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Many Fires.

Oct. 2.—Serious fires, are 70-
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vatory, have nominated
Hodgins, of Biddulph as
e in the approaching pro-
ns. Mr. Hodgins has not
accepted.

The Pope.
Oct. 1.—The Globe this after-
that the Pope's weakness in
and church dignitaries are
he will not rally from the ex-
cess and exhaustion he now

A Village Burned.
Oct. 1.—A fire which broke
this morning at Willow
miles from Chicago, on the
and, destroyed nearly half
nd made nearly 50 families

THE AMEER NO FOOL!

So He Tells the Rebellious Indian
Tribesmen in Refusing Them
Any Assistance.

The British Having Faithfully Kept
Their Agreements, the Natives
Should Do Likewise.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The news from the
Indian frontier is favorable. Sir Wil-
liam Lockhart's forces will commence
the advance on Tirah, the summer
headquarters of the Afridis and Orak-
zais, from Peshawar on Friday next,
moving in three columns. Sir William
Lockhart and Major-General Lord
Methven have already arrived at Kohat.
The mullahs of Tirah on hearing of the
advance contemplated, began their pre-
parations to oppose it, but it is now also
reported that they are prepared to offer
terms on behalf of the Afridis, the Moh-
mands and the Salakian tribesmen.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has pub-
lished at Kabul his reply to the petition
of the Afridis who petitioned his assist-
ance against the British. He reminds
them that they have never before com-
plained of British conduct, but on the
contrary acquiesced fully in the Afghan
alliance with England. He quotes
from the Koran on the sacred
duty of fulfilling agreements, which he
says the British have kept faithfully,
and in conclusion declines to assist
them out of the trouble which they have
brought upon themselves, adding: "To
do so would bring ignominy upon myself
and my people."

The Ameer has also issued throughout
Afghanistan a long proclamation, dated
August 13, and entitled "A clear decla-
ration and warning to all Afghans." This
is much to the same effect as the reply
to the petition of the Afridis. It clear-
ly states that the Ameer's intention
towards Afghanistan, justifies
the alliance as a "protection against
foreign invasion," and taunts the tribes-
men with rebelling at the instigation of
a pack of unknown parasites after ac-
cepting British subsidies, and with pre-
tending to raise a jihad, while all Moh-
mands and most of the Khans are taking
sides with the English.

Finally washing his hands of their
affairs, the Ameer addresses the tribes-
men as follows: "Your real object is to
make me fight the British government.
If I were to do such a foolish thing, I
am sure you would assume the respon-
sibility of any specific disaster which
is a fool to annoy and offend others for
your sake."

AN EMBELLISHED STORY.

Request for U. S. Naval Statistics Used to
Start a War Scare.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 5.—A special to
the Evening News from Bridgeport,
Conn., says: "That the government
strongly anticipates serious trouble with
Spain is shown by the notification sent
secretly yesterday to the commanders of a
number of the largest steamship and
steam yachts on the Atlantic coast asking
immediate information as to the speed,
capacity and fighting strength of their
vessels and other complete data with a
view to their being enrolled as auxiliary
cruisers in the navy."
A further report was made, the
Morning Union learns on good authority,
for the owners to hold themselves in
readiness to turn the vessels over to the
government at a moment's notice, an
intimation being given that use will be
found for them shortly."

EX SHIP BALMORE

Refusal to Accept President McKinley's
Choice for Consul at Cologne.

BERLIN, Oct. 8.—The German govern-
ment has refused to recognize Mr. Fer-
dinand Neumann, of Illinois, who was
nominated by President McKinley to be
United States consul at Cologne.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The state de-
partment has never received officially
any charges against Mr. Neumann,
though certain allegations were current
that it supported would have made his
selection properly objectionable to the
German government. Some of these are
connected with the world's fair and a
concert enterprise in which Neumann is
said to have been interested, which re-
sulted disastrously to some German
artists. The action of the German gov-
ernment in this case is final so far as
any post in Germany is concerned.

A TELLER IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Having Robbed His Bank of
Thirty Thousand.

NAPANEE, Ont., Oct. 5.—W. H. Bot-
ton, teller of the Dominion Bank branch
here, which was robbed a few weeks ago
of \$30,000, has been arrested on the
charge of committing the robbery.

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Almost a Fatality But for Dr. Agnew's Cure
for the Heart—Strange Story of a
Northwest Lady.

