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WHY WE IMPORT.

To the Editor:—In your issue of the 17th inst. you ask why it is that we import apples, butter, and other goods, while we claim that we can produce all these articles of superior quality within our own borders. I can give you an answer or two which falls within the experience and that of many friends. The imported article comes here not only good in quality, but properly packed, a single box of fruit out of a shipment may be taken as a fair sample of the whole of that particular variety. The top layer, which is the one that a purchaser is just the same as that which is the same remark is true of everything imported in any quantity. Foreign producers have learnt the value of systematic grading, but in this matter we are far behind the times. I have seen bought apples, pears, strawberries, grapes, etc., raised in this province, but on so many occasions have I found that the top layers in the boxes or sacks are of very much superior quality to those below (the difference not being used until unpacked), that I like any others, prefer to buy the imported article. With the butter, the quality is not maintained at the same grade throughout. If this is unavoidable, the purchaser should be made aware of the difference, and not left to find out for himself that the brand upon which he relied was too often used as a blind to the sale of an inferior quality. The Americans lay great stress upon the systematic grading of all produce. The local producers attend to this; let me label their boxes or sacks and guarantee that the contents have been properly graded, and then, if the quality equal to the imported article, I think they will have a long way toward the home market for themselves. No doubt a great many provincial fruit growers take great pains in grading and packing their produce and serve every success which can be achieved for them; but there are others, living off and badly selected orchards, who take no pains in their fruit, and as no money is spent in production, they are satisfied with a few cents for a sack of rubbish, and the farmer himself is induced to sell nothing but inferior graded produce, and to give a great assistance to the honest, hard-working majority, who efforts are crippled by the incompetent and idle few. The best question is not who grows the best fruit, but who will not sell it for more than a few months the year, and a farmer feeling must be resorted to; imported stock, when necessary, comes from regions where natural food is so abundant that there is no necessity for winter feeding, and stock owner have, as a rule, the expense of herding and transport only to diminish their profits, consequently they can sell at a low price. I think something can be done by our own people, the spring might be cheap early in the year, and the imported and quickly wintered on one run, each district having its own slaughterhouse, and paid salesmen in the market towns, who bring away with a middleman's profit. Sellers, I think, would find it better to sell their own dead meat, horns, hides, bones, etc., than to consign them, rather than the price of the beef on the hoof, as they do now. With imported lean stock, and a limited number of wintered ones, which can profitably winter over, we might at all events keep the market supplied for a few months in the year; it changes such as I propose are not really accomplished, but if they are wrong, but we shall do nothing to get rid of our many drawbacks until we are long pull, a strong pull, and a will all together.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

Motives of the Sultan Under Discussion—The Powers May Control Greek Finances.

Government's Relief Scheme Popular in Ireland—Erost Makes Disaster in France.

LONDON, May 22.—The Græco-Turkish trouble has now fairly entered upon its diplomatic bargaining stage and the negotiations are expected to last for some time. Many important differences have to be settled and the Sultan of Turkey may be counted upon to drag the affair along as much as possible, with the view of bringing out the latest emergency powers. His prompt compliance with the Czar's request to arrange for an armistice is not attributed entirely to his desire to please the Czar, but it is looked upon as a stroke of diplomacy intended to excite the resentment of some other power and thus weaken the concert. Thus far everything tends to show that the powers remain in entire agreement on the question. The European conference is discussed, but it is not thought likely to take place until the preliminaries of peace are arranged. The ambassadors at Constantinople, with the delegates of Turkey and Greece, may meet to settle upon the treaty of peace.

There is a strong feeling in favor of international control of Greek finances, without which the payment of indemnity to Turkey and the interest on the debt of Greece is declared to be impossible. The Greeks insist that if an indemnity to Turkey is imposed upon them there will be a general collapse of the serious international trouble will occur. They estimate the damage done to Thessaly at 25,000,000 drachmas, and they say that another 10,000,000 drachmas will be needed to supply the peasants with food and tools. Moreover, they add, the revenue will be greatly reduced, owing to the immense damage to cultivation throughout the country, due to the absence of thousands of workers. The year's budget will probably leave a deficit of 60,000,000 drachmas. The Greek statements, however, are received with a certain skepticism. It is pointed out that by the admission of the Greek themselves, seventy per cent. of the interest of the debt which they have not paid has been set aside in order to meet the needs of the war, and that consequently Greece is certainly in a position to continue paying thirty per cent. of the interest and probably considering each year a surplus are placed under international control.

Advices from the scenes of the recent fighting mention the possibility of a serious epidemic of disease when the heat increases, owing to the putrefying bodies of men and of horses which are left rotting in every ditch. Popular feeling at Athens against the royal family of Greece does not diminish. The exhibition of excessive pride by Crown Prince Constantine at the front has done much to weaken the dynasty. The correspondent of the *Edinburgh* at Athens says: "The people are intensely violent, utterances are heard against the royal family and groups loudly discuss them on the streets. Upon the host from St. George's, Athens, heard a popular poet declaim insulting verses against the King and not one of the 400 passengers, including officers, lifted a voice in defence of him."

IRISH RELIEF PROPOSAL.

The scheme of the Government for the relief of Ireland, as outlined in the House on Common by the First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Balfour, was sprung as a surprise upon most of the members, and is the leading topic for discussion in the political world to-day. Both parties attribute it to the influence of Mr. Chamberlain, and it is admitted by that it will do much to popularize the Government in Ireland and also among its progress as the supporters in England. On the other hand, many Liberals believe it will help them rather than the Unionists, for if it is successful it will disarm the

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AFFAIRS OF GERMANY.

The Emperor's Habit of Talking Too Freely Being Very Freely Criticized.

An Illiberally Messire Excites the Reichstag—A New Rifle With Gas Cartridges.

BERLIN, May 22.—Another ministerial crisis has grown out of the serious manner in which the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, nominally fulfilled his solemn promise in introducing a bill for the abolition of the most illiberal paragraph of the old law of associations. The bill introduced in the Diet is purely reactionary, its provisions plainly political and exclusively under police control. Since it was certain that the measure would be overwhelmingly defeated if introduced in the Reichstag, it was introduced in the Diet, where the Conservatives have nearly half the seats. The decision lies with the National Liberals, and three or four of their votes will suffice to give the bill a majority. In the meanwhile the Reichstag has taken the matter up and has pronounced against the measure. The two days of the debate in the Reichstag were the most exciting and interesting of this session. The speaker expressed themselves with energy and fearlessness on the Emperor's reactionary tendencies and the evil influence of his irresponsible cannibalism, which created a sensation throughout Germany. Herr Richter's speech is reported as having been the most powerful thing he said that the German people could not, and in the case of the Emperor, he is reported as having said: "The Emperor's public appearances against the diet bill have been held, sixty-five of them in Berlin alone. On Thursday the entire press, with the single exception of part of the Conservative press, vigorously denounced it and wanted it rejected off-hand." Emperor William and his family stayed nearly a week at Wiesbaden, where a series of elaborately prepared and magnificently mounted performances at the theatre have been given. On Monday the imperial family had with them in the imperial box the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Saxe-Weimar. The Grand Duke, a young couple was evidently brought about in order to silence the scandalous rumors which were circulating in the Emperor took pains to publicly profess affection for both the Grand Duke and his wife. A banquet in the castle of Weimar, in the presence of the Emperor, in the evening of the 19th, was given in honor of the Emperor, creating a sensation by referring to the latter as "my dearest friend," a term hitherto reserved by his majesty in speaking of Emperor Joseph of Austria.

The long delayed trial of Herr von Lach, the former commissioner of secret police, who was arrested on December 1st, at the close of the sensational Loetz-Leckers trial, at which Prince Hohenlohe and Prince von Bismarck were among the witnesses, has finally been fixed for Monday next. The trial will probably last a week.

The Reichstag has passed the law of the lease mortgage paragraph of the penal code is bearing fruit. The *Leipziger Zeitung*, the official organ of the Saxons, publishes an article dealing with the habit of the Emperor of talking too freely on various subjects and occasions, adding that it "directly provoked the Emperor's anger, and he himself hit, and thus leads to a mass of wholly unnecessary lese majeste cases."

Panl Potter, representing the heirs of the late George W. Manville, has arrived in Berlin to take the proceeds of the authorized use of his play and other provisions of the law of the Emperor at the provincial theatres.

The present by the Sultan of Turkey to the Emperor of Austria, a large collection of costly ancient Turkish weapons, has been placed on view in the royal arsenal in Berlin. The Munich *Freie Presse* publishes an article dealing with an account of an editorial satirizing the Emperor, and its editor was arrested at midnight.

