

United States Consul Reports on Boer Prisoners—The Seized Flour.

Washington, May 9.—The department of state is in receipt of a despatch from the consul-general of the United States at Capetown, dated April 7, wherein he states that he had visited the Boer prisoners in camp and on board the transports at Simons Bay, at the military prison at Capetown, and in camp at Green Point. Mr. Stowe visited Gen. Cronje, who at the time was on board the flagship at Simons Bay, occupying the admiral's quarters. Gen. Cronje expressed a wish to see Mr. Stowe, and declared himself well satisfied with his treatment and the conditions of the health and more suitable quarters, the military authorities had deemed it best to forward about 1,500 prisoners to that point.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

Vienna, May 9.—In a free fight at the university to-day between German and Catholic students, the latter were driven out of the hall. The police were obliged to clear the precincts of the university with drawn swords.

FRENCH AT SMALDEEL.

Burgers Coming in and Surrendering Arms.

Smaldeel, May 8.—It is reported that the Federals are quitting Zand river, and it is variously stated that they are retreating toward the Vaal, and are concentrating their positions at Boesmansdorp of Kromstad. A large number of burgers have come in and delivered their Mausers and horses to the British. They affirm that there is a bitter quarrel between the Free States, and the Transvaalers, which is likely to end in the speedy surrender of the former. Gen. French has arrived here.

WANT WAR STOPPED.

The Hague, May 9.—The Netherlands Peace Society has addressed an appeal to President McKinley, begging him to further the special object of the Boer mission, to investigate their case, to bring out arbitration, and put a stop to the penurious war in Africa.

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The Colonist. FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1900.

THE WAB.

It is correct that the Free State capital has been removed to Helbron, the Boers can hardly intend to make much resistance at Kroonstad.

A despatch says that the Boers have deserted both Ladybrand and Fricksburg in a panic for fear that our troops will take possession of Senekal.

The report that the Boers are retreating from the Vaal, and are not making a stand south of the Vaal, taken in connection with the reported disaffection of the Free States, leaves room for doubt.

IS IT TRUE.

The statement is made that the government has issued a \$4,000 special warrant for expenditure of the roads of Esquimaux. Rumor gives the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works as authority for the report.

ANOTHER PLATFORM.

Of making platforms there is no end and much politics is a weariness to the flesh. This, with due apologies to Solomon, is my bid to sum up the present provincial situation.

Parliamentary independence, free from all companies, corporations, cliques and sets. Fearless adherence to principle, not slavish submission to party opportunists.

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would be obliged if you will tell us what it is. Mr. McInnes according to the Times wants government ownership of railways, public supervision of railway charges, the referendum and some other things.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

When a Martinite is cornered on the government ownership of railways, he usually brings the discussion to an abrupt termination by saying: "Joe does not mean it anyhow."

Mr. Martin did not content himself with a general statement that he is in favor of government ownership of railways, with which as a general proposition in economics many persons might agree.

We do not wish to be understood as charging Mr. Martin with insincerity in laying down his "government ownership" platform.

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the Imperialists are christening the baby before it is born, at which stage, as every one knows, there is always room for considerable doubt as to the sex of the infant, if nothing else.

The British Empire was not made. It is not the result of a conception in the mind of any statesman or the conclusion of a group of statesmen.

THE CHIEF ISSUE.

While the immediate object of the present political campaign is the overthrow of Mr. Martin, the great issue involved is the restoration of the principle of Responsible Government to British Columbia.

The serious fact about the Lieutenant-Governor's disregard of the fixed principles of representative responsible government is his evident belief that he is right in what he has done.

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else who has some chance of being elected. But we will confine ourselves to the case of Mr. Ryder. That gentleman was made finance minister, and that capacity for the period of one month was an adviser of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Let us suppose that Mr. Martin should decide on the night of June 8 to retire from office, who will be responsible for the administration of affairs since the prorogation of the house?

CONDITIONS IN ATLIN.

We find the following in a Seattle paper, attributed to Mr. Samuel Macaulay: The Yellow Jacket makes a phenomenal showing.

OUR FISHERIES.

The Montreal Herald interviewed Mr. L. J. Tynes, provincial secretary of New Brunswick, a few days ago, when that gentleman was returning from Ottawa.

This is a matter which comes very closely home to the people of this province. If the inshore fisheries and those in tidal waters belong to the several provinces, and the provincial ownership extends to the three-mile limit, a grave question arises as to the validity of the regulations made by the department of fisheries affecting the salmon fishery in this province.

Some days ago we had a letter from a school boy asking for the length and breadth of the two lakes Superior and Victoria Nyanza.

