

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Queensland Sending So Much Sugar That Special Steamers Are Required.

Lord Aberdeen Suspends for a Time Mr. Sifton's Vengeance on the Tappers.

Still Further Concessions for Manitoba Catholics—Dry Day for Plebiscite.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Ottawa, Sept. 16.—Commissioner Lake reports to the trade department that Queensland will send from ten to fifteen thousand tons of sugar to Canada by the year's end.

Mr. Sifton has been trying to get rid of Latouche, "Tupper," superintendent of Manitoba fish hatcheries on the ground of political partisanship.

Welcoming Addresses and Fraternal Greetings the Features of First Day Sessions.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The Dominion trades congress opened here today in the largest hall ever used in the city.

Spanish Planters Anxious for American Protection Against Natives' Vengeance.

London, Sept. 17.—The Times this morning publishes a letter from its Porto Rico correspondent in which the writer says he thinks it is highly probable that the Americans were received with cool consideration by the inhabitants.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 16.—More depredations are reported to have occurred in the neighborhood of Uruo, several Spanish haciendas have been burned and two Spanish planters killed.

THE PROHIBITION MINISTERS. Mr. Fisher Shows That the Plebiscite Will Bring One Dry Day—Mr. Fisher on Finance.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—The prohibitionists of Ottawa had a successful meeting tonight, addresses were delivered by Hon. Sidney Fisher, the prohibition minister of the present government, and by Fisher declared that the Dominion Elections act will apply to the vote of September 22nd and bars must be closed.

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One hundred and thirty-six autograph letters written by Charles Dickens, sold in London the other day for \$1,000.

WOBEBGONE SOLDIER.

Condition of Those Returning From Cuba Incites Spanish Populace to Riot.

Vigo, Spain, Sept. 16.—A crowd of about 700 people besieged the house of Gen. Toral to-day, demanding that the troops which arrived here yesterday from Santiago de Cuba on board the Spanish steamer Leon XIII, be immediately landed.

Afterwards a crowd of about 1,500 people returned to the quays, and when they saw the soldiers landing barefooted and nearly naked, they became infuriated and surrounded Gen. Toral's house, shouting and hissing and stoning the building.

Eventually the Spanish general succeeded in escaping to the Leon XIII. On leaving this, the mob gathered on the dock, and stoned the steamer for half an hour, smashing the cabin windows.

Five steamers are ready to transport the returning Spanish soldiers and civil officers with the archives and munitions of war from Cuba, but it is believed it will take four months to bring the troops back to Spain.

Englishmen's First Day in Philadelphia Virtually Results in Draw.

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—The first day's play in the international cricket match between Capt. Warner's team of English amateurs and a representative eleven of the strongest Philadelphia cricket teams may be described as a draw.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—A. F. D. Crofton, who returned from the Klondike country three days ago, has been arrested charged with passing a forged draft for \$1,200 three years ago on the First National Bank of Chicago.

Five years ago, the police authorities say, Crofton and one J. J. Jell passed bogus drafts on Chicago, Montreal and Winnipeg banks to the extent of \$12,600.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Paymaster General Stanton has turned over to the President all the papers relating to the recent unpleasantness growing out of the refusal of the Texas regiment to receive pay from Major Lynch because he was not the president.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The military movements are being directed rapidly to the assembling of a large army in Southern stations for winter camps and preparatory to the military occupation of Cuba and Porto Rico.

It is the intention, however, not to send the army of occupation to Cuba until after the unhealthy season has passed and meanwhile the troops will be put in the best possible condition.

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Mr. Foster emphasizes Mr. Fisher's remarks, which he took to be an indication of what the government would do. The temperance people had not asked for a plebiscite, but as a challenge had been thrown out to them, they must take it up.

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THE CHURCH COURTS.

An Anglican Clergyman Warns His Synod That They Are Losing the Country.

Another Sees Cause for Alarm and Action in Ontario's Law Birth Rate.

Methodist Conference Prescribes Doctors' Certificates to Check Adventurer Minister.

Montreal, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—In the Anglican synod Rev. Dr. Langtry, of Toronto, created some stir by a speech he made on a resolution he introduced in favor of the synod urging upon bishops the necessity for more aggressive work by greatly increasing the number of the ministry.

Several members protested that Dr. Langtry's remarks were too sweeping. The resolution was not carried.

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INNOCENT AGUINALDO.

Americans He Says Came to Fight Spaniards Only and Now Surely Will Go Home.

No Need of Protectorate as Filipinos Feel Able to Meet Any Army.

Natives Surprised That America Asks Reward for Helping Them to Freedom.

Manila, Sept. 16.—The Philippine National Society was inaugurated at Nacionalos yesterday with great enthusiasm. There were thousands of visitors from all the provinces and a great display of arms.

Mr. Lindborn roughly estimates the amount of gold brought down by the Tees at \$200,000, though it is impossible to get a correct idea of what people have with them.

On the steamer there were a number of packers who have been working between Glenora and Teslin lake. Their work they state is pretty well over for the season, although on the way down they met fully five hundred men who are on their way to the Atlin Lake diggings.

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SHIPS IN COLLISION.

Lumber Laden Ship Bertha and the Barkentine Lucille Collide During a Fog.

N. P. Liner Sails Outward Bound —Freighters Delayed at Vancouver.

The Chilian bark Bertha, bound from Moodyville with a load of lumber for Guayaquil, and the American barkentine Lucille from San Francisco for Seattle, in ballast, collided fifty miles off Cape Flattery at five o'clock yesterday morning during a dense fog. Fortunately it was dead calm at the time and neither vessel was seriously injured, although both had bowsprits carried away and headgear damaged. The tug Lorne, of this port, which towed the Bertha out, and was just casting off when the collision occurred, brought the vessel back to port, and the Lucille was shortly afterwards picked up by the tug Wanderer and taken to the Sound. It was not known yesterday what damage, if any, the vessels sustained below the water line, but a survey will be made of the Bertha on her return. The Lucille was light and neither had much headway the damage cannot be serious.

DAMAGES SLIGHT. Advice to a Canadian Development Company from Fort Selkirk, reaching here via Seattle yesterday morning, show that the steamer Anglian, the stranding of which in the Hootian river was reported a few days ago, has been found, and has arrived at Selkirk. A survey made at Selkirk shows the damages very much less than was reported. The hull was repaired at once and resume her run from Dawson to the White Horse on Friday.

TRAVEL IMPROVES. After the tea season in China and the winter season in British Columbia, the travel on the Pacific coast is the heaviest. The Northern Pacific steamer Olympia, which sailed yesterday afternoon for the Orient, and the Empress of China, which sailed on Tuesday, had big lists of Chinese and Japanese travellers, the former taking 50 of these passengers from Victoria alone. She is full to the hatches with general cargo, and there was freight offered at Tacoma to give her larger load, which she had carried to Seattle. She carried few passengers from the Sound.