A sample of rifle has been introduced and will be used in a practical way in the army. One whole battalion of the guard already has this rifle. It is loaded with gas cartridges, enabling several shots to be fired without reloading. The men having these rifles in their possession are specially bound to the utmost secrecy regarding the construction of the weapon.

METALS, SHARES AND WHEAT.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The conditions in to-day's stock market were not essentially different from those prevailing for several days past. There was a marked undercurrent of strength throughout the whole list, and the tendency of prices was uninterruptedly upwards. Closing prices: Atch., 10%; do. pd., 10%; E. I., 11%; G. O., 10%; L. S. N., 4%; Nor. Pac. pd., 3%; W. U., 7%; C. P. R., in London, 5%; Bar. silver, 80c.; Mexican dollars, 47c.; silver certificates, 60 1/2 to 60%; Copper, easy; brokers, 111. Lead, steady; brokers, \$2.12 1/2. Wheat: No. 2 red, May, 80c.; July, 77 1/2c.; Sept., 75 1/2c.; Dec., 73c. Chicago, May 22.—Wheat closed as follows: No. 3, May, 75c.; July, 72c.; Sept., 67c.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 21.—Governor Black to-day vetoed the Dunley general inheritance tax bill. Under the provisions of this bill estates which now pay 5 per cent. would pay 15 per cent. and estates now paying 1 per cent. would pay 10. Governor Black states that one of his reasons for not approving of the bill is that the state is not in need of money.

NEWS OF THE MINES.

Important Transaction in Property Near Kaslo—Hall Mines Management to Be Changed.

Mr. Outhbert's New Organization—Recent Company Meetings at Rossland and Spokane.

KASLO, May 22.—People continue to come into Kootenay in large numbers, and everything points to a very busy season. A good many prospecting parties are already out and more go daily. An important deal was consummated within the past few days, whereby the Kootenay and Columbia Prospecting and Mining Company bought a quarter interest in the Sunset claim from Duncan McDonald, Hector McRae, making the deal. The Sunset is located near the Whitewater.

A rumor has been in circulation to the effect that the Whitewater has been sold. This proves upon inquiry to be untrue. Major Montgomery, one of the owners, says he knows nothing of a sale. Negotiations for a sale have been in progress for several weeks. The Whitewater is one of the best known properties that has been turning out a large amount of high grade ore. Herbert Outhbert has secured a bond on a property not far from the Blue Bell mine, opposite Kaslo. Several years ago rich finds were made in this vicinity, but not until a few weeks ago was any work of development done.

The shipments of ore through the port of Kaslo last week amounted to 376,500 pounds. THE HALL MINES. Several reports of the progress of the management of the Hall Mines. One of the first, it is said, will be that M. S. Davis, the present superintendent of the Silver King, will be succeeded by Mr. Kellogg, late manager of the Lexington mine at Anaconda, Mont. Mr. Kellogg is now on Trout Mountain on a visit of inspection. Should Mr. Kellogg accept the position some radical and much-needed improvements are sure to follow in the methods of operating the big mine. Mr. Kellogg is spoken of as a thoroughly experienced and capable mining man, who has made an enviable record in Montana and the Copper States.

A Nelson dispatch of May 15 says: Herbert Outhbert, of the British Canadian Gold Fields Company, has resigned his position in order to float a new development company to acquire some of the best properties of merit in which the British Canadian company was unable to handle. The company was very anxious that Mr. Outhbert should retain his position, but he declined out that the office of Western Manager might very well be abolished, as the company's superintendent of mines would be more conveniently situated to all the detail work now left to the Western Manager. Mr. Outhbert has not yet decided where he will float his new company, but he is reported to be in the hands of Toronto and Chicago, and he will not determine this matter until he arrives in the East, for which he will leave in a few days.

ROSSLAND OPERATIONS.

The Josie is about to resume shipments. For the present the ore will go to the East Helena smelter. The Josie has about 1,000 tons ready for shipment, and now has two drills stopping in the east chute, so that a good deal of new ore is being knocked down all the time. The mine can supply a carload of ore a day for an indefinite period. The Kootenay and Columbia is also to resume shipments. This ore will go to the Trail smelter. A contract has been made for hauling the ore in wagons to the Columbia and Western siding, near the new road. These will be three teams at work, and they will deliver from twenty-five to thirty tons of ore per day.

The Iron Mack's shipments last week were the largest in its history. A trial shipment is to be made from the Monte Cristo, though it has not yet been announced when. The full face of the drift is in solid ore, and about a carload is being knocked down at every shot. The Cliff is getting ready to resume shipments. Several hundred tons of ore are on the dump of the upper tunnel, and the mine is being put in shape to produce regularly.

COMPANY ORGANIZATION.

The organization of the Oro Plata Gold Mining Company has been completed at Rossland. W. H. Fife, John B. Beavis, John W. Cover, H. E. Cover, P. G. Elgie, William Benison and E. Reavis vice-president, John W. Cover managing director, and P. G. Elgie secretary-treasurer. The property of the Oro Plata company consists of four claims—the Timberline, Bob Ingersoll, Capital Prize and Comby-Chance—on Granite creek, White Grout Mountain near the east of Kootenay Falls. The organization of the Cariboo Creek and Canadian Mining and Development Company has also been completed at Rossland. The property controlled by this company is the Trio group, adjoining the Silver Queen, about nine miles east of Kootenay Falls. The above officers are: S. E. Slade, of San Francisco, president; J. G. McMillan, vice-president; Leo H. Schmidt, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors include the above officers and Hon. T. Mayne Daly, E. C. Finch, Thomas Abriel, Robert Williams and Byron Burton.

B. C. COMPANIES IN SPOKANE. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iron Mack was held at Spokane on the 17th with 403,000 shares

represented. Trustees elected were: H. M. Richards, A. M. Holter, Austin Corbin, second, J. F. Herrick, Peter Larson, E. J. Roberts and A. F. Herrick. The trustees elected officers as follows: Austin Corbin, second, president; H. M. Richards, vice-president and treasurer; A. F. Herrick, manager and secretary. This is a complete change in the management of this company from the majority to the minority stockholders, which, according to the statement of Patrick Clark, was done to give the minority a chance to obtain better results from the mine which they claimed they could accomplish.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Gold Mining Company was held at Spokane on the 17th with 403,000 shares represented. The board of trustees elected was: Patrick Clark, John A. Finch, E. C. Kingsbury, J. C. Walsfield, J. Frank George, Todd and A. B. Campbell. The trustees elected Patrick Clark, president; John A. Finch, vice-president and treasurer; A. F. Herrick, manager and secretary. It was decided to resume work on the property in a small way.

At a recent meeting of the War Eagle Company in Spokane, it was decided to allow the old officers to remain until the company disincorporates, which will be about June 1.

CUBA FINDS A FRIEND.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The long and exciting debate in the Senate on the Morgan resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba, and declaring that a strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States, ended late this afternoon, when the resolution passed by the decisive vote of 41 to 14. The announcement of the vote was received with tumultuous applause, which drew from Senator Hawley an emphatic protest against "mob demonstration." The resolution, as passed, was as follows: "Resolved, that a consular agent exist between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba; and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to such and all the rights of belligerency in the ports and territory of the United States."

Cuban affairs furnished the house also with a day of bitter partisan debate. The resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of American citizens was adopted without a dissenting vote, but the Democrats endeavored to force consideration of the Morgan resolution. They accused the Republicans of endeavoring to evade this issue, but the speaker, Mr. McMillan, declared that the House would not consider the Morgan resolution until the House had passed the Morgan resolution.

MANRIP, May 21.—In the Spanish Senate to-day there was a heated debate on the resolution of Senator Morgan endorsed by the U. S. Senate. The debate was followed by a meeting of the senators in the lobby. This led to a dispute between the Duke of Tetuan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a Liberal senator, which ended in the Duke boxing the Senator's ears. A great commotion ensued and the sitting of the Senate was suspended. The Liberal minority afterwards held a meeting to consider the situation, and ex-Premier Sagasta, the Liberal leader, was summoned to confer with his followers. An urgent message was also sent to the Premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, by the ministers. Both these statements, as this dispatch is sent, are being impatiently awaited by their followers.

The Duke of Tetuan, Minister of the Foreign Office, has resigned as a result of the incident in the Senate to-day. The Liberal senators decided to attend the session of the Senate on the 23rd, but they decided that as the aggressions were reciprocal a duel was not necessary.

MANRIP, May 21.—Senor Moret Y. Prendergast, a former minister, asked the government on behalf of the Liberals in the chamber of deputies to-day, to submit all the papers relating to the rebellion in Cuba and to the diplomatic relations of Spain with the powers.

