



The Colonist.

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THAT BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

The boundary dispute with Venezuela is not regarded as very important by the British public. Were it not for the American newspapers very little indeed would have been heard of the misunderstanding with Venezuela.

"In 1797," he says, "Great Britain took the territory of Guiana from the Dutch, and finding that no very definite limits had been set between them and their Spanish neighbors, proceeded to demarcate a rough boundary line following as closely as possible the extreme limits of the borders of their predecessors."

This, then, is the claim of Great Britain. The territory over which the Dutch exercised sovereignty is the only territory which she claims to hold. And not even that, for she seems to have been quite willing to give up some of the land which the Dutch had acquired which had been within the limits of the colony of Venezuela.

In 1850 gold was discovered in the Cuyuni country. It was no longer considered a worthless region, and consequently the Venezuelans claimed it as theirs and proceeded to set as if they were its owners. They tried to drive the British miners out of the country, and in this they were no doubt encouraged by the assertions of the Monroe doctrine in the United States.

"The English Government," says Mr. Somerset, "in view of the increased value of their territory ordered a small force to the gold mining region, and demanded of Venezuela a recognition of their boundary rights as they stood, until such time as a more full survey of the country should have been made by both Governments, and a final and definite frontier decided upon."

The English, we are told, have on several occasions offered to withdraw from the extreme frontiers which they have so long guarded. The Venezuelans, on the other hand, have demanded a complete evacuation of a country which was never before claimed as Spanish. There can be no doubt that the Venezuelans have been encouraged by United States jingoes to push their unreasonable claims and to obstinately refuse any offer of settlement on fair and reasonable grounds.

A SPLENDID SPEECH.

The speech of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which we published yesterday, was such a good one and so timely, that it is highly praised by the newspapers of both parties.

Mr. Chamberlain not only settled a considerable colonial difficulty yesterday, but joined in the celebration of a great step in colonial progress. There is in Englishmen quite a new pride in their colonies, and in the colonies there is a growing disposition to glory in the imperial connection.

No statesman of our time is more saturated with the imperial idea than Mr. Chamberlain, and the speech which he made at a banquet to celebrate the completion of the Natal-Transvaal Railway would have filled some Colonial Secretaries of thirty years ago with amazement.

A CAPITAL SUGGESTION.

Alderman Williams, when he on Monday night said that the proper functions of an alderman were purely legislative, gave utterance to a very important truth, and one which, if acted upon, would do much towards making municipal government efficient.

What, for instance, does the ordinary common councillor know about hydraulics and hydraulics, and the conditions necessary to ensure a city a plentiful supply of pure water? Yet a committee of the City Council have full control of the city's waterworks.

It is to be hoped when the Municipalities Act is again before the Legislature for amendment some enlightened and courageous legislator will reconstruct it in such a way as to take executive work out of the hands of the aldermen and place it in those of men who have been trained to do the work they undertake to perform.

ALL WRONG.

A telegram from Washington, D. C. which purports to give the public reliable information respecting seals and sealers in Behring Sea, says: "In accordance with the findings of the Paris arbitration, schooners are now permitted to hunt seals in Behring Sea with spears in a zone sixty miles around the islands from the first of August."

DISAPPOINTED JAPAN.

The Japanese have certainly not gained so much from their victories over the Chinese as they had good reason to expect.

When the Japanese considered the position that they might have occupied but for the interference of foreigners who did nothing to help them in their war with China, it is not surprising that they are angry and sore. The fruits of victory have been snatched out of their hands, and there were indications not long ago that Russia would gain a great deal more from China's defeat and humiliation than her conquerors.

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"The report," a telegram from Washington which bears the impress of truth, says, "as at such variance with the numerous rumors and predictions which have from time to time been published concerning it, that it will cause great surprise and disappointment among those who have heretofore placed credence in the rumors which usually stated that 'one in the highest authority' had said the commission favored the route proposed by the company, and placed the 'boss' of the canal at about \$110,000,000."

This means simply that no reliance should be placed on what has hitherto been said or written or done by the company with regard to the Canal, and that if the work is to be undertaken at all it will have to be placed upon an altogether new basis. The information evidently believes that the 'information' obtained by those who have had the work in hand is not sufficient to enable them to come to a satisfactory conclusion as to whether or not this canal project is feasible.