MARINE NOTES. Steamer City of Seattle is due from the North on Sunday. The steamer Queen City left for Rivers Inlet yesterday for a load of salmon. This is the steamer's first trip. Yesterday's arrivals from the North was the steamer Otuch, of Vancouver, which reached port at 11 a. m., with a large number of passengers, mainly Chinese. From the Skeena a steamer arrived some dozen passengers, and from Hazelton there came a small party of miners who had crossed the Ashcroft, leaving Spokane on April 18, and ending their dreary tramp on June 23.

THE QUEBEC CONFERENCE. Hon. David Mills on Questions To Be Decided—Jurisdiction in Newfoundland Fisheries.

Correspondence New York Times. Ottawa, Sept. 3.—The Hon. David Mills, minister of justice for Canada, professor of law in the University of Ottawa, and the highest authority on Constitutional questions in the Dominion, has just returned from a conference held in Quebec, and the results which it was likely to accomplish.

DAIRY HINTS. If butter is too soft feed the cow some potatoes. Stringy milk can be cured by keeping the cow clean. Whittenshales stables mean fewer flies and more milk. Cows that tests below 3 per cent. is not worth keeping. Crosse are usually better for farmers than Jerseys. Whenever possible test the cow's milk before buying her. Cows and horses should not be allowed to drink from the same trough. Richer food does not mean richer milk. Do not get your hands when milking. Many dairymen like an ounce of salt to the pound of butter. If you butter is poor don't blame the cow. Blame your own skill. Adding hot water to cream while churning is the worst of all practices. Heating milk to 100 degrees Pasteurizes it. Stir it continually while hot. You waste 5 per cent. of your butter if you heat it by hot water. If the butter takes too long to come add one or two fresh cows to the dairy. Horn flies from cows. Use it very sparingly. Warm milk from the cow does not impart its odor. While cooling keep it in a pure atmosphere.—Illinois Dairy Report.

TACOMA'S CARNIVAL. The City of Destiny Preparing For a Five-Day Celebration Next Week.

Paul C. Blum, of Tacoma, is in town, heralding the news that the City of Destiny is to hold a carnival and unique pandemonium next week, and endeavoring to arrange for a monster excursion from this city. He yesterday visited upon Col. Gregory, of the Fifth regiment, and obtained permission for the battalion band to attend. A hose team from Victoria has also been secured, and it is Mr. Blum's intention to awake as much interest in the carnival here as possible. For some years past Tacoma, until this season, has given a rose carnival, but the war put carnivals out of sight until the present. Among the prominent features already decided upon are a grand parade, a grand exhibition on Pacific avenue, a cake walk, for which prizes suitable to a huge contest will be offered. The people of this city, in which it is expected the military band of Victoria will be enlisted; an Indian village, streets of Cairo, Hawaiian Islands, a monster day-and-night banquet, booths in front of all the prominent mercantile establishments on all the principal streets, a British Columbian night masquerade ball "al fresco," mammoth industrial and feature exhibition, and elaborate costumes together with many other brilliant and distinctive features. The festival is to be inaugurated on September 19, and continue through five days or a week.

POULTRY KEEPING. By A. G. Gilbert, Manager Poultry Department, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Many people, unfortunately, are under the impression that the best care, management and feeding will do for poultry. Not so. There is no department of farm work which can be successfully conducted in a haphazard fashion, and poultry keeping is no excep-

QUEEN OF THE YUKON

C.P.N. Company's Yukoner Breaks All Records Between Dawson and St. Michael.

Damages to the Bark Bertha—The Rosalie Sails North.

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Yukoner made a record trip up the Yukon. Announcing her arrival, the Midnight Sun says: "The steamer left St. Michael on August 8, passing every steamer overhauled, making the trip in fourteen days. The passengers and crew say that the trip was made in eight days and four hours actual running time. The officers are Commodore John Irving in command; Captain E. Tachaberry and Chief Engineer John McArthur, and Purser H. W. Price. The steamer has very graceful lines, with plenty of driving power and large boiler. The row of cabins along the main saloon, and the ladies' cabins show in every respect the latest improvements in all parts of the vessel and the treatment they had received aboard that they presented Captain Irving with an address showing their appreciation. At Dawson there was an address of welcome from the Victoria residents at Dawson. It was signed by Dr. Richardson, W. A. Taylor, Capt. Foster, Mark Wilson, Mrs. L. A. Thomas, W. H. Perry, Dan Carmody, Archie Gould, Col. McGregor, John Cameron, J. H. Seely, D. McMurray, J. Graham, and R. P. McLennan. The Midnight Sun of August 27 gives the following account of the farewell to the Yukoner, the greynob that was designed by Mr. Alex. Watson of Victoria: Captain John Irving on board the Yukoner and his departing passengers were given an ovation last Friday. The band was out to give the occasion a sentimental touch, and the passengers were interchanged between stay-at-homes and the home seekers. In several cases the farewells were pathetic. The people took passage on this popular steamer. All the boys were down to see the steamer as she departed. The good-fellowship, being among the passengers, was a full measure of attention and farewells were given. Irving ascended the stairway to the upper deck, and was greeted with "All right," and "God bless you," and the familiar "And he is a jolly good fellow." Among those leaving were: Those, Kirkpatrick, Major Gordon, Dan Lemmons, of the Ladue Townsite company; Dr. P. H. Houston, J. Cameron, W. H. Hayward, and the Canadian, who played at the combination or longer on the boat respectively. Mr. Bateman, of the water supply firm, was also one of the passengers. When ready to spend the winter, they were given a final salute, and under full steam turned back to the city. It was a fancy trick of Commode Irving, and showed what could be done with this race of the Yukon. Captain Watson, the Canadian, who played at the Yukoner with the steamer's whistle in a generous fashion, which gained for him the appreciation of the admiring throng."

THE BERTHA'S DAMAGES. Captain Kelly, and R. Collier, the local steamboat inspector, held a survey yesterday afternoon on the Chilian bark Bertha, now at Esquimalt, which was damaged through a collision with the American barkentine Lucille, of San Francisco, off the Cape on Wednesday. The vessel is not taking in water, and it is expected that the repairs will be completed in a few days. Her bowsprit, jib-boom and rigging were carried away; her bowsprit and six planks down has been cut, and her water and stem have been started. It is not known yet how the damage or responsibility for the accident will be adjudged, this being something that the survey board has nothing to do with. The Lucille, it is said, has also been badly damaged.

THE SIRDAR'S BULLET. General Kitchener's Singular Experience in the Campaign of 1888.

The Sirdar of the army in Egypt, upon whom the eyes of Englandmen are now turned from every quarter of the Empire, has had a very extraordinary experience, having swallowed a bullet while on the march, which he carried away, but he now preserves as a memento. During the campaign of '88 Major Kitchener was shot in the neck, and a bullet, during a skirmish near Suakin, was taken down the Nile, and thence carried to Cairo, where it was found, despite all the efforts of the surgeons, the bullet could not be located. The X-rays were used, but the bullet was not found. On the unknown side of the medical staff corps, who is now in London, the bullet was located. It is a bullet of the Halifax commission in 1877 which counsel held otherwise, and admitted that the bullet was not in the body. The first question to be determined is: Which of these contentions is right? Some American writers maintain that bullets and inlets can only be claimed, as are the waters upon the coast, to a distance of three miles from each shore, but if this view were adopted, the same rule should be applied to the bays on the coast of both countries, and there would be less difficulty in arriving at a conclusion.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Stations for Instruction in Poultry Farming—Proposed Influx of Russians.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The department of agriculture is about to establish three experimental poultry stations with a view to instructing farmers on the best methods for feeding poultry for market, one station in the province of Quebec, one in Ontario, and one in the Northwest. Aylmer Maude, an Englishman, has had an interview with Mr. Smart, deputy minister of agriculture, and on behalf of the Russian Christians of the Universal Brotherhood whom it is his duty to instruct in the Northwest. Mr. Smart will report the matter to Mr. Sirton's Galician minister. It is hoped that the proposed station will be established in the Northwest, and that the Russians will be instructed in the best methods for feeding poultry for market.