Senor Canovas, the premier, replying, said the government could only attach credit to such information as was sent by Capt. General Weyler. He severely blamed the American newspapers for disseminating false news and cited as a case in point recent statements attributed to Consul-General Lee. The Premier said: "Spain's relations with other powers continue cordial, but the advice which Americans are offering us as to Cuba cannot be followed, because Spain will never accept any intervention in a matter which peculiarly concerns herself. The documents which have been asked for would only refer to this advice. The Government has accepted full responsibility for everything which has been done by Captain-General Weyler."

Bar. said in his reply to the interpellation Senor Canovas said that the exchange of opinion between Spain and the other European powers on the subject of Cuba had always been unofficial. The powers had shown great reserve in defining their views and this attitude had led the government to believe that they were unwilling to offer any active intervention between Spain and the United States. The exchange of views had been friendly, but Spain had refused the proffered mediation. The guarded tone adopted by the Premier in reference to the belligerency of the Senate is not a profound impression, but the general opinion in the lobby is that President McKinley and Secretary Sherman will not allow the Senate to drive them into conflict with Spain.

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NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

TORONTO, May 21.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says: "An announcement regarding the Intercolonial extension to Montreal may be expected soon. It is understood that Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Shaughnessy are hard at work with a sub-committee of the ministers arranging the terms upon which the C. P. R. shall construct the Crow's Nest extension through Kootenay. The vote of \$5,000,000 for deepening the St. Lawrence canal will pass almost as a matter of course. These four things, the fast line, the intercolonial extension, canal deepening and the Crow's Nest Railway with the tariff and plebiscite bill, will probably be the sum of the session's work."

ST. CATHARINES, May 21.—The steamer *Outlaw* of Cleveland, bound up, carried away three gates of lock 7 of the new Welland canal. The water rushed over the banks and tore out almost the entire clay banks on the outside of the stone walls. It rushed over the farms and property and backed up as far as the city limits. It is expected navigation will be resumed within two or three days.

WINNIPEG, May 21.—At the annual meeting of the Windsor district of the Methodist church, a resolution was passed unanimously protesting against the bill, which would give the Governor General of Canada on the grounds of his connection with distilleries, which would have a bad effect on the workings of temperance societies.

TORONTO, May 21.—Local tobaccoists are receiving letters from Macdonald & Co., Montreal, at an advance of 14 cents per pound on American leaf tobacco. It is understood that Tuckett & Co. of Hamilton, are not taking orders. The advance, it is said, is only temporary, and a change in prices is looked for about the middle of next week, after the Ontario bill has taken up the tariff resolutions.

LONDON, May 21.—Mrs. Harry Holman, founder of the Holman Opera Company and its conductor for over twenty years, died here this morning. The Duke of Devonshire, who was the Senator's ears. A great commotion ensued and the sitting of the Senate was suspended. The Liberal minority afterwards held a meeting to consider the situation, and ex-Premier Sagasta, the Liberal leader, was summoned to confer with his followers. An urgent message was also sent to the Premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, by the ministers. Both these statements, as this dispatch is sent, are being impatiently awaited by their followers.

MONTEAL, May 21.—Premier Laurier arrived here to-day and received a deputation this afternoon, when a life size portrait of himself was presented to him.

WINNIPEG, May 21.—Sir Geo. Thomas Michael O'Brien, the new Governor of the Fiji Islands, is expected here to-day on his route to Vancouver, where he takes the *Acragi* for Suva.

ORANGEVILLE, May 21.—The five men convicted of setting fire to barns and other buildings in Melancthon township were sentenced this morning. Dave Wilson, who boxed the ears of the gang, James Ballard, and Alonzo Smith were sentenced to twelve years each, and Jas. C. Corbett and Reid received eight years each.

MANITOBA AFFAIRS.

WINNIPEG, May 22.—An Ottawa special published here reads: "The government has raised the fee for incorporating companies. Hereafter companies with a stock of \$1,000,000 will pay a \$500 fee, \$500,000 capital, \$300; \$200,000, \$250; \$100,000, \$200; \$40,000, \$100; below that amount, \$100."

Sir Ernest Lamon, Hon. Sir Arnold Morley, and other distinguished passengers from the Empress of India, passed through here to-day.

In a little over a week the Winnipeg senior four leave for Hanley, to do battle for the Stewards' Cup. They are training fully up to the expectations of experts, who are quite satisfied.

Post Office Inspecter Swastman has passed through en route to the Pacific coast. The four members of the 90th Rifles left to-day for Quebec to join the Jubilee contingent for England. Representatives of the Victoria and Vancouver Artillery reached the city this afternoon and are guests at the barracks. They go East to-morrow, with the Manitoba Dragoons and Mounted Police detachments.

INJURIES TO THE TEES.

Six of the Forward Plates to Be Replaced—The Ship's Strength Demonstrated.

Steamer "Mexico" in From Alaska—Capt. Todd's Awkward Situation—The "Portland."

Following the Al-Kiand other Alaskan boats which have reached the Sound this week, the Pacific Coast steamer Mexico tied up to the outer wharf at about 8 o'clock last evening on her way South. She had a very light passenger and freight list, and there were but few prospectors aboard...

Capt. Todd, of the sealing schooner Enterprise, has been in "hot water" since his return home on Wednesday. He is to appear before the Collector of Customs on Tuesday and explain why he permitted an American boat and crew to be placed aboard his vessel while she was in the West Coast...

THE OLD "HAYTIAN REPUBLIC." Victorians will remember the old steamer Haytian Republic which some years ago plied frequently between Portland and this city. It was a vessel of Portland the steamer has been converted at San Francisco into a first class vessel...

A SPECIAL MISSION. The U.S. fish commission steamer Albatross, now undergoing an overhauling at Tacoma, has a special mission to perform in connection with the fisheries in Northern Pacific waters this year, her work including the preparation of a complete report on the progress of salmon canneries with their statistics...

MR. O'FARRELL HARD HIT. The Spokesman-Review of Wednesday says: About 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while P. A. O'Farrell, the mining man, was standing at the bar in the Spokane hotel, just entering into a conversation with R. E. Brown, a stranger walked up to Mr. O'Farrell and without saying a word struck him two terrific blows over the head...

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SLOW TIME THE RULE.

Riders on the Spring Race Circuit Have Not Yet Got Down Into Form.

Sharick Commences the Season With a Clean Sweep—Penwill a Winner.

George Sharick of Tacoma and Carl Abendroth from Portland proved the lions of yesterday's race meet at Oak Bay cycle track, gathering in every event on the card for their class with a quiet modesty that went far as their riding in making their victories popular. Among the amateurs a famine of good talent was sadly noticeable, and although the home club captured two of the Simon-pure races, the events themselves were far from inspiring.

The novice race lay between three Victorians—Christopher, the winner, Penketh and Daniels. The latter tried the experiment of a 100 gear and, naturally, was lost in the jump for home. In the amateur quarter mile race, Penketh, finishing third, length of more ahead of his field in 33 1/2 with Willard, of Vancouver, next. No one of the four starters could stand the pace set by the tandem in the mile, loose surface and strong wind on the homestretch being held blameable. The finish was in consequence decidedly ragged, and riders were as disappointed as the spectators.

After a very exciting game at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, the Fifth Regiment defeated the R.M.A. by the small margin of 10 runs in the first league match of the season. The Regiment won the toss, and going to bat first only put together 72 runs, a rather small score for such an excellent wicket.

THE NEW OFFICERS NOMINATED BY VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 88, DAUGHTERS OF S. GEORGE, ARE: W. P. Mrs. Greenhalgh; W. V. P., Mrs. Cox; W. F. S., Mrs. Mulvihill; W. R. S., Mrs. Ryan; W. M., Mrs. G. Penketh; W. C. F., Mrs. Brakes; V. F. C., Mrs. Levy; W. I. G., Mrs. G. Penketh; W. O. G., Mrs. K. Penketh.

THE DOCKET FOR THE VICTORIA SPRING ASSIZES will open on Tuesday, the Chief Justice presiding, is a remarkably small one, there being only three cases on the docket for presentation to the grand jury, and of these the Reda stabbing case may go over till next term, as it is expected that a list of between 15 and 20 men will voyage there, that is to say every yacht belonging to the port will sail for the coast of the Pacific.

THE TURE. SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—Lucretia Borgia, the brown filly 4-year-old, by Imp, Brutus, out of Letetic, bred and owned by William Boots and Son, of San Jose, now holds the world's record for four miles. Splendidly ridden by Jockey Clawson, a clever light-weight pilot, and paced by Peter H. over the third mile and by installer over the fourth, both of these horses, owned by Boots, Lucretia Borgia covered the time of 7:11 and that in the face of a strong wind blowing down the back stretch. The record for four miles against the present is held by the horse owned by Boots, named Ten Broeck, the celebrated distance horse, on Sept. 27, 1876, at Louisville, Ky.