No Doctor This Spring

If the Kidneys and Liver Are Kept in Perfect Order by Using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They Are Marvellously Efficient in Preventing as Well as Curing Disease.

Spring is nature's cleaning time for the human system, and the kidneys and liver are worked overtime in the effort to remove the morbid waste matter from the blood.



So long as the kidneys and liver are active and vigorous there need be no fear of spring humors, pimples, boils and eruptions, for the poisons which cause these will then be effectually removed from the body.

Besides purifying the blood, cleansing the system and preventing the ill peculiar to spring, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will take the pains out of the back and sides and thoroughly cure Lumbar, Bright's Disease, Biliousness, Constipation, and the various complications, and derangements of the kidneys and liver.

The blood can only be cleansed by the activities of the kidneys and liver. That is the only means which nature has provided. To purify the blood you must work in harmony with nature and assist these organs in their gigantic task of continually filtering the blood.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

The disallowance of the Liquor License Act of 1899 because of the anti-Japanese clause in it has created a condition of things in this province that has no precedent.

Mr. H. D. Helmen, in a letter which we print this morning, directs attention to the advisability of some central organization to deal with hospital matters. The idea is very timely and ought to be taken up and acted upon.

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Merchandise exported from the port of Skagway to the interior of British Columbia in the first three months of the year was:

January 1000
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March 1000

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Skagway Paper Points Out How Canadians Hold the Business.

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Table with 2 columns: Month, Value. January: \$2,450; February: \$15,322; March: \$102,409.

By comparison of the two immediate foregoing statements it is seen that the goods going from Canadian ports to British territory by this route were far in excess of those from American ports...

This was also the case the latter part of last year, as is shown in the summary statements to the effect that the strictly American exports from Skagway to British territory from July 1 to December 31, six months aggregated in value \$750,000...

Just let anyone who may be interested take a walk to the wharf where a steamer is in port from British Columbia...

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MOORE ABANDONS CONTRACT. Could Not Furnish Bonds, so Sneider Gets Contract for Fire Hall.

At a short special meeting of the board of aldermen yesterday afternoon, the contract for the Victoria West fire hall was awarded to George B. Sneider...

Certain improvements and alterations to the offices at the city hall were alluded to in a letter from City Assessor North...

Ald. Stewart moved that the next general meeting of the court of revision be held in the city hall on Tuesday, 12th June...

Ald. Williams' motion that a road be set apart on the occasion of the fire-hall exhibition at Beacon Hill Park for the special use of pedestrians next came up.

Ald. Stewart did not know that the city had the power to close the road to all but pedestrians.

Ald. Williams hoped the motion would pass as the pedestrians required special protection.

The motion was agreed to and the council adjourned.

Latest News of the North.

Yukon Navigation on the Eve of Opening—Loss of the Dora B.

Japanese Weavers—The Reform Movement in China—Dorigo's Experience.

Variable and uncertain must be the maintenance of communication with the Northern country until navigation is restored on the Yukon and its tributaries...

Shipper by team on Lake Bennett is reported to have lost \$10,000 worth of valuable merchandise recently; the Flyer line management dropped through the ice...

They will go among these goods canned meats and hams from the east, fruits from Oregon and California, milk from Illinois...

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THE HOMING SEALERS. Arieta Runs Short of Supplies—The Triumph and the Geneva Arrive.

With the arrival home of the sealers Geneva and Triumph yesterday, the word is received of an unpleasantly close call on the supplies of the Arieta...

Two or rather three finds of ore bodies during the past few days lends a brilliancy to the record which the mining review in these columns in the course of its accounts of the weekly developments...

TO WORK AS WEAVERS. Eastern United States Manufacturers Encourage the Immigration of Japanese.

The big steamer Tosa-maru, of the N. Y. K. line, came in from the Orient on Sunday morning, with quite a numerous contingent of Japanese immigrants...

A new compressor going into the Evening Star mill will enable that mine to keep up regular shipments as soon as the installation is complete...

The No. 1 and Josie are still being held back by the non-arrival of the compressor and shipment of the mill...

The English Society for the Prevention of Consumption presided over by the Prince of Wales was met at the Victoria Hotel...

The first three days of the week were fine and warm due to an area of high barometric pressure hovering over the western coast...

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MARRIED. FOSTER-WOLFE—On Monday, May 7th, in Seattle, the Rev. C. L. Temple officiating...

WILKINSON-CROSBIE—At St. Peter's church, Vancouver, on the 17th of April 1899...

DIED. STANISH—At the Angel hotel, Langley street, Victoria, on the 8th instant...

Advertisement for APOLIO STEEL PILLS, a remedy for irregularities, superinduced bitter apple, etc.

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