SHANTY SALOONS. Premises Must be in Good Order or Applications for Licenses Will Be Refused.

At the close of yesterday's session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners Mayor Redfern, who presided with Police Magistrate Macdonald and Mr. R. H. Hall, made an important announcement, to the effect that hereafter when the application for a license is presented in any way they will inquire into the fitness of the building as well as the character of the premises. It is in respect to the license granted as a saloon. Mr. Redfern said there were a number of old shanties in the city which were occupied as saloons, and which were in a very dilapidated condition. He said that if these places were to be licensed, they would be a disgrace to the city, and that he would see to it that the buildings were in a fit condition to receive a license. He said that if the premises were in a fit condition to receive a license, the license would be granted.

ASTHMA GASPS. The wheezing and strangling of those who are victims of asthma are promptly relieved by a few doses of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

BARBADOES HURRICANE

Great Loss of Life and Destruction of Property on Land and Water.

Buildings Demolished and Ships Driven Helplessly to Sea—British Admiral's Report.

Trinidad, British West Indies, Sept. 15.—A steamer which arrived here from Barbadoes, reports that fearful havoc was caused there by the hurricane on Saturday night. The destruction of property was immense. It is believed over 150 persons were killed throughout the island, and numbers were rendered homeless and destitute. The shipping was wrecked seriously. The ship Lando, a bark and two barkentines broke from their anchorage and were driven to sea. They had not returned when the steamer left Barbadoes. Many local vessels were wrecked or blown out to sea. Bridgetown, the capital of the island, is a scene of desolation and ruin. Demolished or roofless houses are to be seen on every side, and scarcely a tree standing. Particulars from the coast are still wanting.

London, Sept. 15.—The despatches received at the colonial office from the British admirals in the West Indies as a whole show that the early reports of the havoc wrought by the hurricane were not exaggerated. They show widespread devastation. Owing to the breakdown of the telegraph and telephone systems great part of the news is still unknown. It appears that all the small buildings and many large ones were destroyed and there is no doubt that the fatalities were numerous. Sir Cornelius Moloney, Governor of the Windward Islands, reports that two vessels were sunk and that the fate of many others is unknown. The hurricane in Barbadoes, Sir J. Shair, reports the hurricane was of ten hours' duration. Already he has been informed that the hurricane was of ten hours' duration. The reports from the country districts are incomplete but there is no doubt that the damage to private property. Assistance is urgently required.

LAWYER SPRAGUE DROWNED. A body was found in the Columbia river twelve miles from Revelstoke by some Indians who were on their way to Burton City. The matter was reported to the British Columbia government, and two men to investigate the report. They confirmed the Indians' statement, but were unable to identify the remains as those of the body being so badly decomposed. Mr. Sprague was a lawyer from Burton City, and was on his way to investigate the matter. He was with a party of men on the Columbia river, and was drowned. The body was found in the Columbia river, and was identified as that of Mr. Sprague. The cause of the accident is not known.

SOCIAL AT COLWOOD. An exceedingly pleasant entertainment was held in the Presbyterian church at Colwood on Friday evening. The program was well arranged, and the singing was particularly good. The evening was very enjoyable, and the guests were well entertained. The proceeds of the evening were \$18.50.

AN INTERESTING CLOCK. A most interesting old timepiece is the clock standing in William the Fourth's bedroom at Hampton Court, and which Messrs. Gaydon & Sons, of Kingston, were recently commissioned to repair.

CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES. Their Scheme for Federation Meeting With Serious Obstacles.

Managua, Nicaragua, Sept. 15.—The constitution forming delegates from Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua in their attempt to form a compact acceptable to the several states have separated into distinct groups on the question of the article authorizing the government to collect and dispose of all import and export duties.

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WESTMINSTER'S LOSS.

How it Came to Occur Will Be Subject for Insurance Agents Investigation.

Breaks of the Flames and Features of the Scene of Wide-spread Ruin.

How Enterprising Citizens at Once Set About Retrieving Their Shattered Fortunes.

While it is a kindly custom of the newspapers to incorporate in almost all reference to fires some stereotyped compliment to the promptitude or the efficiency of the firemen, such sentiment is not shared by the insurance companies, and as a result searching inquiry into the management or mismanagement of the New Westminster conflagration by the department of the Royal City is looked for.

more than a day, even if all adequate premises were swept out of existence. In their places there rose within 24 hours a miniature Skagway of tents and knock-downs, facing the streets that bound the city hall square, the names upon this honor roll of the commercially courageous being: Joseph Riechenbach, butcher; D. Walker, barber; Gifford, jeweler; Mason & Lamb, jewelers; Kirk, tin-ware and stove merchant; H. Moray & Co., books and stationery; Charles Welch, grocer; Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes; F. Jackson, printer; H. L. DeBeck, clothier; McRae, tailor; T. S. Annandale, grocer; George Adams, grocer; J. D. McGregor, boots and shoes; Walter Chamberlain, jeweler; H. Hughes, restaurant; S. Swan, baker; Parnell & Gunn, grocers; and Allen & Sullivan, tailors. These made up the first day openings after the fire at the square; while Turner, Hart & Co., in-

of flames, extending in every direction, house after house was still falling victim to the raging element; behind myriads of sparks were falling, and on every roof were seen people with poles and ladders, endeavoring to prevent their homes from catching fire. All around in every open space, on every street and in nearly all the gardens were strewn furniture, bedding, clothing and numerous household effects, all of which had frequently to be saturated with water to prevent the sparks setting fire to them. Men were busy with pick and axe, cutting away the sidewalks which were carrying the fire along the roads. Telephone and electric light wires were falling in every direction. From sewer traps, hundreds of feet from the fire, columns of smoke were pouring out, and every few minutes a whirlwind would tear along the street, collecting smoke, sparks, ashes and dust in its course and

boles of fire, hasting themselves now this way and now that, as though impelled by an mysterious but invincible force. Then the phenomena chronicled during the great Chicago fire presented itself—the tremendous heat appeared to generate combustible gases many feet above the height limit of the leaping flames, and these gases, ignited by chemical preparation that had been mixed as a spray for infected, fruit trees. This, although it was not known before, contains many of the properties of chemical fire extinguishers, thanks to which interesting scientific fact, Mr. Armstrong and his family have a roof over their heads to-day, although the trees in the orchard are ruined, and the baked apples have dropped from their fire-stripped branches.