THE performance is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the new record-holder is a filly, a fact which is entirely without a precedent in the annals of turf history, as heretofore the possibility of her sex possessing the necessary stamina to traverse the long and arduous route has been ridiculed by horse breeders and followers of the turf. It is safe to predict that Lucretia Borgia's record will stand for many years to come, since long distance racing has practically gone out of fashion, such races being in vogue only in California at present.

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TRAM REGULATIONS.

The City Would Like the Navy to Have a Five Cent Fare.

There was a very important conference yesterday between the city council and Mr. F. S. Barnard, who was present on behalf of the tramway company. One question to come up was the request of the company to have some change made in the regulations prescribed by the city for running cars, and another was the desire of the city to have the tramway company allow the Navy a five cent fare from Esquimalt instead of the present ten cents each way, or a little over six cents should 30 tickets be purchased at a time.

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THE BIBLE LEAGUE.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, 'DR. PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

From early yesterday morning until 11 o'clock in the afternoon shooting of the First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, in the first of this year's matches of the Canadian Military Rifle League—which is a Victoria was postponed from the previous Saturday on account of the inspection—was in progress at the Clover Point range. The day was fine and some fairly good scores were made. Only five of the six teams entered completed their firing, and to-morrow the sixth team will shoot; there will at the same time be a match between the Fifth Regiment and the Imperial forces. Four markers are requested to be on hand early, so that the programme of the day may be carried on with as little delay as possible.

The scores of the five teams who fired yesterday were as below: NO. 1 TEAM. Sergt. Macdougall, 99; Corp. Hundy, 84; Sergt. Bailey, 84; Corp. C. G. Goulet, 84; Gr. R. J. Butler, 84; Sergt.-Major Porter, 78; Sergt. F. Richardson, 78; Bomb. Fletcher, 70. Total, 623.

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THE following did not shoot yesterday and Team No. 5 will be entered from the first ten men on this list, who shoot on Monday: Surgeon-Major Duncan, Capt. Blanchard, Lieutenants McDonnell and Foulkes, Sergt.-Major Mulcahy, Sergeants F. M. Russell, Thomas and Comman, Corporals R. H. Wilson and Merryfield, Bomb. R. J. Williams, Erimann, Gunnors W. T. Williams, Toller, H. Y. Stannard, W. Winsby, W. N. Winsby, J. C. Johnston, R. H. Johnston, G. Austin, Cornwall, G. S. Williams, Robinson, James, Hitchcock, Lang, McLeish, Storey, Sterling, Walker, Todd, G. Penketh, E. C. Johnson, Nesbit, A. Margison, J. Margison, Lombard, and C. Schwengers.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL. OTTAWA, May 22.—(Special)—Postmaster-General Mulock is authority for the statement that when the Jubilee stamps run out the present Canadian issue will be replaced entirely by a new issue with the portrait of Her Majesty as she appears to-day. The Marine department publishes a number of warnings to masters of vessels of dangerous points in British Columbia waters, based on Capt. Walbran's reports. The trade returns published to-day shows increase in the volume of trade, as well as in duty paid. The imports were \$3,395,928 for April, compared with \$7,130,141 for the same month last year. The duty collected was \$1,772,065, an increase of \$17,068 over April, 1896. Exports were \$6,538,690, compared with \$4,898,902 for April last year. For ten months of the present fiscal year the increase in the volume of trade has been nearly \$11,000,000 over the same time last year. Imports have been \$39,438,592, compared with \$32,023,405, while the duty paid has been \$16,941,601, as against \$17,038,240 for 1896, a decrease of \$97,639. Exports were \$108,829,434 for 1897 and \$96,903,430 for 1896. Senator Macdonald of Victoria having brought up the question of removing the Indians from the better time in that city, Senator Scott said the whole question was surrounded by legal difficulties, but that the matter would be considered at the meeting of the government. Sir Mackenzie Bowell suggested a reference of the matter to the Supreme court. David Stock of Toronto will apply next session for a divorce from his wife, Mary Stock, on the ground of bigamy.

CHURCH PROMOTIONS. MONTREAL, May 22.—It is understood that Archbishop Fabre will be made Bishop of Rome on Monday next, and that either Bishop Laroque of Sherbrooke or Canon Racot of Montreal will be his successor as Bishop of Montreal.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

VANCOUVER, May 22.—The senior lacrosse team to meet in Victoria on Monday will be picked from the following players: Quann, Reynolds, J. Spriggett, M. Barr, J. Molayno, W. H. Quann, F. Wright, J. Hamrah, A. Matheson, K. Ralph, E. Maguire, G. Williams, K. Campbell and D. A. Smith. The shareholders of the Oregon Boy company met last night and decided to raise a subscription to engage legal assistance in an attempt to set aside the recent sale of the mine. The following are among those who will complete in the bicycle races here on the 24th: Eugene Davies and D. E. Griffiths of Everett; J. and G. Sharkey of Tacoma; A. Allen and Carl Abendroth, Portland; and C. F. Barker, T. Spain and A. Lester, Vancouver. Amongst the amateurs are Willard, Blackmore, Carey, Earle, W. C. McGregor, R. Hadden, C. F. Cotton, C. A. Ross, H. Russell, G. C. Howey, G. J. Marshall, T. A. Campbell and Horace Taylor. Mr. P. Geddes, who was secretary to General Superintendent Abbott, has been appointed secretary to Mr. Abbott's successor, Mr. Marpole.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, May 22.—May Day was a success yesterday, but there was not so large a number of children present as on the occasion of last year's festivities, owing to no public holiday being granted. In the procession Miss Maggie Gifford was the centre of attraction as May Queen, and she was accompanied by Miss Ella Oulton, the ex-queen, and for maids of honor the Misses Rose, Randall, Bryman and McBride. The Boys' Brigade attended as a guard of honor. The royal party were followed by the city band, the fire brigade and carriages. On arriving at the Queen's Park an appropriate, rhythmic speech, the ex-queen spoke of her pleasant twelve months' reign, complimented the Boys' Brigade and congratulated the queen and the city band. After this the Maypole dance, which was indulged in for several hours.

THE TIGER ENGINE. THE "old machinery" known as the Tiger hand engine which has had this city so long as its home will shortly be sold, and is being sold to the town council of Steveston. Associated with the old pump is a long span in the history of Victoria and to Frank Sylvester, who has been secretary of the old volunteer fire department, knows more of the ins and outs of the old engine than anyone in the town, and he is due for a few facts in this connection. The Tiger engine was purchased in San Francisco as far back as 1862 and was considered a beauty at the time. The purchase money which represented \$2,500 was thought to be a very reasonable amount. Previous to the advent of the Tiger engine, the town council had a Tiger Company as No. 1 company of the fire brigade was called, and was using an old fashioned double deck engine, which had been used in "Frisco in 1852 and was called "the old Telegraph." The present one contained amongst other improvements the squirrel tail suction as the old suction on the Telegraph engine was in three pieces, and required coupling together a fire, which in darkness and in haste was no small matter. When the new engine arrived she received a grand reception from the whole fire department upon being housed in her new home, which was then on Johnson street where the Jubilee saloon now stands. The first fire at which she was at work was at the Bowditch store, which stood about where the new law courts now stand. It was a big blaze and would have made bad fire, but her two streams soon settled it. During her time of active service she was a good and true servant to the city, and saved it on many occasions from serious loss. During the many years she saw of active service the engine had the honor of having some of the most prominent of Victoria's citizens as members, and many a good old man can still recall with pride the days when he pulled the Tiger drag rope and ran with the machine. And now in her old age she has to submit to the way of the world, and make way for her more improved and powerful competitors. But wherever she goes she will always carry with her the best wishes of all the old timers—who all hope that she will, under her new owners, give proof of her ability to still do good and faithful service.

THE STRANDED "ARCADIA." ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 21.—The steamers Lord Stanley and Lady Ghent arrived at the stranded Arcadia this afternoon with extra steam tugs and diving apparatus, and the work of attempting to float the steamer began immediately. Five tugs and two warships, the Pelican and Buxton, will be used to assist in the effort to get her off the rocks. The weather is fine, the wind off shore, the water smooth, and the position of the wreck good.

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THE performance is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the new record-holder is a filly, a fact which is entirely without a precedent in the annals of turf history, as heretofore the possibility of her sex possessing the necessary stamina to traverse the long and arduous route has been ridiculed by horse breeders and followers of the turf. It is safe to predict that Lucretia Borgia's record will stand for many years to come, since long distance racing has practically gone out of fashion, such races being in vogue only in California at present.

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THE PROPOSED PLEBISCITE.

