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A QUESTION OF DETAIL.

Daily marking in schools, which is really a matter of departmental detail, has been made to assume the proportions of a political question. It seems a pity that matters of such small importance should be unduly magnified in this way.

This marking business may be looked upon by a few teachers as a subject of the highest importance, but it is really insignificant and should be left to be settled by the department of Education without the interference of persons who really do not know enough about school affairs to form an intelligent opinion upon it.

It may be said that professional men who have had experience in this matter of daily marking and have declared that it is impracticable. But there are others whose experience is as great, if not greater, and whose ability is not inferior, who assert that it is both practicable and beneficial.

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PARNELL'S TRIUMPH.

Counsel for the "Times" Apologizes and Regrets that the Letters Were Ever Published. Parnell Says He Never Heard of the Letters Until He Saw Them in the "Times."

Rumor that Attorney-General Webster Will Resign—The Question of Pigott's Extradition. LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the Parnell column this morning, on the opening of the court, Sir Richard Webster read a statement on behalf of the "Times," announcing the complete withdrawal from the inquiry of the evidence relative to the Parnell and other letters, and expressing the regret of the "Times" that it ever published them.

THE 'OPPOSITION'S' POVERTY. It is the duty of the representative of the people to see that the public accounts are correct, and that the taxes paid by the people are honestly and judiciously expended.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE suggestion, Mr. Parnell was called as a witness. His appearance in the crowded court room, and every eye was fixed upon him.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Fifth Parliament. SIXTEENTH DAY. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27, 1889. The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m. Prayers were read by Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A.

Mr. Laidner presented the petition of T. F. Sinclair, asking for the extension of a wagon road to Maple Ridge. Mr. Laidner presented the report of the select committee on standing orders and private bills, stating that the standing orders had been complied with in the petitions for acts of incorporation of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Co., and the National Electric Traction Co.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Wellington Collection. Work was resumed at the Wellington collieries yesterday so as to provide cargoes for the steamships Wellington and San Mateo, the ship Commodore and other vessels now en route.

The Vancouver Smelter. Mr. E. J. Dowling, who is in the city yesterday, informed a COLONIST representative that everything in connection with the smelter at Vancouver is now in good condition for work. There are now about 1500 tons of ore on the dump, and about 5000 tons more are ready to be shipped. It is estimated that the smelter will require to be roasted to eliminate the sulphur, before being put in the blast. This will require nine or ten weeks' delay. Work will not be resumed until the end of the month.

Alaska Sealers. Col. Barry has been watching the interests of the United States Government on Seal Island, for the past five years, arrived down from Alaska on the Ancon and spent several days in the district from which good results are expected. The country is literally intersected with quartz veins, all gold-bearing, and when cheaper transportation facilities are afforded by the construction of railroads, which within a few years must make their advent in Northern British Columbia, then this district will without a doubt take its place as the greatest gold producing centre in America. The resources of this district are not wholly mineral, for stock raising is quite an important industry and the fruit-growing capabilities of the valley of the Fraser for a distance of several hundred miles through the heart of the country are immense.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE. Articles have been signed at Nanaimo for a fifteen-hour go-as-you-please race between W. Stokes, the long distance runner of Nanaimo, and George Irvine, Vancouver, for \$100 a side. The race will take place in the Institute hall on March 11th, 12th and 13th—five hours each evening.

The Great Walking Match. The great six days go-as-you-please race at Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, for the championship of the world, came to an end at 10 o'clock last night, in the presence of an immense crowd of enthusiastic spectators. Frank Hart, the colored walker of New York proved the winner, having scored 5283 miles. E. C. Moore, of Philadelphia, came in second, with 5251 miles. Thomas Howard, of England, third, 456; Pat Guero, of San Francisco, fourth, 408; Robert Vint, New York, fifth, 356.

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The reason is given by Mr. John in his letter that appeared in Sunday's issue. When explanations were made it was found that the road which Mr. McHugh wanted to build was not the old Spanish road but a road through Mr. Reay's property which had never been a public road at all.