A death to be dreaded is that from suffo-
cation, and yet this is one of the most
phases of heart disease. Mrs. J. L. Hillier
of Wisconsin, who died last week, was
at one time a very healthy woman, but
at a dangerous point as need be. She says: "I
was much afflicted with heart disease, in-
deed, and I did not sleep or eat, and I was
in a very dangerous condition. I tried all the
doctors in this section of the country, but they
failed to give me relief. A local druggist recom-
mended Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I
tried it, and with the result that I immedi-
ately secured ease that I did not know be-
fore, and after taking further doses of the
medicine the trouble altogether left me. It
is not too much to say that it saved my
life."
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LIFE IN SAN DOMINGO.

A "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon," With
Many Citizens Killed and Wounded.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The first news of
a most serious riot at San Domingo, in
which six men were killed and more
than 20 men wounded, was brought here
by Harrison R. Williams, who arrived
to-day on the Atlas line steamer Alen
from Port Limon. The riot was be-
tween influential partisans of President
Agulinas and his opponents. Both parties
met in the main street, opposite the
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Thanksgiving Services in Several of the Anglican Churches—Sunday at St. John's.

So well have the public been educated to the good taste displayed in connection with the Harvest Home services of St. John's church, that no one who attended on Sunday was surprised at seeing the quaint and pretty edifice crowded to the very doors. The services were conducted with that vim and smoothness characteristic of all musical work under the direction of the choir-master, Mr. Ross Monro, and it was therefore not to be wondered at that they were enjoyed.

A highly successful series of services were held in the Victoria West Methodist church on Sunday last. Rev. Thos. Crook, the president of the British Columbia conference, preached both morning and evening. A large turn out to both services cheered the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks. In the afternoon Rev. J. C. Speer gave a talk to the children.

The eighth anniversary of the Centennial Methodist church was celebrated on Sunday, special sermons being preached by Rev. J. C. Speer and Rev. E. H. Swinerton. There was an open session on Sunday school in the afternoon, at which Dr. Lewis Hall gave a short talk on total abstinence from a Biblical point of view. The day's services throughout were marked by attention to the evening the annual tea meeting will be held, Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken, Q.C., M.P.F., presiding at the entertainment following.

Last night a tea meeting and concert was held in Sample's hall, at which a large number of people partook of the good things provided by the ladies. A first rate programme was given, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part: Piano solo, Master P. Shakespear; solo, Mr. Arthur Wheeler; solo, Miss Carly; address, Rev. J. C. Speer; selection, Orpheus Club; solo, J. G. Brown; violin solo, Miss Blackie; solo, Mr. G. F. Watson; address, Rev. R. H. Swinerton; solo, Mrs. Hicks; duet, Messrs. Firth and Brown, solo, Mr. F. Park; solo, Mr. A. Cave; and address, Rev. J. F. Betts.

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THE DALTON TRAIL.

J. J. McArthur, the Government Surveyor, Gives His Views Upon the Route.

He Relates the Particulars of Fred. Cope's Drowning on the Skagway Trail.

Some interesting information is furnished in regard to the routes to the Yukon, by Mr. J. J. McArthur, the civil engineer sent up by the Dominion government last May to make a topographical survey of the Dalton trail and the country adjoining. Mr. McArthur, who registered yesterday at the Driad, came down on the Farallon, and he and some 15 or more other passengers who purchased their tickets for Victoria are indignant at the treatment they received on that steamer.

Instead of bringing them to Victoria the captain, after the vessel started from Juneau, would give them no satisfaction, and then after passing Victoria pretended that they would be sent back to Victoria immediately by the Kingston. Instead of this, they had to wait in Seattle from Saturday morning until Sunday night, at their own expense, and it was only after considerable kicking that the Farallon people said for the berth of the cabin passengers of the Kingston. Mr. McArthur was on his way to meet Hon. Clifford Sifton, but owing to the unworkable delay, missed the Quadra at Vancouver, as also did Mr. Richardson of the Dominion telegraph service, who was on his way from Dyea and Skagway to report the result of his trip north.