The government measure under which the question of prohibition will be submitted to the people will take that question out of the arena of mere sentimental consideration and make it severely practical. Several grave considerations must be taken into account. One of these is the question of revenue. The receipts from customs and excise dues on spirituous liquors amount to about \$8,000,000 a year. This would have to be raised by some new species of taxation, and as all the indirect methods have been exhausted, a direct tax on incomes would be the only one left to resort to.

An income tax is a perfectly fair tax, and we make no objection to it on principle. We are simply pointing out that the tax will follow as a matter of course upon the adoption of a prohibitory law, and therefore the people of Canada, those who do not use spirituous liquors as well as those who do, will understand that by voting for prohibition they are substantially declaring that a very large sum, now contributed to the revenue by those who use spirituous liquors, will thereafter be paid by a direct tax upon all the people.

But it is argued that under prohibition the expense of government will be much less. This is an argument that does not apply to the expense of the Dominion government except in a very inconsiderable degree. It may be conceded that the general expense of maintaining police, taking care of paupers and some other phases of government will be greatly lessened by a well-enforced prohibitory liquor law; but these are matters which come under the control of the municipalities and the Dominion has nothing to do with them, except in so far as the expense of maintaining penitentiaries is augmented by the crime due to over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor.

Indeed, so far from the cost of governing the Dominion being reduced by reason of prohibition, it would be very considerably increased, because of the staff of officers necessary to enforce the law. We have no means of estimating what this would be, but several thousands of land and sea frontier would have to be watched to prevent smuggling and a federal constabulary would have to be maintained to prevent the illegal manufacture of liquors. To the amount necessary to be raised to make up the deficit caused by the cessation of regular imports and legal manufacture of spirituous liquors would have to be added a very large sum to cover the cost of policing the whole country to prevent smuggling and illicit distilling. The experience of those localities where the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, was put in operation, is that it is idle to expect a prohibitory law to enforce itself. These who count upon the ordinary police force of communities being equal to the enforcement of a general prohibitory law are simply unable to appreciate the case. If the law is passed it ought to be enforced, and it cannot be enforced except at great expense.

It must be kept in mind also that municipal revenues would be very greatly reduced by the abolition of licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors, but it is probably true that, if the Dominion would be at the expense of seeing that the law is enforced the saving to the municipalities by reason of the reduction in pauperism, crime and immorality would more than counter-balance the loss of revenue. We are now supposing that the law is, as a matter of fact, actually enforced and the illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is stopped, as far as it can be prevented by legal means. It might be that the Federal parliament, having enacted the law, would throw the responsibility of its enforcement upon the provinces. Certain acts are declared by the statutes of Canada to be crimes or misdemeanors, but parliament makes no provision for the prevention of them, and is at no expense as to pay the salaries of offenders, except to the prosecutors of the judges. It is very evident that in a province like British Columbia, where population is scattered and where so many miners, prospectors, adventurers and speculators gather, the expense attending the enforcement of a prohibitory law would be enormous and the measure of success would be comparatively limited. On whom would the expense of this fall under a prohibitory law?

Such are some of the practical questions connected with the proposed plebiscite that will have to be faced. Whether they are of a sufficient weight to counter-balance the benefits to be derived from prohibition we must leave each reader to determine for himself. At a later day we will probably have something to say upon the general question of prohibition. It is probably true that a majority of the people of Canada believe that it would be a good thing for the Dominion and its inhabitants to stop the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. It is probably also quite true that the ability of the people to pay taxes would be increased, if there was not so great a waste of money, time and energy through the

drinking habits of the people. But when it is proposed to ask the people to say whether or not a prohibitory law shall be enforced, the best friends of the affirmative side of the issue must direct as to the questions involved, for if a popular verdict is secured on false pretences or under a misapprehension of its effects, it will not stand more than two years on the statute book.

THE WEALTH OF YUKON.

We reprint to-day some extracts from Mr. Ogilvie's report on the great gold fields on the Canadian tributaries of the Yukon. One can say without exaggeration that nothing like this has ever been told of any part of the world and if when the knowledge of what has been found in that remote country becomes general there is not an immediate rush of miners thither, all precedents will be at fault. There is, of course, no means of approximating the amount of wealth that will be taken out of the country during the next few years, but one thing is very evident, namely that thousands of people will go into the country and will have to be fed and clothed while there. A very large number of these people will come out every fall and bring with them quantities of gold. They are the freest people in the world with their money. When they strike civilization after being months and perhaps years isolated in a sub-Arctic wilderness they want the best that civilization can afford and they are not very particular about the price they have to pay for it. Most of them on coming out will go further than the coast cities and see life during the winter in the larger cities of the continent, but they will still get their gold in Victoria and they will outfit here for their holidays. Literally speaking there is "millions in it" for Victoria and Vancouver if they can secure their legitimate share of the trade of the Yukon.

COLD STORAGE.

In the estimates as submitted to parliament there is an item of \$80,000 for cold storage to be supplemented by \$20,000 hereafter. It is expected that seven vessels running from the Atlantic coast to European ports will be equipped with mechanical cold storage apparatus, and cold storage warehouses will be provided in Halifax, St. John, Charlotte-town, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Revelstoke. That at Revelstoke is to be provided in anticipation of the trade in dairy products from the Northwest Territories. The government will supervise the construction of the buildings and we gather from the statement of the Minister of Agriculture that the aid will take the shape of a five per cent. guarantee of interest. On the subject of cold storage in general as applied to the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Professor Robertson, the well-known expert, said recently:

What I saw and learned on this trip confirms my previous opinion that the shipment of dressed beef will ultimately add from \$10 to \$15 to the value of every steer grown on the prairies. The transportation charges for the carriage of steers alive will average nearly \$30 per head; the shrinkage in weight is from 70 to 75 pounds per head; the animals arrive in Great Britain with the tallow run off their kidneys, and the tallow generally somewhat discolored. The beef also is quite different from the beef from the same animals when slaughtered as they come from their prairie pastures. The carcasses of the same steers could be shipped as dressed beef at a cost not exceeding \$15 per head. The shrinkage during the journey would not be more than five or seven pounds per carcass, and all the edible oil, such as tongues, hearts and tripe, could be carried in cheap boxes in cold storage. I think the cold storage service arranged for for the transportation of railways and steamships will be of very great benefit to the farmers. The farmers in Alberta will find an excellent market for butter, eggs, poultry, oats, and for flour and oatmeal from the Edmonton district, in the Kootenay and Roseland mining regions. At present the want of a distributing storage warehouse as a distributing centre at such a place as Revelstoke or Nakusp is a serious handicap to Canadian farmers, who are competing with the United States farmers whose products are sent in by way of Spokane Falls. From Spokane Falls butter and eggs and that class of products can be delivered to the mining camps in twenty-four hours; from Edmonton and Calgary the delivery takes from three to five days. With a cold storage warehouse at a central point in the mining region, where four or five carloads could be held, prompt delivery could be made of the Canadian products in the best condition. That would be a sure, and, it seems to me, a necessary means of capturing and keeping that market for Canadian farm products.

A Colonist reader thinks an editorial in yesterday's paper in regard to the Yukon gold fields may be misunderstood. The statement was made that the Yukon is in Canada. The word Yukon was used to signify the territory so named in contra-distinction to Alaska. In the American papers the Yukon gold fields are always spoken of as Alaskan. All the auriferous gravels of this great river system are not, in Canada, for some very valuable ground is west of the 141st meridian, and hence

in United States territory. But the lower part of Forty-Mile Creek, all the Clondyke, all Stewart river, and every mile of the Yukon and its tributaries above these points is in Canada. The discoverer's desire is not to detract from the reputation of the Alaskan gold deposits, but to point out that the most valuable and most numerous discoveries are in Canada.

The Canadian Trade Review draws attention to the highly interesting fact that while the value of speculative stocks in Cripple Creek is steadily going down, the mines are doing better than ever. It thinks that something of the same state of things may be looked for in Roseland and the other camps. In the histories of all successful mining camps there is a period when the arts of the boomers fail to accomplish much, and those people who are "everything by turn and nothing long," forthwith jump at the conclusion that the bottom is about to fall out of business. What is really taking place is that business is settling to a solid basis.

There appears to be an open question as to just where the International boundary line is in the neighborhood of Boundary Creek. The piece of territory involved is very narrow, but its ownership may be a matter of very considerable importance. Fortunately it can be easily settled by astronomical observations, for the 49th parallel is the boundary. A year or so ago an ingenious man from Spokane propounded the proposition that Roseland was really in the United States, but he was simply drawing on his imagination.