The superstitious find many little incidents about the fire to furnish food for their reflections—the tolling of the bell, the hoisting of the black flag with its grim emblem of death—and by the way it was this raised as a schoolboy; frank by half a score of home young folk, is it not strange that no hint of their identity has yet been given—the stopping of the fire at the sign of the cross, and the seatless passage from the flames of the city drinking fountain, which—the central object amid the wreck—looks for all the world like a neat new tombstone placed to mark the pivot point of the desolation.

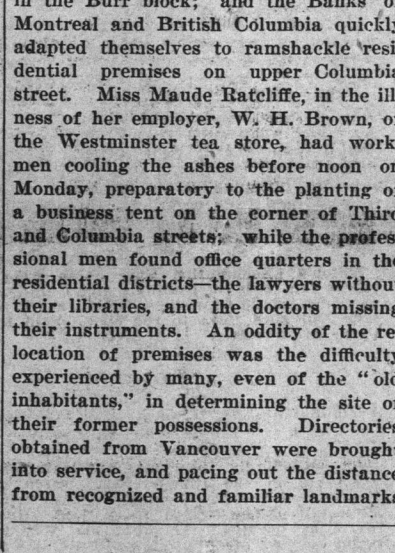
CARNARVON STREET—WITH RUINS OF CITY HALL.



whirling all around with tremendous force. In the midst of all this chaos, men and women were carrying their goods and chattels out of the reach of the fire; wagons and express carts were conveying furniture, safes, etc., up the hill. On the right a man was seen dipping a cloth into an open drain and sprinkling the water over a collection of goods covered with a carpet; other men were carrying pails of water to shower over their goods, and many were quietly stamping out the larger sparks and lighted pieces of wood that were falling on the sidewalks all around. One or two people passed by with faces, hands or clothes more or less burnt, and on the outskirts a few were trying to force their way down the burning streets to reach the water. Everything was quiet, no shouting, crying or panic was seen or heard in the crowds of burnt-out and almost destitute people. They only appeared intent on saving what they had

of fire above referred to, and to the flames traveling along the natural conductor, the sidewalks, up the hillside and into the cellars of the buildings placed tier above tier backward from the waterfront. These sidewalks were literally licked up, and where they had been, in the light of morning were seen paths of greyish-brown dust, exactly as though a long strip of carpet had been rolled up after long service had capriciously leaving rows of fire-scattered mats, standing out of the ashes in unbroken regularity. The oddity here presented was as much a sight for the early visitors as were the fantastically twisted telegraph and telephone wires festooning the grey-black streets, or pendant like giant cobwebs from the scathed shell of some once stately structure of brick and stone. The permanency of materials is no guarantee when once a fire assumes large proportions, and it is still another contradictory absurdity that the solid stone of Trinity

COLUMBIA STREET—LOOKING WEST.



was a familiar sight of the day after the fire. Of the conflagration itself the following is perhaps the best description that has yet been given, pencilled as it was by the News-Advertiser correspondent, who followed the firemen from the Terminus City at the first call for help: "At 2:30 a.m. the fire was at its highest; houses and blocks were falling in every direction, and buildings were caught by the fire and covered in a sheet of flame, every minute, till Front, Columbia and Agnes streets and the south side of Royal avenue were nothing but a furnace, sending forth a body of flame a hundred feet high, with three tongues of fire spouting out in every direction, while above all were showers of sparks, being carried in every direction, by the high wind. The scene from above Royal avenue was one never to be erased from memory; in front was the awful mass

been able to secure from their destroyed homes, and watched with a kind of inquisitive face the terrible havoc made by their unrelenting foe, and quietly wondered when the conflagration would burn itself out. The fire started at 11:15 p. m., and by 3:30 a.m. it had enveloped the entire business portion of the city, enclosing within its area ten distinct streets. It then became evident that it had reached its limit. The houses were becoming more excited, and the wind dropped somewhat, and by 5 a.m. only a few chimney stacks and several giant skeletons of stone and brick blocks were left to mark the centre of industry, shipping, law and administration, the Royal City of British Columbia.

FOUR FIRMS VICTIMIZED.

A Young Man Passes Forged Checks on Victoria Business Man.

A. D. Benton, or rather a young man who gave that as his name, has left the city with something like \$98 which he got out of four business firms of the city by an old trick. On Thursday afternoon after banking hours he took four checks, alleged to be signed by A. W. More & Co. and payable to "A. D. Benton" to four different firms and buying small amounts of goods. The checks were accepted without hesitation, although the signature was a poor imitation of the real thing. Benton, he got a pound of tea and \$17.50 in cash; from the Victoria Book and Stationery Co. \$10.00; from the B. G. Market \$5.00; and from the B. G. Market \$17.50 in cash. As soon as the checks were presented at the banks yesterday the forgery was discovered, but the "bird had already flown," he presumably having left on the City of Kingston in the morning. D. F. Fee, who described as a young, well dressed man.

of fire above referred to, and to the flames traveling along the natural conductor, the sidewalks, up the hillside and into the cellars of the buildings placed tier above tier backward from the waterfront. These sidewalks were literally licked up, and where they had been, in the light of morning were seen paths of greyish-brown dust, exactly as though a long strip of carpet had been rolled up after long service had capriciously leaving rows of fire-scattered mats, standing out of the ashes in unbroken regularity. The oddity here presented was as much a sight for the early visitors as were the fantastically twisted telegraph and telephone wires festooning the grey-black streets, or pendant like giant cobwebs from the scathed shell of some once stately structure of brick and stone. The permanency of materials is no guarantee when once a fire assumes large proportions, and it is still another contradictory absurdity that the solid stone of Trinity

MONEY STILL COMING

Substantial Sums Are Being Added Daily to the Fire Relief Fund.

The Subscriptions From All Sources Are Close to Nine Thousand Dollars.

Collections Still Coming in Well Chiese Assistance to Their Unfortunate Compatriots.

Victoria's contributions to the Westminster relief fund has reached over \$8,000 last night from all sources, though there are some contributions which could not be estimated, such as the clothes and provisions sent through the Friendly Help Society and other similar contributions sent up through private sources and not appearing on the public lists. It looks, therefore, as if Victoria will send an amount that will pass the \$10,000 mark for still subscriptions continue to come in well and the collectors have not yet finished up their rounds in the city.

Among the subscriptions yesterday was one sent to the City Hall by the Royal Engineers, while last night a check for \$37 was sent to the Colonist with the following letter from the Barracks: "I have much pleasure in enclosing a check for \$37, being a donation from the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Marine Artillery stationed here to your fund for the relief of sufferers from the recent fire at New Westminster."

"GEO. BARNES, Capt. R. M. A." Westminster's appreciation of what Victoria's people are doing to help out the fire sufferers is voiced in a telegram received yesterday by Mayor Reiferson from the Mayor of Westminster: "Please convey the thanks of the corporation to the Ladies' Friendly Help Society for their very generous help in the relief of the sufferers. Money will be very badly needed and I think it will be better to send over what amount is available for disposal by the relief board. Thanks for your very kind wishes and valuable assistance on behalf of the sufferers."