The Dalton trail, which lies to the west and north of the Dyea trail, is far superior, in Mr. McArthur's opinion, to either the Dyea or the Skagway route. Indeed, Mr. McArthur condemns the Skagway trail as no good. The Dalton trail on the other hand is easy of access and the grade is not heavy. From Chilkat inlet, where the trail starts, the first 40 miles to the river flat, with an easy grade, thence to the local divide, which is 3,000 feet above sea level and 50 miles from the water. One more local divide is reached, and the trail descends to the watershed of the Alek and Chilkat rivers. The rest of the trail to the mouth of the Nordenskiold river is a succession of Alpine valleys, with hardly perceptible grades. This brings the traveler to Five Fingers, 240 miles from the sea, well on the way to Dawson, and beyond that the trail is a succession of easy grades, thence to the local divide, which is 3,000 feet above sea level and 50 miles from the water. One more local divide is reached, and the trail descends to the watershed of the Alek and Chilkat rivers. The rest of the trail to the mouth of the Nordenskiold river is a succession of Alpine valleys, with hardly perceptible grades. This brings the traveler to Five Fingers, 240 miles from the sea, well on the way to Dawson, and beyond that the trail is a succession of easy grades, thence to the local divide, which is 3,000 feet above sea level and 50 miles from the water.

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One of the visitors to the Chilliwack fair, who says he has been at similar exhibitions in California and other states and the eastern provinces, states that the display of roots and fruit at Chilliwack was the best he ever saw.

In the past considerable effort has been made to render this important fact generally known, but during the last year or two other things have diverted attention from it. The time has come when, from a strict business point of view, it is necessary to demonstrate in the clearest possible manner that there is abundant room in this province for farmers, and that farming operations can be carried on here under exceptionally favorable circumstances.

Dairy farming and the breeds of dairy cattle best adapted for the province. Beef raising in connection with general husbandry, and as a specialty. Pork raising upon home grown food. Poultry farming.

THE CONDITION OF SPAIN.

Leonard Williams, who has resided in Spain for several years, writes to the Westminster Review an account of the Spanish people, which is of special interest at the present time, when the Peninsular kingdom seems likely to be forced into new prominence by reason of a dispute with the United States over Cuba.

In the Spanish lower classes you will find poverty and appalling ignorance—a neglect of intelligence which is positively animal, yet, nevertheless, not unalloyed with an obvious capacity of education and improvement, an actual and admirable pluck and cheerfulness, a temperate, grateful, hospitable and affectionate, and a marvellous sobriety of living.

But it is only in the peasant class that he finds these qualities, for "all that is generous, all that is honest or capable of honesty in the land" has completely sunk from the higher to the lower levels of society.

The ruling class in Spain, according to Mr. Williams, is horribly corrupt, and is composed of a syndicate who cripple and mislead her by selling places, privileges or monopolies, weekly, daily and hourly to the highest bidder. He does not believe that in the present century Spain has produced a minister who would have been tolerated in office in any other country in the world.

The home market and how it can be secured to our home farmers. Practical legislative aid to farming. Other topics may suggest themselves, and the above are mentioned only as hints. The point aimed at is three-fold: To stimulate an interest in agriculture, to aid in the dissemination of information and to obtain suggestions upon which the legislature may act.

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When a great agricultural country like Russia comes to us for seed to improve its production in three different places, we have to be very modest to refer to.—Mail and Empire.

KLONDYKE.

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Great Loss of Life. Escaped Settlers. Left Quite Dead.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 4.—The last night of death and desolation in the bush and prairie fires in Manitoba are by no means exaggerated. Destruction in all sections here there is but a speck for the loss of life would be greater. No fatalities are in the prairie fires; it was in the district east of Winnipeg and Whitehorn and heavily wooded and entirely swept. The men occurred in the Beausevoir where seven men were killed. The families of everything and are dead. Dinah, T. T. Mysko, John E. Poir, E. Jones, Brown, W. Saunders, Rockwood, E. Hullman, German families whose names are not known. The family of everything but the Buchanan, A. Beatti, McPherson and John H. lost 200 tons of hay and 200 tons of hay and a Sinoott, 1,200 cords of hay. Laundry, a burnt house caught in flames near Whitehorn. His in a swamp this morning recognition. A G. also missing from the section men and their the line were picked up and carried to safety. A number of stumps were destroyed. Young, living five miles east, everything, and lives by stumps of Wm. Slender lost every team, which was work farm.

Passengers from the Escanaba from Cross Lake one of black desolation, burning near the track, tance, on either side, the scene could be seen, presence of large bush.