A petition has been presented to the Department of Marine and Fisheries asking for the establishment of a weather bureau in connection with the meteorological observatory at Esquimaux. What is wanted is that the Esquimaux station shall be supplied with and publish forecasts based upon observations at Point Carmanah, Cape Flattery, and other Coast points. The idea is an excellent one.

Mr. Laurier's telegram intimating that the parties who contemplate erecting a smelter at Northport to smelt British Columbia coal would "be wise in taking no hasty action," can only mean that an export duty on ore may be imposed if it is necessary to secure the establishment of smelters in this Province. The telegram may be a trifle irregular, but we will not be over critical if it produces the desired result.

COMMENTING on the recent vote in Toronto on the Star of that city says: The street cars will run, And what will the ministers do then, poor things? To which we would respectfully reply: They will centre their capers Against Sunday papers, And keep ministers from going to church, poor things.

SPEAKING of the export of Canadian horses to England, the Ottawa Citizen says: The number and value could be greatly increased "if farmers would improve the quality of their wares." If the Citizen will amend this sentence by changing the "w" in the last word to an "m," it will hit the nail on the head exactly.

THE Nelson Tribune infers from the Lieutenant-Governor's action in regard to the Oriental Labor bill that His Honor is interested in the British Pacific railway. "Who can minister to a mind diseased?"

THE Times has Ruckles on the brain. What a great thing it is to have a paper that is able to concentrate its high intelligence upon a matter of such insignificance week after week.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. FOR HOME SMELTERS. The product of the mines should be treated in the country which yields it, in great abundance as Kootenay does. We are pleased to observe that the local journals are almost a unit in favor of the smelters being established either there or elsewhere in the province.—Vancouver World.

THE NEW MINING LAW. There is no doubt that very awkward questions will arise on the construction and scope of the following section, which will for some time make the limits of its remedial effect an uncertain quantity. Upon any dispute as to the title to any claim no irregularity happening previous to the date of the record of the last certificate of work shall affect the title thereto, and it shall be assumed that up to that date the title to such claim was perfect except upon suit by the attorney-general upon fraud.—Trail Creek News.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Employer—I thought you wanted to go to your grandmother's funeral this afternoon. Office Boy—Pleas, sir, it was postponed on account of wet grounds.—Truth.

Your daughter Imogene is a perfect Venus, Mr. Duggins. "Yes, Venus she is," he never does any work with her arms.—Chicago Record.

The month of May is very appropriately named, " remarked the youth to his friend. "In what regard?" "Because its weather is so uncertain." "How does your name May apply to uncertain weather?" "Well, it may be hot or it may be cold, it may be wet or it may be dry."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Slight Misunderstanding.—Westerner—That bank in town has their capital in the hands of the "liabilities." Tourist—What are the "liabilities?" Westerner—We have no liabilities, but they won't let him in; but if they do, they're liable to string him up.—Puck.

A FLEET OF NINE.

The N. P. Steamship Company Are Preparing for the Coming Tea Season.

A lion's share of the Oriental tea trade appears to be what the Northern Pacific Steamship Company is contending for at present, judging from the immense tonnage they have engaged to handle their business. From four regular liners plying in the trans-Pacific trade, including ships of the greatest carrying capacity known in these waters. Two of these specially chartered ships are now on their way, the Mount Lebanon having sailed on the 11th inst., and due to arrive a week from to-morrow, and the Pathan, which sailed on the 18th inst., should arrive about the 3rd of next month. The whole fleet is composed as follows: Victoria, 3,107 tons; Tacoma, 2,540 tons; Olympia, 2,805; Columbia, 2,608 tons; the four regular liners of the fleet, Braemar, 4,000 tons; Mogul, 2,819 tons; Mount Lebanon, 2,410 tons; Pathan, 2,700 tons; and Pelican, 2,800. In all there is a total of 256 tons, giving the total capacity of the fleet at approximately 45,000 tons, an amount that would, no doubt, trouble the managers of the Victoria and Sydney to handle on their line. Of the ships the Mogul is probably the best known among the fleet apart from the Victoria and Tacoma, she having a few years ago made a record trip under the Northern Pacific flag. The Columbia has not yet reached Hongkong from England, but she is now being looked for there at any time.

RATES ARE UPWARD. The monthly freight and shipping report issued by R. P. Rithet & Co. has the following to say about April business: During the period under review very little has transpired that is of special interest and the list of charters is comparatively small. Only a few grain engagements have been made at previous rates, and while in the lumber section of the market more activity has been shown, there also the influence of the season's evidences by dry fixtures than usual. Rates may be quoted steady with an upward tendency in some directions.

RESUMES SERVICE. Looking like a new boat the Rosalie on her return to business last evening attracted no small amount of attention. All that can be replaced with white lead and linseed oil was accomplished during the steamer's two weeks of idleness, for paint stands resplendent. New carpets have replaced the old ones, new furniture the shabby, and new working machinery the rough. Altogether the change of steamers on the route and the re-equipping of the vessel, under the old George E. Starr is an agreeable move.

THE SMELTER WILL BE BUILT. Wednesday evening's action of the city council toward the smelter project may not after all mean the defeat of the scheme in so far as it affects Victoria. It was reported last evening that a petition signed by a large number of rate-payers of the city to have the necessary terms submitted to the council by Mr. W. Salover, one of the promoters of the scheme, said last evening that his company are prepared to go ahead with the project, and the council will commence construction work inside of sixty days; the exact location he declined to say. He says, however, that if the city council in the matter, and is of the opinion that their ruling was not that of the people.

Floor Walker—She complains that you didn't show her common civility. Salesman—I showed her everything in my department, sir.—Detroit Journal.

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WE CLAIM there is only one preparation in Canada to-day that is guaranteed to cure BRONCHITIS, and that is our CHASE'S SYRUP OF LIMESEED AND TURPENTINE. It is MOTHER'S OWN REMEDY, and it will cure you with CROUP and coughing its little lung out with WHOOPING COUGH. One small dose immediately stops that cough. By loosening the phlegm, puts the little one to sleep and rest. Dr. Chase compounded this valuable syrup so as to take away the unpleasant taste of turpentine and limeseed. OFFER to refund the price if Dr. Chase's Syrup will not do all that it is claimed to do. Sold on a guarantee at all dealers, or Edman-son, Bates & Co., 45 Lombard St. Price, 25c.

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TO KILL TUBERCULOSIS.

Recommendation That the Government Ask for One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Yukon Chartered Company Restricted to Ordinary Privileges—Revelstoke Cold Storage.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 20.—(Special)—The fact Atlantic line contract is at last an accomplished fact. A cablegram was received this afternoon from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, stating that the contract for the fast Atlantic service signed with Messrs. Peterson, Laté & Company, of Newcastle, had been accepted by the Imperial authorities. The contract only waited confirmation of the Imperial government and the admiralty subvention. This being now granted the firm will at once proceed to build their fleet. Mr. Mulock informed the house that Jubilee postage stamps of all denominations will be issued about June 29. The supply will last about three months. Only one set will be given away that to the Duke of York.

A special estimate for the Jubilee conference was passed this afternoon. Mr. Nathan suggested that a reserve fund allowance be given officers who will accompany the Premier.

The government thought officers were being fairly well provided for. If necessary the government would ask parliament for a further sum.

The contract with the Bank Note Company was discussed by Mr. Pöfger, who severely scored the government for allowing them to do a portion of the work outside of the Dominion.

Casey's bicycle bill passed the railway committee this morning by a vote of 46 to 21, despite the strenuous opposition of the railway companies.

OTTAWA, May 21.—Sir Richard Cartwright made the announcement to-night that the Imperial government had assented to the steamship contract with the Petersons Company. The Canadian subsidy for a twenty knot service will be \$500,000, and the Imperial contribution \$250,000. The service will be in operation by midsummer of 1899.

There was a pretty warm fight in the Railway committee this morning over the Yukon Chartered Company's bill, but after the elimination of certain objectionable features the measure was reported. Messrs. Oliver, Lister and McInnes strongly opposed the bill. Mr. Haggart also thought the powers sought were too extensive. Sir Charles Tupper supported the application, believing it essential that British capital should be encouraged to invest in Canada.

Mr. Blair thought it advisable to confine the company's operations to landing and transportation in British Columbia and the Territories, eliminating all administrative powers.

Prof. McEwen on agriculture recommended to the committee on agriculture that the government spend \$100,000 in stamping out tuberculosis in cattle.

Mr. Charles Tupper asked about the Alaska boundary negotiations, and Mr. Sifton promised to bring down the papers.

Good progress was made in supply today. Sir Charles Tupper warmly supported the vote for a statue to Hon. Alex. Mackenzie and said parliament was but doing tardy justice to the memory of one of her most illustrious statesmen.

Sir Richard Cartwright acknowledged in appropriate terms Sir Charles Tupper's generous observation.