If the company were to be believed, to construct the canal, if only the means to go on with were available, was as easy as rolling off a log. Nature had provided the greater part of the waterway, and all that was to be done by art was, comparatively speaking, trifling. Its official estimate of the cost of the undertaking was \$69,893,860. The Commission puts the cost, provisionally and approximately, at nearly double that sum, \$132,472,893. This estimate is, of course, not to be relied upon as anything like exact, for the Commissioners say that "the existing data are inadequate as a basis for estimating the cost of many structures. An examination of the difference of the estimates of the Company and the Commission is given. A 'rock fill' dam on the St. Juan river is by the Company estimated to cost \$977,273. The Commissioners say that such a dam cannot be built in that part of the river for less than \$4,000,000. From the report of the Commission it is evident

WORK FOR THE SCIENTISTS.

A man of very peculiar character and extraordinary gifts, named Schlatter, has set out for the philosophers and psychical inquirers a good deal of serious work.

While he was at Denver the house in which he lodged was besieged by people afflicted with all sorts of infirmities. It does not appear that faith is considered by him as a pre-requisite to cure. It would seem that he does all he can to help those that apply to him for aid, without regard to age, sex or condition. It is not the ignorant and credulous who alone have faith in the healing power of Schlatter. Men of intelligence and of a sceptical turn of mind have come to look upon him as a veritable healer.

Mr. Acton Burrows is known to be a keen observer. He paid British Columbia a visit lately and this he said of it to a representative of the Toronto Telegram: "I have been visiting it twice a year for several years past, and every time I go there I am more firmly convinced that it is almost certain to become the richest province in the Dominion. Its great resources, minerals, fish and timber are not affected by the weather, and are always producing money, let it rain or shine. The mineral wealth is there all right, but there has been a great want of capital to develop it, and I think Eastern Canadians are making a great mistake in not paying more attention to British Columbia. Everyone has heard of the enormous amount of gold taken out of the Cariboo country in the sixties. But with the primitive appliances then available the ground was only skimmed over, and the bulk of the wealth has been left to be brought out by modern hydraulizing. Of course the remoteness of the district, some 200 miles north of Ashcroft, on the main line of the C.P.R., has very much retarded development, and considerable capital is required to make a start. Some three years ago two companies, the Horse Fly and the Cariboo, composed principally of Montrealers, started in on a large scale. One of them has already covered twenty miles of steel pipe to convey the water to the monitors, and when it is remembered that the whole of this had to be teamed from Ashcroft, some idea of the cost may be imagined. The wash-ups so far made have been very satisfactory and the investors are very well satisfied."

THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

To the Editor:—The only criticism which I have to make upon Mr. Paul's statement that he does not know of one "vicious boy" in his school is that his experience must be almost unique. It would certainly not be true of our great English public schools. For this I am not Winchester. In the University of Oxford, to which I have the honor to belong, there is not a single college in which the Fellows do not know of "vicious young men," and in the national elementary schools the question is constantly brought before managers point out that in writing this I am not "blackening wholesale" these establishments which are naturally near and dear to my heart as an Englishman. But I desire to return to my original point. It is not a question for discussion in the newspapers, but it is a question which the mothers of Victoria ought to decide. For this a great spoke as I did at the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, and during the past fortnight I have heard from many lips the same complaint: "Of course we do not like our girls to attend the same schools as the boys, but what are we to do?" I answer, let the Local Council of Women organize a canvass throughout the city with one simple question: "Would you prefer that your girls should be taught in separate schools from the boys?" And I venture to prophesy that the answer would be by an overwhelming majority in agreement with Mr. Paul's own statement, "that boys ought to be the companions of boys and girls of girls."

THE OLD, MIDDLE-AGED AND CHILDREN.

Are One and All Cured of Kidney Trouble by South American Kidney Cure. Kidney troubles are not confined to those of any age. The grey-haired suffer, and keenly sometimes. The man in the vigor of life has his happiness marred by distressing diseases of these parts. Much of the trouble of children is due to disordered kidneys. South American Kidney Cure treats effectively those of any age. And with all alike relief is secured quickly. In the most distressing cases relief comes in not less than six hours. It is a wonderful medicine for sore, dry, itchy and important purposes. Sold by Deane & Cryderman, and Hall & Co., Druggists.