While reports from W day indicated that which raged with such Saturday had passed a fury, nevertheless, in severe loss were brought Messrs. Mitt, Sissons, G. can be seen, with their lives. From reports come in that seventeen settlers have and fears are entertained some.

Bad reports are also Fort Laurent. Around haystacks have been have been burnt. Some miles north of Res there named Ujoh together, and on observing approaching their side, they took preservation of their. They took shelter in the one. Hand saw the side to see how matters minutes later the driven out of his shells of the building. The trace of his brother feared he was cremate buildings.

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Branch Office of THE COLONIST, 609 Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. Facts About Canada. About a dozen years ago a paper on Canada was submitted to the editor of one of the oldest and best known English magazines. It was chiefly a compilation from official reports. In accepting it the editor said he had been obliged to alter certain parts of it, which appeared to be extravagant, giving as a reason, "We have been in Canada and know about these things." The article as printed was minus the very things to set out which it had been written. The plain unvarnished truth was too much for the editor who had been in Canada and knew about it. When the British Association was here, Professor Perry remarked casually to a Victorian: "So we are three thousand miles from Montreal!" to which the Victorian answered: "And sixteen hundred from Klondyke, and Dr. Dawson says that farming can be carried on successfully for a thousand miles of that distance."

What do you think that, Henri?" asked Prof. Perry of the gentleman of that name. "I don't think anything about it yet," was the reply. "I am trying to understand what it means." The man who has been in Canada and knows, is very much in evidence in these Klondyke days. It is time that he gave place to the man who is trying to understand what the greatness of Canada means; for it is safe to say that no one can comprehend what the possibilities of the Dominion are. We know a little more about it in Canada than strangers do, but that is about all we can yet fairly claim. In the blue books of the Dominion government and the several provinces there is a vast collection of important and trustworthy data, but in their present form they are not of very much service; first, because they are inaccessible to the public, and secondly, because they are disconnected and encumbered with a mass of detail. If the Dominion government would employ a competent editor and give him a corps of assistants, he would be able to extract from these books, which are a veritable mine of information, sufficient data to make a single volume of great interest, which would tell in a systematic and readable way what is known of the Dominion from the standpoint of the emigrant and capitalist.

There is another class of information, which, if of a more fugitive character than that contained in the blue books, is yet of very great value. For an example reference may be made to two interviews in yesterday morning's Colonist. One of these is to the effect that probably placer and quartz mining will be successfully carried on in the whole region traversed by the Dalton trail, and the other is of the same nature in regard to the Stickeen-Teslin trail. These are statements of enormous importance, which at any other time and in any other country would attract great attention. British Columbians have had such a surfeit of news of this nature that nothing short of a verified discovery of a mine of coined sovereigns would arouse more than a passing interest. Yet the probability of the areas referred to, one of them 240 miles broad and the other 135, proving to be highly auriferous is of incalculable importance. It is not necessary to enlarge upon it now, and the matter is mentioned only for the purpose of illustrating what a vast amount we have got to learn about our country. There is, perhaps, no way in which such fugitive information can be utilized except through the newspapers, but we fancy that it would not be difficult to devise a plan of using it in that way. One feature of the Dominion policy

NEAL DOW AND HIS WORK.

The writer of this article was driving one day through a street in Bangor, Me., on his way to the New England Fair. On the same seat of the backboard with him were an Englishman, who was making a leisurely trip around the world, and a resident of Bangor. The latter was dilating on the edification of the Englishman upon the fact that, although there had been 22,000 people on the Fair grounds on the previous afternoon, there had been but one case of disorderly conduct and not, so far as had been reported, a solitary case of drunkenness. The Englishman said that this was the strongest testimony he had ever heard to the efficiency of the Maine prohibitory law. To this the Bangor man replied that it was not, because liquor could be bought anywhere in the city, which was to all intents and purposes true enough. The Englishman replied that this only made the thing more remarkable. "You tell me," he said, "that each one of those 22,000 people could have got all the liquor they wanted, and yet not a man among them was drunk. Were they a selected lot of people?" The reply was that they were a fairly representative gathering from different parts of the state. "Then," said the Englishman, "if they could get all the liquor they wanted, why did none of them have any?" "I suppose they didn't want it," was the Bangor man's answer. "Well," said the Englishman, "when I go home to England and tell the public that I saw 22,000 people at a fair in this state, all of whom could get all the liquor they needed and so few of them needed any that there was not a drunken man in the crowd, it will not be much use for me to add that the Maine law is a failure."