Commissioner Robertson goes West to-morrow as far as Revelstoke where he will inspect the cold storage warehouse intended for facilitating sending butter, poultry, eggs, etc., from Alberta into the Kootenay mining country.

THE QUEEN AT SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD, Eng., May 21.—Queen Victoria, Princess Christina of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Connaught, arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. All work was suspended. Her Majesty spent two hours here, during which time she will be officially welcomed; receive and reply to addresses; open the town hall; drive through the city; review 50,000 soldiers; and witness the rolling of armor plate at the Cyclops works. She will then proceed to Balmoral, where she will arrive to-morrow.

ANOTHER POINT ELLICE CASE.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—The second case against the city for damages on account of the Point Ellice bridge accident opened to-day. It is Patterson v. City of Victoria, in which Mrs. Patterson sues the city for the death of her husband, who was a victim of the bridge accident. Besides a widow he left three children. The evidence is to a large extent similar to that in the Gordon case. The tramway company are not included in the suit.

THE PREFERENTIAL CLAUSE.

BRUSSELS, May 19.—In the chamber of deputies to-day the government was asked several questions as to the attitude of Canada towards Belgian imports. The minister for foreign affairs, M. Favre, declared the new Canadian tariff was not applicable to Belgium trade. He added that the government was taking care to safeguard Belgian interests.

KILLED NEAR NELSON.

ROSSLAND, May 19.—A special to the Miner from Nelson states that Bruno Marano was killed, and R. Ross, C.P.R. employee, injured fatally on the Columbia and Kootenay railway, 20 miles from Nelson this morning. They were knocked off a flat car by a wood pile projecting over the track.

LUCKY MAYHEW.

MONTREAL, May 19.—(Special)—James Mayhew, aged 90, lately in poverty, has received the word that he has been left a fortune amounting to \$250,000 by the death of an uncle in England.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

NANAIMO, May 21.—(Special)—The second annual convention of the Epworth League of British Columbia opened in the Wallace Methodist church last evening, the pastor, Rev. T. W. Hall, welcoming the delegates. Mr. More, of the Metropolitan League, Victoria, and Mr. Hunter, of Homer street church, Vancouver, and others responded, thanking the Nanaimo League for the hearty reception.

At this morning's session committees on "Sabbath Observance," "Resolutions and Petitions," "State of the Work," and "Finance and Temperance" were appointed, also a special committee on the "International Convention," consisting of Bayr, S. J. Thompson, T. W. Hall, W. J. Baer and J. D. F. Knox; Messrs. Baird and Wintertute, and Messrs. Malkin, Peck and Haslam.

The conference committee on the International League presented an appeal from the Washington conference to be considered by the committee on the occasion of the meeting of the International League at Seattle in 1898.

An interesting discussion on the relation of the league to the pastore took place. The main idea impressed on the convention was all leagues should do all in their power to co-operate with the pastore in all respects.

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LABOUCHERE CENSURED

The Transvaal Committee Censure His Allegation of a Stock-Jobbing Conspiracy.

A Scene at the Sitting of Yesterday—Truth's Editor Offers to Bring Proof.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, May 21.—There was a dramatic scene to-day in the committee room of Westminster Hall. The parliamentary committee inquiring into the Transvaal raid held another session and during the course of the examination of Mr. Rutherford Harris, the former secretary of the British Chartered South Africa Company at Capetown, by Mr. Labouchere, the witness was asked whether he had ever heard of a syndicate organized for the purpose of dealing in the securities of the Chartered Company. Mr. Harris replied by reading an extract from Mr. Labouchere's speech in the House of Commons on May 8, 1896, and also an extract from Truth of May 5, 1896. The article from Truth states that a conspiracy had been organized for the raid for the purpose of making large bear sales, and points out that the results would be of great profit to the conspirators. "It is clear," continued the article, "that the raid was planned by Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and the secretary of the Chartered South Africa Company." The witness then read the article, and Mr. Harris turned to the chairman and begged him to call upon Mr. Labouchere to justify his statements, which Mr. Harris said were untrue and maliciously false and untrue.

Mr. Labouchere replied: "In order to give proof I shall have to call a number of stock brokers before the committee."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Balfour, then rose and said: "I think it important that you should do so."

Replying to Sir Richard Webster, the Attorney General, Mr. Harris retorted that Mr. Labouchere's statement was untrue from beginning to end. The witness then read an extract from the Globe, written last week and signed by Mr. Labouchere, making similar charges.

Mr. Labouchere said he was prepared to prove the charges. The committee room was then cleared in order to allow the committee to discuss the matter. When the session was resumed the chairman announced that the goods at the wrecked American liner Arcadia, near Cape Ray, to-day, until the weather got too stormy, when the tugs started for Port Au Basques, where they are now safely harbored. The wreckage is being cleared up and the tugs will return to to-morrow when the weather moderates. Other wrecking ships will join them, and combined effort will be made, with the help of warships, to pull the Arcadia off the rocks. Thirty local schooners carrying portions of the Arcadia's cargo have landed at the goods at Port Au Basques, and are now returning for a second load, but at present it is too rough to allow them to approach the wreck. A party of blue jackets from the Pelican are superintending all the salvage and wrecking operations.

WHERE IS THE BOY?

BOSTON, May 19.—Albert M. King, the 19-year-old messenger of the Boylston National bank, at the corner of Washington and Essex streets, is missing, together with about \$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in securities, not negotiable except between banks. King started for the clearing house at 10:15 to-day to settle the balance existing between the bank and on the way, according to instructions, transacted other business involving something like \$45,000. As he did not return to the bank by 10 o'clock the officials grew anxious and made a search for the messenger, besides securing the aid of the police, but up to the present have been unable to ascertain his whereabouts. King has been employed at the bank two years and his honesty was never questioned.

ADMIRAL MILLER

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Rear-Admiral Miller, who will be the United States government's naval representative at the Queen's Jubilee ceremonies, has selected his staff and directed that their report on the Brooklyn for duty not later than May 25. Secretary Long has allowed the admiral a liberal sum for entertaining purposes, and it is probable that he will be able to entertain his own in receptions and entertainments along with the other admirals who may be present with their ships. The departure of the Brooklyn has been fixed for June 1, and her orders direct her to proceed to the English channel and join the other foreign warships which will be present for the festivities.

EATON'S BURNED OUT.

TORONTO, May 20.—(Special)—The departmental store of John Eaton & Co. was totally destroyed by fire to-day. The damage to the firm is placed at \$230,000; insurance, roughly, \$235,000. Three hundred employees are out of work, and lined the street this morning in front of the vacant spot where the building had stood. Other losses are: The Monarch Cycle Company, \$3,500; W. H. Johnson, proprietor photograph gallery, \$2,000; Dentist Wyckoff, \$1,000; Fairweather & Co., \$10,000; insured for \$15,000.

C.P.R. APPOINTMENTS.

WINNIPEG, May 20.—(Special)—In regard to appointments announced on the Pacific division of the C.P.R., an error was made as to the location of Mr. Beasley, who was mentioned as superintendent of the Vancouver subdivision. A new subdivision has been created of branch lines in Kootenay district known as Nelson division, and Mr. Beasley has been appointed to this division, with headquarters at Nelson. Wm. Downey, the present divisional superintendent at Vancouver, is retained in that position.

ONTARIO LEGISLATION.

TORONTO, May 20.—(Special)—The Telegram to-night says all signs point strongly to an early dissolution of the Ontario legislature.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY CLOSED.

MONTREAL, May 20.—(Special)—The Montreal sugar refinery, employing 280 men, has found it impossible to continue under present circumstances, so an order to close down has been given.

INSPECTOR SWEET.

TORONTO, Ont., May 20.—(Special)—M. Sweet, chief postoffice inspector, left here yesterday on an official visit to Manitoba and British Columbia.

MARQUIS ITO.

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—The Marquis Ito, today for the East on the C.P.R. private car Matapedia. He will stop off at Ottawa to pay his respects to Lord Aberdeen.

GREECE'S INDEMNITY.

Bull Says His Country Will Pay Turkey But Cede No Territory.

Messages Between the Czar and Sultan That Stopped the Turkish Advance.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, May 20.—A dispatch from Constantinople gives the text of the Czar's message to the Sultan asking for the cessation of hostilities as follows: "Your Imperial Majesty will not feel astonished by the fact that, encouraged by the evidence of sincere friendship and neighborly feeling which exists between us, I take upon myself the task of addressing to Your August Sensibility my earnest expression of the wish that you will crown the heroic successes of your soldiers by a suspension of hostilities. This is a course which will be entirely accord with the firmness and peaceful moderation you witnessed at the commencement of the campaign. Your Imperial Majesty will thus accomplish an object which will be to the advantage of all concerned. I pray your Imperial Majesty to be good enough to believe in my unalterable friendship."