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Need for Memorializing the Imperial Government on the China Steamers.

The Opposition's Policy—Granting Deck Regulations—Lumbering Interests on the Columbia.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—This has been an interesting week in Parliament and our legislators have fairly settled down to work. The practice which was initiated last year of going on with supply before the delivery of the budget has again been put into effect.

It is a matter for regret that mainland jealousy of Victoria should militate against action on the part of the British Columbia members in reference to compelling the Japan-China steamer line to do so. It is the only meeting of parliament, the non-arrival of the cable and the fact that it is believed possible to get nothing so much as a regiment that to battle with blank cartridges in their pouches.

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WELL AND QUICKLY DONE.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are to be commended for the promptness with which they have acted in extending the city's limits. They did the right thing at the right time. It would have been most unwise to have deferred making the addition to the city's limits until two or three small and struggling municipalities had been established on its outskirts.

A NEW PLAN.

Dr. Parker, of the London Temple, wants to speak the workingmen. They are not in London it appears regular church goers. To get them to listen to what he has to say he tells them that it is expected they will attend the services he holds for them in their working clothes, and they may bring their pipes with them and smoke if they feel like it while he is talking.

THE NEW STATES.

The admission of four new States into the Union is a matter of no small importance to our big neighbor the Great Republic. That republic is becoming greater both in the number of States which form the Federation and in population.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Montreal Gazette, in an article on the Jesuits Bill, contrasts the fiery zeal for Protestantism that is now displayed by certain journals and religionists with their apathy while the bill was in its passage through the Quebec Legislature.

ON THURSDAY LAST THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH APPEARED IN OUR SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM OTTAWA:

Col. Prior was asked to-day what truth there was in the report that he would resign at the end of the session. He replied that he would not resign, but would remain in the House until the adjournment of the session after the decennial census of '91, and I mean to keep my word.

deal, instead of worse, for the change.

The self-governing communities which form the United States, have not for very long time worked more harmoniously together than they do now. There is really no greater question to keep them apart or to be a cause of disunion in the future.

A FERTILE FEEL.

Constipation is the most frequent cause of headache, bad blood, humors, dizziness, vertigo, etc., and because of this should never be allowed to pass unremedied.

CHILDREN CRY FOR PITCHER'S CASTORIA.

My son, aged seven, was cured of an acute colic, covered with eruptions and face with sores, by two bottles of Burdock Bitters and Pills, sent me by Mrs. Mary Fulford, of Port Hope, Ont.

PARNELL VINDICATED.

Pigott Disappears After Confessing that He Forged the Parnell Letters. Warrant issued for the arrest of the fugitive—The Case About Ended.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNS UNTIL TO-DAY TO ENABLE THE "TIMES" TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A new and startling feature has been introduced into the Times-Parnell case and all London was profoundly moved this morning at the announcement that Richard Pigott, the Scottish Yard detective, had confessed to the forgery of the Parnell letters.

THE PAPERS IN THE BLACK BOX.

It is believed that Pigott has fled either to Antwerp or Rotterdam under cover of disguise. His housekeeper at Kingston-upon-Thames, however, says that he has not seen the papers in the black box, and in conformity with these instructions the papers were destroyed.

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An Important Alteration to be Made in the Boundary Line of Alaska. The Immigration Agent at Medicine Hat to be Transferred to Vancouver.

ARRIVAL AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The President-elect and party arrived here at 2:35 p.m. A large crowd awaited them at the depot, which they fixed right as they entered the city.

INDIANA EARTHQUAKE.

MARION, Ind., Feb. 28.—A slight shock of earthquake occurred this morning at Marion, Ind., which was a low muffled roar, attended by a rattling of windows and doors and trembling of the earth.

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THE INDIANS.

The Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the year ending 31st December, 1888...

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The controversy of the subject of daily marking in schools has become rather lively...

THE EXTENSION QUESTION.

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