Patch Grief with Proverbs

but don't try to patch up a lingering cough or cold by trying experimental remedies. Take PNY-PECTORAL and relief is certain to follow. Cures the most obstinate coughs, colds, sore throats, in fact, every form of throat, lung or bronchial inflammation induced by cold. Large Bottle, 25 Cents.

SCALDS and Burns are soothed at once with Perry Davis' PAIN KILLER. It takes out the fire, reduces the inflammation, and prevents blistering. It is the quickest and most effectual remedy for pain that is known. Keep it by you.

HARDWARE SPECIALTIES. Enterprise Raisin Seeders. Meat Cutters, Enamelled and Tinned. Dietz Tubular Driving Lamp. Marty's Rat and Mouse Traps. Sargent's Wood and Iron Planes. Miller Padlocks and Night Latches (non-pickable). Ship Augers and Bits. Chain Saw Ties. Also a full line of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Wagons and Farm Implements. FOR SALE BY E. G. PRIOR & CO., LTD. LBY. VICTORIA, VANCOUVER and KAMLOOPS.

The Occidental Hotel, COR. WHARF AND JOHNSON STREETS, VICTORIA.

This popular and well known Hotel will re-open about November 15th, under the management of Wm. Jensen, its founder with everything new and bright. It will be conducted as of former years, aiming to make it homelike for its guests.

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THE CITY MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, oil, and other commodities. Includes sub-sections for 'THE BISHOP'S REPLY' and 'THE CITY MARKETS'.





BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Little Favor for the Suggestion to Abolish Salaries and Raise the Qualification.

Branch Sewer Assessments Taken in to Court—Details of Where the Money Goes.

At a public meeting of the city council, Mayor Teague presided, and all the other members were present except Ald. Wilson, who it was stated is sick. The minutes of last meeting and those of the Hutchison inquiry committee were read and adopted without comment.

Ald. Bragg then rose to a question of privilege. He declared that though the council have not sustained the position of the electric light committee in the Hutchison matter, it is an extraordinary proceeding.

The Mayor—"Communications, please!" The Clerk accordingly proceeded to read the communications, the first of which was a writ from the Supreme court, at the instance of the solicitor for Mr. H. F. Heisterman, calling for the corporation to appear before the Chief Justice in chambers at 11 a. m. on Thursday, to show cause why the law to settle the amount to be paid for the construction of branch sewers should not be quashed, as unreasonable in two respects: 1st, as imposing a tax on the property; 2nd, as imposing an unequal tax on property equally benefited.

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John P. Pelletier for the third time wrote respecting an overhang on Eversal street, asking again "Why is this thus?" The Mayor—"I think myself it would be a great pity to cut it down."

Charles Kent, city treasurer, submitted a statement asked for at last meeting, showing how the revenue of the corporation has been expended this year—with the amount required for interest stated separately in each case, and the percentage of the total revenue required for each branch of the public service:

Table with 4 columns: Service, Amt. and Exp., Total, Per. Cent. of Rev. Includes items like Water works, Street lighting, Sewerage, Park, Cemetery, Market, Police, Pound, Library, Home relief, Surface drains, Education, Board of health, Agricultural assn., Hospital, Police, Guarantee interest, V. M. C. A., City hall, Interest on other loans, Interest on overdraft, Municipal council, Treasurer's office, City clerk's office, Assessor, Building inspectors, Auditor's office, Advertising, printing, postage, Stationery, Fire insurance, Telephone and telegrams, Fuel and light, Fire insurance, Legal expenses, Charity, Commission collections, Celebration Queen's birthday, Miscellaneous, Balance forward.

Total. \$368,900. Total expenditure for debt, \$128,701, equal to 35 per cent. of revenue. Revenue estimated at \$240,200.

Superintendent Hutchison asked for 200 tons of washed nut coal for the lighting station. Referred to purchasing agent.

The Mayor reported a communication from Mr. Barr, asking for the use of the attic of the city hall building for two weeks from December 12, for an exhibit by the Art Union of British Columbia. Left to Mayor to deal with.

A report from the finance committee, including amount \$500 for Mr. Bridges because of damages he received when the street sprinkler broke down, was adopted.

The fire wardens recommended the purchase of five Cooper leak stops. Laid over for the present.

THE PAYMENT to Engineer Jorgensen of the \$180.17 he had claimed for making plans for the settling beds and for wages advanced to Mr. Marshall. Agreed to.