The Sultan replied, expressing lively and sincere thanks, and informing the Czar that he had ordered the Turkish commanders to stop fighting. In conclusion the Sultan replied: "I pray your Imperial Majesty also to take into consideration that I was for friendly intervention of the powers to assure the establishment of peace, having for its result the safeguarding of the rights and prestige of my government and the maintenance of general peace."

ARMENIA, May 20.—Crown Prince Constantine to-day had a long conference by telegraph from Lania with Premier Balfour. The Premier said: "The indemnity which Greece will pay Turkey will be in proportion to the resources of Greece and will be most welcome. The cessation of territory is out of the question. Greece cannot accept a modification of the strategic frontier, which would render easy the raising of Greek territory by armed bands and which would compel Greece to maintain a large army in order to prevent such incursions."

RELIEF FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, May 21.—The government leader, Mr. Balfour, made an important statement in the House of Commons to-day regarding the government's policy, which will be carried out next session, the object of which is to give Ireland an equivalent for the relief in the agricultural rates give to England. The government, he said, proposes to place both the poor rates and her financial position on a popular basis. The landlords must be relieved of all rural rates. At present the land-owners are liable to all the poor rates, which the government proposes to hereafter pay out of the Imperial funds. The tenants are liable for the other half of the poor rates and the county cess. The government proposed hereafter to pay the county cess out of the Imperial funds. This double benefit to two classes, Mr. Balfour explained, will enable the government to launch a scheme for local government, which he believed would work safely and smoothly. He said that the government was of the opinion that every class of the community would be disposed to regard with favor what he could not but think was one of the greatest reforms ever carried out under the safest conditions ever suggested in the House of Commons.

Mr. Henry Edward Carson, Conservative former solicitor-general for Ireland, moved to adjourn the house in order to discuss Mr. Balfour's statement. He referred to the proposal for a large proposal of the government, John Millan, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party; Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Liberal; Mr. Balfour, the Conservative leader, also approved of the proposals. Mr. Balfour said the money would not be applied to Ireland this year. Thereupon Mr. Carson renewed his motion to adjourn.

NO BIRTHDAY HONORS.

OTTAWA, May 21.—It is authoritatively stated that there will be no announcement of honors conferred throughout the Empire on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday this year. The announcement of such distinctions will be made in connection with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee next month.

Lord Aberdeen assented to the Jubilee contingent bill and about fifteen others in the Senate this afternoon.

Sir Richard Cartwright led in the house to-day in the absence of the Premier in Montreal.

Hon. Mr. Blair said to-day, in answer to Sir Charles Tupper, that he would give a general outline of the arrangement respecting the Intercolonial extension to Montreal when the house goes into committee on the railway estimates.

JUBILEE SOLDIERS.

WINNIPEG, May 19.—(Special)—Major Evans, commanding the Winnipeg troop of Royal Canadian dragoons, received orders from Ottawa to-day to furnish three men for the Jubilee forces in England. Sergt. Instructor McMillan and Private McAlpine have been sent to accompany Major Evans.

CHATHAM, May 19.—(Special)—Jas. Young, 21, was sentenced to five years to-day for playing an obnoxious game on a railway track, nearly causing a wreck. The prisoner said he did it to see some fun.

THIRSTY FOR MORE BLOOD.

LONDON, May 21.—A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says that reports having reached the Yildiz Kiosk on Wednesday night that the troops in Thessaly and Epirus were grumbling angrily because of the cessation of fighting, the military commission ordered that all grumblers be sent to Constantinople under escort. The dispatch adds that the priests with the army have been instructed to deliver special sermons on obedience.

The victories of the Turkish armies have caused an exciting in Constantinople and alienating support from the government, which is denounced for weakness respecting the settlement with Greece. The Sultan ordered that the patrols in the city be increased on the pretext that it is possible that there will be an Armenian manifestation on the occasion of the Armenian national anniversary, which will occur three weeks hence. The real reason is the fear that there will be a Moslem outbreak against the government.

An imperial order has been issued forbidding the sale of drawings and photographs or poetry dealing with the war of the Turkish commanders, evidently with the idea of preventing the heroizing of any Turkish commanders.

BUFFALO TO JUBILEE.

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British-born residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Elliott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the Jubilee banquet which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert I. Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At the subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution: "While it is particularly requested that all citizens of British birth shall take a warm interest in the matter of the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, it is the sense of the committee that no barriers of nationality shall be raised, and that all good American citizens, well-wishers of Her Majesty, are cordially invited to participate in the banquet and will be most welcome. The banquet will be held at the Elliott Club on the evening of the 22nd of June."

MANITOBA AFFAIRS.

WINNIPEG, May 21.—Crop reports from points on the Northern Pacific line in Manitoba to-day state that the weather has been very warm during the past week, and in consequence grain has come ahead and the fields are looking green and the wheat strong.

Dr. Carmichael, president of the Methodist general conference, returned to-day from British Columbia.

Sir Wm. Van Horne is expected to make a trip over the C.P.R. early in June.

Orders were granted by the Manitoba courts to-day winding up the Helmskirk Publishing Co., both being insolvent.

Harry Phair, who was injured by the upsetting of a freight car at Portage la Proure, died of his injuries, making the second victim of the accident.

The second daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, aged 7, was drowned yesterday at Fleming.

INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Cuban affairs furnished the house with a day of bitter partisan debate. On the resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of American citizens detained in Cuba, Mr. DeLoach deavored to enforce consideration also of the Morgan resolution for recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents, but was beaten. They accused the Republicans of endeavoring to evade the issue, but the dominant party, through its spokesman, Mr. Hitt, made the important statement that the Republicans desired not to embarrass negotiations which were being projected by President McKinley to secure the independence of Cuba. While Mr. Hitt disclaimed presidential authority by his statement, it was well known that this was in consultation with Mr. McKinley on the question and knew whereof he spoke.

TO LOCK THE HARRISON.

Mr. W. H. Keary, of Westminster, who is in town on business, speaks very highly of the mining properties that are being opened up in the Harrison, Pitt Lake and neighboring districts. A great deal of business is being done from Westminster with the new camps, for at least \$5,000 worth of goods have been shipped to the mines from the Royal City in the last ten days. There is much development work in progress. Mr. Keary states, and there are hundreds of prospectors and miners hard at work. At Harrison Lake there are between 300 and 400 men at Pitt Lake and vicinity about 200 more and near the mountains there are many men camped waiting for the snow to go off enough to allow them to prospect on the hills.

With the exception of the rapids on the Harrison river there is navigation for even large steamers from the Fraser to the head of the lake. To overcome the rapids, Westminster people are urging that a lock be put in and this, it is maintained, will give good navigation at all periods.

"I was told last week," said Mr. Keary, "that many years ago a man named Coe prospected this very thing, and now people seem to have come round his way of thinking."

At the Fire Mountain mines and the Providence mine a large number of men are employed, and at the former place the company are putting in a wharf 1,000 feet long for shipping purposes, and are getting in a ten stamp battery. It is astonishing, Mr. Keary says, how many men who are flocking in from other parts of the province and from Washington to prospect in Westminster district.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Experts Tell the Vancouver Jury About the Broken Bridge—Booksellers' Protest.

Rossland Mining Exchange Decides to Wind Up—Warm Weather Swells the Fraser.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, May 20.—(Special)—Particulars of the death of the late John Rooney have been received as follows: He was hurrying to catch a train at Revelstoke and

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BASELES COMPLAINT. A blast comes from Revelstoke against the local government for not taking steps to prevent the carrying away of the bank of the Columbia at that point.

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN. Senator Morgan has secured the passage of a resolution through one branch of the United States congress recognizing the belligerency of Cuba.

PRIMITIVE MAN IN EUROPE. Recent explorations in France show that at least six distinct races of men lived in Continental Europe before the present geological age.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES. We hope to be able shortly to chronicle the beginning of the work of organization under the act providing for farmers' institutes.

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been the Neanderthal, and they were short in stature, very hairy, and walked in a bowed position, with bent back and knees.

It came about in the progress of events that several European countries wanted gold and were willing to pay a premium for it.

Whether or not Spain would have allies in the event of war with the United States is an open question, although we are not inclined to think any European power would be disposed to weaken its position at home for the purpose of defending Spain in America.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION IN THE UNITED STATES. It is nearly seven months since McKinley was elected and the wave of prosperity which was to follow in the wake of his election has not yet put in an appearance.

When we come to consider the probable date at which the Neanderthals and their immediate successors flourished, we are at a loss for any basis of calculation in point of years.

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