As a matter of fact there had been a few drunken men at the Fair but they were promptly ejected from the grounds by a very vigilant police. The president of the association holding the Fair, who himself was a habitual user of intoxicants and one of the most determined opponents in the state of prohibition, explained the rigor of their regulations on this point by saying that public opinion would not tolerate the presence of drunken men. The writer has had opportunities of observing the operations of the prohibitory law both in the cities and towns of Maine, and the result of them was that in all the large cities liquor was freely sold, although with a pretence of concealment; that in the smaller cities the sale was less common and more secret, and that in the villages and rural districts the wholly non-existent. It is a fact that a large majority of the 900,000 people inhabiting the State of Maine have never seen intoxicating liquor sold except under circumstances which make it a crime in the eyes of the law. There is very little poverty in Maine, and the condition of the people, in the rural districts especially, is exceedingly thrifty. Undoubtedly prohibition has not been the success in Maine that Neal Dow anticipated; but it would be a mistake to say that it has been a failure. Whether its results have been such as to warrant other communities in imitating the example of Maine is not now under discussion. Anyone who has had practical experience in the prohibition of the liquor traffic will admit that no general rule can be laid down regarding it. There are localities where such a law will be as successful as any law can be. There are others where it will be a complete failure. It is an absurd failure in Portland, Me., so far as the amount of liquor sold is concerned; but it would be easy to name other places in the state where it is a success.

The result of Neal Dow's work is that a generation have grown up in Maine a very large proportion of whom regard the traffic in intoxicating drinks as criminal. These people are scattered all over the United States, and their influence, undoubtedly, is on the side of sobriety. It would indeed be a great error to suppose that the work of Neal Dow is to be measured by what he accomplished in Maine. This was perhaps the least part of it. His labors in that state stopped to the world the possibility of putting a stop to the liquor traffic. It is worth remembering that the total abstinence movement is a very modern affair. Many men now living saw its inception. As for prohibition, it is an idea of yesterday only so to speak, and if it did not originate with Neal Dow, he is certainly entitled to the credit of having made the world familiar with it. The experiments in total prohibition that have been tried in some states of the Union, the local option laws in force in others and in some parts of Great Britain and Canada, and the movement for a plebiscite on prohibition in Canada, can all be directly traced to the teaching of this energetic Maine reformer. Like most reformers, he lived and worked before the world was quite ready for his plans. Public opinion, without which the most wisely framed law is so much waste paper, was not ready for the Scott Act in most parts of Canada where it has been put in operation. Temperance reformers abandoned moral suasion and resorted to the strong arm of the law before they had accumulated a sufficient reserve of public sentiment to make the law effective. The measure of their failure is the lack of this sentiment. Yet it must be

WILL JAPAN FIGHT RUSSIA?

A member of the British Association, who spent a number of years in Japan, and whose relations with the leaders of public opinion in that country qualified him to express an opinion, stated that his most positive conviction was that Japan would fight Russia at an early opportunity. He said that the conflict would have been precipitated on the conclusion of the war with China, if Japan had been the equal of Russia on the sea; but Russia had two more battleships on the Asiatic station than Japan had, and the island statesmen did not believe it wise to risk a collision with such odds against them. Shortly the navies will be equal in battleships and Japan will be the stronger in cruisers, while her naval forces have had experience in battle. When this comes Russia may expect to find her rights in Corea and Manchuria called in question in peremptory fashion. At first sight it may seem odd that Japan should be ready to provoke such a collision, but a little consideration will show that it would not be wholly unwise to do so. At present Russia is cut off from her Pacific frontier by many long miles of land over which there is no railway. In five years this will no longer be the case, and the Czar's forces can be transported across his vast domains and war material can be forwarded with speed and safety. It would be almost hopeless for Japan to think of fighting Russia after the Siberian railway is completed. But some may ask why should they fight at all. Three reasons can be assigned. One is that it was Russia that profited territorially by Japan's defeat of China. Whatever right the Emperor at Peking may have had in Corea, certainly the Emperor at St. Petersburg has the charge of seeing the latter step into his place. In the opinion of Japanese statesmen Corea is worth fighting for. A second reason is that Japan seeks territorial aggrandizement on the mainland. Her ambition leads her to suppose herself capable of playing in the Orient the role that Great Britain played in the Occident, and unless she makes a beginning before Russia has a completed railway at her command, it will be everlastingly too late. A third reason, and probably the most potent one, is that if Russia is not checked, the Mikado will become the Czar's vassal. This is so plain to all those who are willfully blind will fail to see it. If anyone supposes that Russia will long permit Corea to remain independent, he simply ignores the whole history of Russian diplomacy. The first step towards such a consummation will mean war with Japan, and if the beginning of the conflict is postponed for five or six years, Russia will be strong enough on the Pacific coast to do what she will with that country. That one of the results of victory would be a real, if not avowed, protectorate over the island kingdom is not to be questioned. This would mean the end of Japan as an independent nation.