"THOS. OVENS, Mayor." All donations of clothing or provisions to be sent to the Westminster relief fund through the Friendly Help Association should be at the Market hall this morning before 11 o'clock.

The following are yesterday's subscriptions: SOUTH PARK SCHOOL. Proceeds of Concert \$155.05. COLLECTED BY THE MAYOR. Previously acknowledged \$1,633.50.

W. J. Pennington 20.00, Capt. D. Morrison 5.00, Charles Steers 1.00, Employees Colonist P. & C. Co. 40.00, B. C. Development Association, per W. Walter Townsend 25.00, H. Hiscell Cohen 100.00, 100.00, Mrs. Pemberton 25.00, Miss H. S. Pemberton 10.00, Royal Marine Artillery 37.00, Total \$1,985.40.

CITY HALL. \$479.50. W. Dwyer 2.00, Mrs. Caroline Wilson 2.50, Geo. Glover 2.00, J. Hendricks 2.00, W. Walker 2.50, Spring Ridge School 50.00. Total \$479.50.

COLLECTED BY THE MAYOR. Previously acknowledged \$40.00. E. C. Baker 20.00, Victoria Photo 10.00, V. E. Telephone Co. 10.00. Total \$40.00.

COLLECTED BY ALD. McGRIGOR AND CHIEF DEASY. Previously acknowledged \$85.00. Albion Iron Works stores value at \$130.00. Victoria Shot Co. Ltd. shoes valued at 40.00.

Victoria Yukon Trading Co. 10.00, G. Schumler 2.00, Brown Jug Saloon 5.00, Harry Berryman 2.00, L. E. Bannan 2.00, Mrs. Babchuck 2.00, Hyland & Hader 2.00, James Maynard 2.00, Dawes & Ruckhaber 1.00, B. Aranson 1.00, J. H. B. Bell 1.00, J. Bray 1.00, R. G. Sinclair 1.00, Grand Pacific Saloon 2.00, W. Pappas 2.00, A. Lipsky 3.00, W. Stewart 2.00, E. J. Salmon 3.00, B. Maynard 2.00, R. Holtz 2.00, C. Papenivich 2.00, A. J. Clarke 2.00, L. E. White 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, E. H. Pichon 2.00, Sing Lee 2.00, Wing Lee 2.00, W. H. How 2.00, Quong Fun Song Co. 2.00, Sing Lee 2.00, J. Charlie Bros. 1.00, Sing Lee 2.00, On Hing 2.00, E. H. Anderson 2.00, On Wo & Hater 2.00, Charley & Co. 2.00, Full & Co. 2.00, Kung Sing Wing 2.00, Sing Lee 2.00, Sing Cheung 1.00. Total \$790.00.

DISTRICT NO. 6. Already acknowledged \$24.50. J. Adams 1.00, W. Sutherland 2.00, B. Maynard 1.00, C. N. Cameron 1.00, J. G. Brown 1.00, Mrs. Sutherland 2.00, Mrs. Bannan 2.00, Robert Hawton 1.00, W. Reddick 1.00, F. W. Franchini 1.00, R. G. Brown 1.00, H. H. MacDonald 2.00, J. Wald 2.00, R. E. Elliot 2.00, A. Friend's Mite 2.00, A. Garland 2.00, J. M. Swaney 2.00, Mrs. E. Soper 2.00, John Bros. 2.00, Mrs. E. Soper 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, A. Thomas 1.00, A. Thomas 1.00, Mrs. J. Robinson 2.00, Mrs. J. Robinson 2.00, D. Dinadale 2.00, Mrs. J. Robinson 2.00, D. F. Fee 2.00, Mrs. Theriault 1.00. Total \$24.50.

MARCHING

General Kitchener Force Will Be French Part

The English Command Great Efforts Purpose

Derivish Reinforced Destroyed, Closely

London, Sept. 16.—A special corps Anglo-Egyptian force telegraphed that he is with the captain of a turned from Fashoda description of the flag no room for doubt. The captain says the old mened him, and his boat if they had After getting out of garrison's fire, the es ascertained from the derivishes at Fashoda by a force of eight European Senegalese and so ed the derivishes, killed drove the rest from the The Daily Telegraph says: "There is no the Marchand expedition patch was sent from the captain interviewed a steamer Tewfikah, on steamers which surren Kitchener on its return. The correspondent de- chener's efforts to re- reaching England. He this identical news a Omdurman. The Sir to allow any correspo pany him south of Omd independently. He cor- our horses and camels, that unless we returned he could not guarantee tion.

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THE DEAD EM- Impressive Scenes at the monies—President's Tributes.

Vienna, Sept. 15.—The bearing the remains of Austria entered the city everywhere there was a crowd and the tolling of the error and officials were d- platform of the railroad misstep when the train "The funeral train ar- this evening at 10 o'c- Lichtenstein, the chief- the officers of the genera- v. 20,000 of the remains railway station, which w- ed with crape, the whole the remains, the process- the Hofburg. The wred- ed with troops and immen- headed, stood quite silen- soldiers presented arms a- passed. The streets were decorated. On reaching t- remains were transferred Emperor Francis Joseph cial mourners had driv- brin to the chapel to a- many of blessing the ho- The scenes at the streets and near the Hof- and solemn. The cere- onate and impressive. The music and the stillness of the by the muffled drums, the sob of the populace an- command, which is a- shrill though given in a- of the coffin was borne to- their chanted the "Miser- The Emperor's coming secret from the public- accompanied by his daugh- indaw. After the Emper- parted except the Emper- lives, who remained alo- loved dead until shortly- Among the wreaths President McKinley's at- tion. It has the strata- turned and bears of "From the President's States, Tributes of hea- to the memory of a no- lady."

ALLEGED HU- "I dunno's as I kin git, but I'll send a dollar to a man that he would tell a lie. 'Yes, he says, 'put gin- ington star."

"What is rock, Uncle- Well, it when a boy as smart as his grandmoot—Detroit Free Press.

Low Down.—"These trad- the Cheerful Idiot suggest- ing, 'guy-duce high a- his Jonty."

Time No Object.—How- ton just so far President- three months long it un- your limbs, drag it un- we devoted the evening- ches."—Chicago Tribune.

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For Infants and

MANITOBA CONTRIBUTES. Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Manitoba Relief Society it was decided to send \$1,000 to the fire sufferers in New Westminster.

Table of market prices for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

MARCHING ON FASHODA. General Kitchener with a Great Force Will Interview the French Party There. The English Commander Has Made Great Efforts to Keep His Purpose Secret. Derivish Reinforcements Met and Destroyed, and Khalifa Closely Pursued.

OPERATIONS ON CHANGE. London Market Shows an Improvement on Monday. A decidedly interesting letter from Crown Prosecutor Wade for his text, published in the Dawson Nugget of August 23. It is written by Mr. Tappen Adney, who is well known in Victoria, and who is acting as a correspondent of Harper's Weekly in Dawson. The letter is as follows: On the evening of August 18, as the steamer Power was leaving her wharf, a brutal assault was made upon the correspondent of a New York newspaper by a well-known government official. It seemed particularly cowardly in that the assaulted party was much the inferior of his opponent in size and physical strength, that he occurred in the dark recesses of the N. A. T. warehouse, in the presence of a third party, who, well-known to both, shames or instigates, so did not refer to the subject at the interview.