PAIDMENT OF ALDERMEN. ALD WILLIAMS read the resolution of which he had given notice providing for the abolition of the payment of the present annual salary of \$370 to the aldermen, making their position an honorary.

ALD WILLIAMS continuing in support of his motion, said that his idea was to make the position of alderman an honorary one, so that the best citizens might aspire to it. He would have brought it in two months ago but for the unfortunate event in his household of which they all knew. He considered the proper functions of an alderman to be purely legislative, such as ought to be performed without salary.

Ald. Partridge—"Give it to me; I'll second it!" (Great applause from the public.)

The Mayor—"Gentlemen, I must ask you not to indulge in that kind of thing; I hope you won't repeat it." (Laughter.)

Ald. Macmillan took exception to the statement that the duties of an alderman are purely legislative.

The Mayor—"This is simply a feeler to see how you felt."

Ald. Williams continued that if there were no pay whatever attached to the position it would be better for the working-man who might be elected, as then he would not be expected to neglect his daily duties.

The motion was then put and lost on a division of 2 to 6, the yeas being Ald. Williams and Partridge.

Mr. J. E. Bridgman, organizer of St. John's, is making preparations for a recital at that church on the close of the regular service next Sunday evening.

The council adjourned at 9:35 p. m.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, November 25. SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The "Strathveiv" Now Six Weeks Out on Her Voyage—A Break Down is Probable.

The British Merchantman En Route to Victoria—The "Mount Lebanon" Goes Direct to Portland.

Capt. Gatter has arrived from the Sound for the purpose of meeting the Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma, due from the Orient to day.

Five big ships and one bark make up the cargo laden fleet now under sail from England for this port. They are as follows: The Flery Cross, 3,399 tons, Capt. Jones; the Candia, 3,222 tons, Capt. Kerr; the Clewford, 3,375 tons, Capt. Andrews; the Island, 1,575 tons, Capt. Day; the Tropic, 1,450 tons, and the Howth (bark), 2,166 tons, Capt. Nicholson.

The following notice in regard to the Cape Flattery fog signal has been issued by the United States Lighthouse Board:

The steamer Yosemite has been taken off the Victoria route and the Princess Louise has replaced her.

A strong head wind, encountered immediately after leaving the Golden Gate and prevailing until the afternoon of the 23rd, was reached, accounted for the City of Puebla's long delay in arriving from San Francisco on the voyage just completed.

The barkentine Union John finished loading a cargo of 500 feet of lumber at the Tacoma mill on Saturday for San Francisco.

The Salvation Army is all alive and actively engaged in preparing for its annual self-denial week, which takes place throughout Canada from November 30 to December 1st.

The council adjourned at 9:35 p. m.

GOLD AT ALBERNI.

Seven Feet of Rich Gravel Struck on the Constance on Mineral Creek.

Workings Shaft Being Sunk on the Claims as Vigorously as Possible.

The bright prospects have given the company sufficient encouragement to at once sink a proper working shaft.

WOMAN'S WORK.

All business in connection with the recent annual meeting of the Women's Council of Victoria and Vancouver Island, was finally disposed of yesterday.

By Appointment of the Presbytery of Victoria, Rev. W. Leslie Clay last evening presided at a congregational meeting in St. Paul's church, Victoria West.

VERY BAD BOYS.

The members of the board unite in saying that horticulture is advancing in the province with rapid pace.

THE CITY.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



Bay, and all of whom are in attendance at the public school. Twelve of the lads were placed under arrest yesterday and made a full confession of their crime. They had been in the habit of entering through the window and helping themselves to candy.

MEMBERS of the Young Men's Institute were among the chief mourners at the funeral of the late Alfred Smith, which took place yesterday morning and which was largely attended.

NEW SEALING COMPANY.

The Victoria Sealing and Trading Co., Ltd., is the title of a new and strong commercial organization which has just been incorporated under the Imperial act for the purpose of engaging in the sealing industry.

A RESIDENTIAL PALACE.

One of the finest residences in Victoria has just been completed for Mr. A. C. Flumrberg on Pemberton road.

GOV. DEWDNEY BANQUETTED.

The impromptu at home at Government House, Regina, on the 17th inst., was, according to the Winnipeg Free Press, attended by a large number of people.

THE U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.