In view of these considerations, it seems very reasonable to conclude that it would be true statesmanship for Japan to go to war with Russia at the earliest moment that she is ready. If she takes this course, she stands a fair chance of winning. With three first-class battleships, thirty-five cruisers of all classes, and a flotilla of fifty-eight torpedo boats, and an available fighting force of 300,000 men, Japan would be a formidable adversary on the Asiatic coast for any nation. THE SPEAKING OF ENGLISH. A recent visitor to Canada has been telling the St. James's Gazette about the Canadian accent. He found English spoken in Canada with quite as marked an accent as in the United States, although he says there is a marked difference between the two. By what he calls the American accent he probably means the nasal twang of some New Englanders, for it is folly to talk of an American accent as though some special style of pronunciation were common to the whole United States. There is as great a difference between a Vermont Yankee's accent and that of the native of Georgia as there is between the high falsetto affected by some English people and their imitators. It is quite a surprise to be told that there is such a thing as a marked Canadian accent, but that is very probable, and we do not know that we need worry ourselves much over it. A more serious charge is that we speak indistinctly in this country. If this is true, and we believe it is, the fault ought to be corrected. Much of the indistinctness complained of is due to rapidity of speech, which runs words together in such a way that a stranger, not accustomed to the accent, may find it difficult to follow a conversation. Slovenliness in speech is greatly to be deprecated, and this remark applies not only to accent and distinctness but to the proper use of words. With very many people the use of slang has become