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WARRANT GOLD COMES. A Dawson Man Gives the Result of His Investigation of the Country. He Dismisses the Glacial Action and Laughs at the Mother Lode Nonsense. The source of the gold in the Klondike, and the absurdity of the talk about a mother lode is discussed by Mr. J. Sloan Johnson of the Klondike Nugget, in which he gives the results of his own investigations in the Klondike country. He says: While the "tenderfoot" miner and the man who seeks cheap notoriety is hunting, trying to stake the "mother lode," we are content to stay with the glacial drift, and wash from its face the golden grains that gladden the eyes of the miner. We look for the Bonanza Pocket, that the source of most of the gold on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks is in the glacial drift, and parallel streams. The writer has been running a drift on the hill-tops on the right side of Bonanza, following that stream up until he reached the gravel level on the left side, and after No. 51 is reached, will find no more evidence of it on the stream and across to the south of it. It follows the stream and across to the south of it. It follows the stream and across to the south of it.

TO FORTIFY ST. JOHN'S. This Outpost to Receive War Department's Attention Next Spring. St. John's, Sept. 15.—The British special services vessel Columbine, on duty in these waters for fisheries supervision, has been engaged for a week in surveying the coast line for twenty miles north and south of this port. Parties of naval officers have been making surveys along the shore in conjunction with the Columbine. There is good reason to believe that the surveys have been undertaken with a view to fortifying St. John's, which, it is reported, is on the plans of the British Admiralty for next spring.

METHODIST CONFERENCE. Mr. Betts Authorized to Solicit Aid For His Westminister Congregation. Toronto, Sept. 15.—(Special)—At the Methodist conference to-day, Rev. Mr. Betts, of New Westminister, spoke of the disaffection which had befallen his congregation by the recent fire, and the conference authorized him to solicit aid for his congregation, and to rebuild the church. The bookroom committee recommended the Amalgamation of the journal, the Christian Guardian, with the Christian, and the Christian to be sent down to the annual conference in the East. The election of connexional officers resulted in the return of the old officers in every case.

CARTER'S LITTLE WATER PILLS. CARE SICK HEADACHE. In the base of so many lives that there is where we make our good best. This is the only medicine that will cure all the ailments of the head and face. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of headache, neuralgia, and other ailments of the head and face.

ITALIAN BEES. Seventy-five hives for sale at a very low price. These bees are better workers than any other bees, and they will give you a large crop of honey. They are also very hardy and will thrive in any climate. Write to W. J. ARMSTRONG, 2140 Broadway, New York, for more information.

CONTRIBUTES. (Special)—At a public exhibition, the large number of the fire estimator.

ALLEGED HUMOR. "I damn as I kin git my money back," said the elderly boarder. "I no, he replied, rubbed his brow. "I must say as how I like to recommend any customer to that concern."

DR. CHASE'S Catarrh Cure. Cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Rose Fever and all other ailments of the head and face. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of catarrh, hay fever, and other ailments of the head and face.

CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. Castoria is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of infants and children. It is a gentle laxative and helps to keep the bowels regular and the child healthy.

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AT THE CITY COUNCIL

Ald. Bragg's Letter on the Cemetery Keper Brings About an Investigation.

The New Electric Lights Are Located-Darcey Island Lepers Need More Attention.

Though on the whole a good deal of business was accomplished by the city council last night, there were a few subjects that threatened a little heated discussion, notably Ald. Bragg's letter on the cemetery keeper, and the attempt to settle where new electric lights should go.

The first letter read was one from the deputy municipal clerk, enclosing one from the legal advisers D. P. Adams and explaining that gentleman's attitude about the David street dispute.

There was another letter, however, from McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, stating that one of their clients complained that Mr. Adams was still obstructing the case.

The correspondence was referred to the city engineer, city solicitor and city committee, and the committee reported next came a letter from Ald. Bragg, which caused a good deal of talk.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. In justice to myself as I was not permitted at the last meeting of the board to give my reasons for making an explanation from the report of the committee as to the duties of the caretaker of the cemetery, Mr. Allen, and the statement made by the chairman of the committee on behalf of Mr. Allen is not in harmony with the facts.

During the early part of last month Mr. Allen asked Mr. Boddy a mechanic of this city, to give him the line fence on either side thereof shall be accepted or maintained by the said city. As no resolution of the council was passed on this subject, the Mayor thought that a resolution would recommend that the resolution adopting the report be rescinded and the case referred to the committee.

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PROVINCIAL MINERALS

British Columbia Invited to Send Display to the Greater Britain Exhibition.

A Chance to Let English Capital See the Opportunities for Investment Here.

Mr. William Thompson, the mining engineer who was mentioned in yesterday's Colonist, has seen the Premier and Hon. Mr. Cotton for the purpose of pointing out to them the advisability of making a provincial mining display at the Greater Britain exhibition to be held at Earl's Court, London, next year. As business was bringing him to this province, Mr. Thompson was requested by the London Chamber of Mines to bring the matter before the attention of the Canadian governments, with a view to having this part of the Empire make as good a showing as possible. From his position as a mining engineer, Mr. Thompson's views on the matter must bear a great deal of weight. For a number of years he was government mineralogist in Queensland, and he has also had large experience in other parts of the world. This is not his first visit to British Columbia, for two years ago he came out to examine properties in this province. As one result of that visit he published the information he had obtained from authentic sources, some very large sections of the Kootenay country, with the principal mines and veins mapped out on them, and they have been found so useful that he has since had them published. They are certainly admirably suited for the purpose for which they were designed, and Mr. Thompson had an interview with the Premier and Hon. Mr. Cotton to discuss the matter.

LABOR CONGRESS.

The Dominion Gathering at Winnipeg Convenes To-Day.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—The Dominion trades congress opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock in the legislative chamber, parliament buildings, under the presidency of D. A. Carey, of Toronto, who is the present chief officer of the organization. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Acting Mayor Wilson, R. W. Jameson, M.P., and other public men. The congress will continue in session until Tuesday, and on the evening of that day the delegates will be entertained at a banquet by the labor unions.

THE LASH FOR ANARCHISTS AND ASSASSINS.

Sir. After the attempt on the life of Queen Victoria, Sir Robt. Peel called to be enacted the penalty of the lash for such criminality, coupled with imprisonment, and at a subsequent period when grogging was imposed, the penalty of the lash was also imposed, the penalty of the lash was also imposed, the penalty of the lash was also imposed.

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THE GREATER BRITAIN EXHIBITION.