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

There is little to note in the way of change in retail market prices for the week, but dealers report that there is more life in business and people seem to be brightening up and buying freely. The many agricultural fairs that come at this season of the year give, too, a fillip to fruit and farm produce. In local fruits pears are coming plentifully without much demand, while apples, which this year are a good crop, are in fair demand. Eggs are getting scarcer and the consequence is a rise in price. Feed stuffs and staple groceries remain about the same as a week ago, and meats also. The opening of the shooting season has resulted in a fairly good supply of grouse which sell at \$1 @ \$1.10 a brace. The Fruit Growers' Association at the city market report a good trade for the week, the following being their quotations: Chickens, each, 75; Ducks, each, 75; Fowls, 75; Blackberries, per lb., 10; Apples, per box, 1 25; Cranberries, per bushel, 75 @ 1.25; Pears, 75 @ 1.25; VEGETABLES—Mips, per cwt., 75; Cabbages, per lb., 2 5; Cauliflowers, each, 2 5; Carrots, per bunch, 2 5; Onions, per bunch, 2 5; Beans, per bushel, 5 10; Onions, per lb., 5 10; Green corn, 2 doz. ear, 25; Squash, each, 15 @ 25; Citrus, per lb., 20 @ 25; Pumpkins, each, 40; Dairy Produce—Eggs, fresh (guaranteed), 40; Butter, creamery, 30; Fresh butter, 25; Cream, fresh, per pint or quart, 25; The current city retail prices are as follows: Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per barrel, \$5.40 @ \$6.75; Lake of the Woods (Hungarian), 6.75; Victoria XXX, 5.75; Lion, 5.75; Snowflake, 5.20 @ 6.00; Premier, 6.25; Three Star, 6.00; Superfine, 4.50; Hungarian (Armstrong), 6.50; XXX, 6.00; Strong Bakers, 6.00; Graham, per 10 lbs., 35; Wheat, per ton, 35 @ 40; Buckwheat, per 10 lbs., 40; Straw, per bale, 50 @ 75; Onions, per lb., 24 @ 25; Oats, per ton, 25 @ 27.00; Barley, per ton, 30 @ 32.00; Middlings, per ton, 20 @ 25.00; Bran, per ton, 18 @ 20.00; Ground feed, per ton, 25.00; Corn, whole, per ton, 25 @ 28.00; cracked, per ton, 28 @ 30.00; Cornmeal, per 10 lbs., 25 @ 30; Oatmeal, per 10 lbs., 35 @ 40; Rolled oats, per 7 lbs., 36 @ 41; Potatoes, new, per bushel, 81 @ 84; Hay, baled, per ton, 15 @ 20; Cheese, per lb., 15 @ 20; Eggs, Island, per doz., 35 @ 40; Eggs, imported, per doz., 30 @ 35; Butter, fresh, per lb., 25; Creamery (Eastern) per lb., 25 @ 30; Dairy (Eastern) per lb., 25; B. C. Creamery, per lb., 30; Hams, American, per lb., 15 @ 18; Bacon, American, per lb., 15 @ 18; Long clear, 12 @ 14; Shoulders, per lb., 12 @ 15; Lard, per lb., 12 @ 15; Golden Cottolene, per lb., 12 @ 15; Beef, per lb., 5 @ 6; Veal, per lb., 7 @ 8; Mutton, 10 @ 12; Pork, fresh, per lb., 7 @ 8 1/2; Pork, cured, per lb., 8 @ 10; Apples, Island, per bushel, 2 @ 3; Lemons, California, per doz., 25 @ 30; Bananas, per doz., 25 @ 30; Pineapples, 30 @ 40; Tomatoes, 2 @ 3; Pears, per lb., 2; Grapes, per lb., 15 @ 20; Figs, Salomon, sockeye, each, 12 @ 15; Salmon, smoked, 10; Halibut, per lb., 6 @ 8; Butter, per lb., 8 @ 10; Smelts, per lb., 8 @ 10; Flounders, per lb., 6 @ 8; GAME—Grouse, per pair, \$1.00 @ \$1.10.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION. What particular Liberal interests are likely to be affected, or why the party requires a more perfect organization and a more energetic management, these are the questions which are calling the convention. What a piece of childish chicanery and solemn humbug this is! Revealed. A LIBERAL EXPLANATION. It is alleged in certain quarters that the somewhat soured and disappointed manager of the Victoria Times is again longing for government flesh-pots. During the course of the meeting commenced at Victoria last winter as a sop to soothe his somewhat shattered nerves and to replenish the treasury of the concern, the printing of the proceedings of that assembly was undertaken at the expense of the manager's own pocket. Those who know that gentleman aver that a pretty steep price was charged for the Tomatoes, and the country makes a considerable sum in connection with the work. This, however, did not suffice, nor in any way satisfy the yearnings for pap in the bosom of our contemporary. It is said that his view is now more open to a greater degree than ever before, and the cry is, more, more or I perish.—Vancouver World. BY WAY OF VARIETY. The way to wealth: Skagway—Kincardine Review. "The way to wealth is like a kiss without a squeeze. He-I don't know. I always take the long way." "Enfant Terrible." Caller—Nellie, is your mother in? Nellie—Mother is out shopping. Caller—When will she return? Nellie—(calling back) Mama, what shall I say now?—Harper's Bazaar. Paradoxical.—A would-be revolutionary French was discovered, with dejected aspect, timidly following the tall and thin procession to the barricades. "I must lead," he said. "I am their leader."—Paris Figaro. Returning From the Seashore.—Lucy Breeze (just back from the seashore)—Good heavens, Mayne! what is that strange object moving down street towards us? Mayne Hartie—Oh, Lucy! perhaps it is a man.—Onaka World-Herald. An Infallible Sign.—"How do you know that his love dream is over?" "Because I heard him tell Hetty that as they left the church last night, that he knew the shorter way of reaching her home than the route they had been taking."—Detroit Free Press. Mother—Mr. Sampson has been coming here now for three years. I should think he would get tired of making love to you. Daughter—Think he is. Last night he asked me to marry him.—Boston Traveller. Bacon—Bill is the most absent-minded man I ever knew. "Why, he got into an elevated train, the other day, and there wasn't a soul in the car, but he stood up and took the strap just the same."—Yonkers Statesman. George—Dearest, I would gladly lay the whole world out at your feet if it were possible. Grace—Well, as it isn't practical, why not compromise on a honeymoon?—Chicago Daily News. "What do you consider the most absolutely certain way to distinguish toastmasters from mashroomers?" "Cook them, get some other man to eat them, and then watch his symptoms."—Chicago Tribune. "Don't borrow trouble, Jack. What's the use of 'row trouble? Who said I was borrowing trouble? I've got trouble to lend."—Chicago Record. "What time and take the parrot out of the room; Mr. Jones has lost his collar button."—Fack.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE RUBI TO CANADA. Instead of an exodus of Canadians to the States, as has been the case in the past, we may hereafter confidently expect to see—indeed, the phenomenon may now be witnessed—Americans emigrating to Canada in large numbers. In the next few years the economic conditions now prevailing in Canada will have entirely changed, and it is safe to predict a remarkable increase in population, particularly in the Western provinces of the Dominion. The British Columbia mines will give employment to many thousands of Americans, and the rich agricultural and grazing lands of Chocoma and other sections of country, at present practically unexplored.—B.C. Mining Record. LEESE MASTERS. It just shows how careful a postmaster ought to be. Somebody told the broad-minded, statesmanlike Mr. Gibson, M.P., that he had heard the Beamsville local say that the best Canadian mail carrier was a "Gibson." Mr. Gibson promptly whined to Mr. Mullock and had the offender discharged.—Mail and Empire. SIR WILFRID'S DISCOVERY. An old lacrosse man, says the Montreal Gazette, produces evidence from the annals of the game to the effect that thirty years ago it was recognized that Canada was a nation. This is not in itself a very startling discovery, but made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier when he was in Paris last month. It only shows that some great Liberals are slow in coming out to great events.—Calgary Herald.