In yesterday's Colonist Mr. William Thompson was quoted in regard to the desirability of British Columbia being represented at the Greater Britain exhibition, to be held in London next year. It is understood that the provincial government hesitates about going to the necessary expenditure. If Hon. Mr. Semlin and his colleagues are under the impression that they can attend to the wants of British Columbia at this stage of its history without spending money freely, they will find themselves grievously mistaken. They must be prepared to expend money freely, and they will be very unwise if they shrink from incurring liabilities on that account. Mr. Turner had remained in power, the loan authorized by the last legislature would have been floated by this time, and there would have been no occasion to make a poor mouth every time anything was spoken of which called for a "small outlay." But the province has fallen upon another kind of day. We are to proceed with development in forma pauperis. This is just what we were led to expect from what Mr. Semlin and his friends used to say when in opposition. They were opposed then to everything calculated to open the country or attract the attention of settlers or capitalists, and there is no occasion for surprise that, now they are in power, they take the same view of things. They always were unable to appreciate that this is a province where millions must be spent, but from which millions can be drawn as the result of such expenditure judiciously made.

The proposed exhibition will be an excellent means of bringing the province under the notice of the world. Those who remember the Indian and Colonial exhibition, and had occasion to note its influence, will bear us out in saying that it produced a vast amount of good. For British Columbia to be unrepresented at the forthcoming gathering would be a very grave error. Doubtless the Dominion government will do something, but the province ought not to be left to depend upon its share of what can be accomplished in that way. British Columbia has special claims upon the attention of the world, and a special effort ought to be made to impress them upon the hosts of people who will attend the exhibition.

FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

Sir George Neaves' South Polar expedition is about ready to start for the scene of its labors, if it has not already started. It consists of a single back-sailed steamer, the *Albatross*, under the command of Captain Borchgrevink, an experienced Arctic navigator, who is of mixed Norwegian and English descent. The party will consist of 30 picked men, chiefly Englishmen and Norwegians. The object of the expedition is purely scientific, and the scientists are Englishmen. The expedition will go to Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, and thence will set south for Cape Adair, on what is supposed to be the Antarctic continent, where the scientific members of the expedition, with some assistants, will be left, the Southern Cross then coming north again to Hobart, to await the opening of southern navigation next year. During her absence, the party left at Cape Adair will explore the country. The ship herself is something out of the common. Her hull consists of solid oak, and is 11 feet thick. Her sides are 36 inches thick at their weakest point, and she is sheathed all over with American greenheart, as a sort of ice-skin. The propeller can be lifted out of the way of the ice, and in every way the Southern Cross seems about as well fitted for the work she is to do as can well be imagined. She carries vast quantities of stores.

As to the region to be explored, when we say that the supposed continent has an area of fully 8,000,000 square miles, or about the same as that of North America, the possibility of novel discoveries will be at once apparent. Captain Borchgrevink says that it is "unwise to say what might be found." He admits the possibility of the discovery of a new race of men, new animals and plants. So very little is known of what is called the Antarctic continent that no one can say if it is a continent. About all that can be told positively is that wherever ships have approached it a great ice barrier has been seen, but on the few points where landings have been effected, the rock formation seems to be substantially identical. From this a continuity of formation may be inferred, but it is an inference of the most naked character. No one from the civilized world or if he has, he has never returned to tell the tale. It may be added that in a direct line from Cape Adair to the South Pole the distance is 1,200 miles. Observations have shown that in Arctic regions the latitude of maximum cold is several hundred miles from the Pole. If the same rule holds good in the Antarctic, there may be a large habitable area within the ice barrier. From such evidence as the North Polar region affords, it would not be advisable to expect that such an area, if it exists, will be found to be very favorable to human life, as we understand living, but as mankind seems able to adapt itself to every possible climatic condition, there is no insuperable objection to the existence of a race of men hitherto unknown in the southern continent. The leader of the

expedition admits it to be possible, and says that the men of the Challenger expedition will not assert that it is not. The first word received will be as to the landing of the expedition, and if the weather is favorable, so that the ship can wait at Cape Adair, of the beginning of the explorations. We ought to know some time during the next six months if the expedition reaches its first objective point in safety, and what its prospects are. Then we will hear nothing for from ten to twelve months more.

THE ASHROFT TRAIL.

Colonist readers will recall how this paper protested against the attempt made to induce Intending Yukoners to follow the trail from Ashcroft to Telegraph Creek. We pointed out the enormous difficulties of the route, and gave proof of the most trustworthy kind of what we said. The experience of those who have used the trail, or tried to do so, more than justifies everything then said. That when the Yukon country becomes more fully developed, the trail up the Bulkley valley will be employed as a means of getting stock into the country is beyond a doubt. There may possibly be a railway by that route. But for the present and for all purposes the route via the Coast and the only one worth a moment's consideration. For the next few years, Ashcroft will have to depend upon such business as comes from the development of regions much nearer than Klondike, and the outlook is that it will itself be sufficient to make the town a very prosperous place. There is much excellent mining country within the borders of British Columbia, and very much further south than even Telegraph Creek. Cariboo itself gives promise of a return of the fame which once made its name synonymous with riches all the civilized world over.

ORIENTAL TRADE.

President Hill, of the Great Northern, made a speech at St. Paul a few days ago in which he devoted himself entirely to the future trade of the Pacific. Among other things he said: "If the present changes in the Orient bring about the opening of the Pacific to a greater development of trade on the Pacific coast in the next twenty-five years than the world has ever seen in its history."

Speaking of the present trade, he said that every available foot of space in the Niippon and Kaisha steamers, which are out of Seattle was engaged last March for four months ahead solely for the carriage of cotton. He also mentioned having seen a cable from a Hongkong house asking a quotation on 500,000 barrels of flour. If this is the way trade is shipping itself at what is really only the beginning of its development, what may we not look for in the future? The facilities which Victoria offers or can secure for carrying on business with the Orient are very great, and it is reasonable to think that the city will get its fair share of what is going. What we need more than anything else at this time is better communication with the Mainland. There is no good reason why the C. P. R. trains should not run into this city without change. When this is the case Victoria may expect to become an important terminal point. There is no occasion for any local jealousy between this city and Vancouver on this point, for at the rate trans-Pacific commerce promises to develop there will be plenty of business for both places, even if they become each ten times as large as they now are.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Hitherto in British Columbia the civil service has not been considered a political organization. Men when appointed to positions on the permanent staff felt that they had secured places that could be regarded as fixed, and they have always endeavored to arrange their personal affairs accordingly. Most of them have secured homes and surrounded themselves with little comforts, which make their life enjoyable, but cannot very well be taken elsewhere. They are a rule attend to their duties well. They have had every incentive to do so. There has been no temptation to make hay while the sun shines. Hence honesty has marked the conduct of the whole service. Nothing is more valuable to a country than a frank permanent staff, composed of men who are wholly indifferent to the success of one party or another, so far as their own tenure of office is concerned. We do not say that, because a man accepts a place in a public department, he thereby gives up his citizenship. Policy may dictate that civil servants ought to be deprived of their votes, but even when this is done, they cannot be deprived of their right to think and form preferences. Offensive partisanship may properly be punished by dismissal; but the mere exercise of the franchise or even the open expression of opinion ought not to be regarded as such. We think it can be fairly claimed that the civil service employees in British Columbia and the other provinces of Canada, as well as of the Dominion itself, whatever may be their personal predilections, are always loyal to the government of the day. They ought to be so, even though they may vote against government candidates. They are loyal in the sense that they do their duty as public officials as faithfully for one party as for another, and do not employ their official positions to the disadvantage of the party in power. It sometimes happens that the very nature of an official's duty necessitates his doing work for the party in power, but he ought not to be held responsible for this. The Semlin government is inaugurating a change in this respect. It has caused the members of the civil service to understand that they have no reason to expect, because they are in office today, that they will be in office tomorrow. Take the case of Miss Woolley,