THE JAPANESE TYPHOON. Further Particulars of the Damage Done—Dysentery Epidemic in Japan. Concerning the big typhoon which swept the coast of Japan on the 8th and 9th of last month, further details have come to hand. No less than 376 houses were totally demolished, 7,728 houses partly demolished, and 14,018 houses merged in Tokyo by the storm. In Shizuoka there were 1,060 houses demolished, 4,000 houses seriously damaged, 89 persons killed and 42 injured. At Tokyo 30 vessels are said to have sunk, while 48 were damaged and 85 others broke away from their moorings; and from other places come similar reports. Dysentery was very epidemic when the Victoria left Japan. In Yokohama dysentery cases on September 11th numbered 1,182 with 289 deaths. In Tokyo there were 179 cases and 40 deaths. Altogether since the prevalence of the complaint, there had been 48,970 cases and 7,830 deaths up to September 10th. It is reported that over 5,000 Chinese have started a riot at Swatow, China, opposing the proposed founding of a Christian church there. Braves to the number of 1,000 have been despatched from Canton to pacify matters.

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From Our Own Correspondent. New Westminster, Oct. 6. A general convention was called morning, but owing to the the Victoria delegates it till 2 p.m., and the place changed from the city Leonard's hall to satisfied wished to exclude the pres- city hall. The convention order at 3 o'clock by Mr. Logan, M.P., Mr. J. H. I. secretary. Mr. E. P. I. about the reporters be- R. G. Thompson seconding Mr. J. C. McLagan move- ment, seconded by Mr. J. that reporters be allowe- vented were not registe- eralism is freedom of spee- and they were going to do were ashamed of. To ex- morning. A vote was take- Davis' motion carried. M- strongly in favor of allow- remain. Logan's amendment, whi- 49 to 47. After this it took so- down to business, as man- vented were not registe- The names of those pres- red out and numbers Gregory wanted to be present were: Liberals and steps be taken to obtain that point. He felt dou- about Dr. Walkem's pa- cation from a district that- nted delegates.

Dr. Walkem declared his- dal. Mr. J. M. O'Brien- the Parliamentary Comm- paragraph to the effect th- was a Conservative. Dr- did not recalculate the- Com- was not registe- The first Liberal Associ- Columbia was then declar- vice-president, and secre- vice-president for each I- rial district, and three ex- from each electoral distri- For Vancouver the follow- Wm. Templeman, 55 vote- 45 votes. For secretary, D. C. McGregor, 41. For- Dr. W. E. B. Not electe- Geo. Powell, 30. For Vancouver—Vice-P- Davis; executive, Jas. M- Senkler and Wm. McCra- For Westminster—For- Alex. Henderson; execut- A. S. Vedder and J. B. K- For Vancouver—Vice-P- J. Sluggert; executive, Br- Evans and J. Stevens. For Cariboo—Vice-pres- Baillie; executive, J. M- and R. G. McPherson. By resolution William T-

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