stenographer to the Premier. This lady has filled that post for eight years. She has served at least three premiers. Of her efficiency there can be no manner of doubt. That she was a partisan, offensive or otherwise, would be an absurd suggestion. Yet she was dismissed without notice. She was used worse than a respectable housekeeper would use a Chinese servant. Further, she is a lady-like demeanor, intelligence and industry count for nothing with this administration. She was simply told to go, as one might turn out a tramp or a trespasser. Unjust treatment of a girl by a magistrate once cost a government of Great Britain the seals of office, and if the people of British Columbia do not, on their first opportunity, express their condemnation of the unjust treatment of Miss Woolley, they deserve to have the civil service made the plaything of political parties.

The danger which lies in prostituting the civil service to political purposes is very great, and is likely to operate in various directions. Men who are appointed to official positions and know that they are likely to be turned adrift at any time, will have an eye always to the main chance. Personal interests will have the first place in their consideration, and the public welfare the second. We do not believe that the people of British Columbia desire to see such a change inaugurated, and that they will stamp with their disapproval the line of policy which Mr. Semlin has followed. All the best interests of the province have been marked by indecent haste, as though the members of the government feared to give the displaced officials reasonable notice, lest they might find themselves out before they had an opportunity to make new appointments.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

We congratulate the Times upon having at last undertaken to discuss the constitutional question involved in the dismissal of the late ministry, although we cannot add to this a compliment upon its grasp of the subject. It quotes extensively from Todd's "Parliamentary Government in the British Colonies." Before proceeding further, we may remind the Times of what it is doubtless ignorant, namely, that Dr. Todd's work, like a legal text book, its authority only as far as its dicta, and borne out by precedents. For the precedents we must go to the proceedings of parliament, and the observations of any writer, however learned, in regard to these precedents, are only of weight so far as they express the logical conclusion from the precedents themselves. Most of the writers on constitutional law take very broad views of the prerogative, but it must not be supposed that anyone is bound by their views, that their opinions have the force of law, or that they speak with any greater authority than can be supported by the application of the ordinary principles of logic to what they say.

With this observation as to the value of text book dissertations on constitutional law, let us see what Dr. Todd lays down in the quotations. It is simply this: That a governor may dismiss his ministers for causes that seem to him sufficient. As the Times expressly addresses its article to the Colonist, we may point out to it that there was no necessity to quote half a column from any writer to establish the point, for if it had turned to the Colonist of August 9, it would have found the following statement in the editorial announcing the dismissal of the ministry: "That the Lieutenant-Governor has power to call upon anyone at any time to take the position of chief adviser may be conceded." The Colonist has never receded from this position. It hopes it understands the British constitution too well to lose sight of the fundamental principle that no emergency can possibly arise, which neither the crown nor parliament can adequately meet. The right of dismissal must be vested in the crown or its representative, or we will cease to have a monarchical form of government. But this right of dismissal must be exercised "on grounds capable of being stated and defended to parliament." This is in accordance with constitutional practice as explained by Lord Brougham in his place in parliament when he said that he had recognized by Sir Robert Peel on the last occasion when a British ministry was dismissed. These two precedents settle the constitutional right of the sovereign. They concede the right of dismissal, but give the conditions upon which it may be exercised. There is no question upon this point, and this is all that the long citations from Todd establish. Applying this principle to Lieutenant-Governor McInnes' action we find that he gave his reasons for his act of dismissal, and the whole argument of the Colonist has been to show that these reasons were entirely insufficient. We have sought to show that, giving the full effect to everything stated by the Lieutenant-Governor in his letters, and without going outside of what he himself said upon the subject, failed to make out a case warranting the exercise of the prerogative of dismissal, and, therefore, that his conduct was utterly without warrant, unsupported by precedent, in violation of parliamentary usage, and arbitrary in the extreme.

Things look as though Great Britain would have to do some international police work at Crete. Is it going to be another case of Egypt again? The powers will stand back while Great Britain does the work of humanity. It may take as long to finish the job as it took on the Nile, and that seems likely to be for all time to come.

Kitchener is just about half way from the mouth of the Nile to its source, and he will probably find no difficulty in going the remainder of the distance. In regard to the alleged presence of Marchand and a small French force at Fashoda, it is worth mentioning that the French government, expressly denied any responsibility for the expedition, and that it was undertaken after Great Britain had given notice that she would not permit any interference with her plans in the Upper Nile valley. It is of the greatest importance to Egypt that the control of this part of the river should be in the hands of the same power which rules the Lower Nile, because it would be a very simple thing to so obstruct the river that the annual floods would be prevented which would need Egypt to the condition of a desert. We need feel no anxiety as to the future sovereignty of the Upper Nile. The Union Jack will be its emblem.

We print a letter written to the Klondike Nugget by Tappen Adner, special correspondent of Harper's Weekly. Mr. Adner has been on the Yukon for about a year and has had every opportunity of familiarizing himself with what is transpiring there. A fact that he represents such a periodical as Harper's Weekly lends a weight to what he says. It is more than his position is worth to identify himself with mere sensations, in which respect he stands on a similar footing to Mr. H. S. White, Reuter's correspondent. When Mr. Adner says that a parliamentary inquiry is called for, the public may feel sure that he does not speak with any malice towards the officers or with any desire to do an injury to Canada.

About twelve hundred men are encamped at Kotzebue Sound waiting for a chance to get away. They went up there after gold. Somebody started the story that gold could be found in the Kovak river, which flows into the sound, and at once expedition after expedition started for the alleged new Eldorado, Kotsche Sound is north of Cape Prince of Wales. To reach it it is necessary to traverse Behring sea and pass through Behring strait. Then a turn to the eastward brings the adventurer into the Sound. If there is any region in the whole world, that is no good, it is that around Kotzebue Sound.

We quoted yesterday from the Edmonton Bulletin in regard to the alleged intention of the C. P. R. not to construct the Great West Pass railway any further than Kobovay lakes. It is fair to say to-day that the Winnipeg Free Press corrects the impression created by the Bulletin's article, and points out that it is an integral part of the bargain with the company that a steam ferry shall be maintained between the lake terminus and Nelson, until the railway can be built to the latter point, and that the company has until December 31, 1900, to complete the line.

While the Liberal organs continue to assure the government and the public that there is nothing in the Yukon scandal, the British press is taking the matter up, and very grave assertions are made. For example, we find To-day, a weekly London periodical, declaring that "the police, land office, gold commissioner's office and mounted police are all corrupt." Against such a statement, made in such a quarter, the contradictions of little organettes like the Victoria Times are as useless as a pop-gun against an ironclad.

Mr. R. E. Gonnell, provincial librarian, has been dismissed from office. Mr. Gonnell was an exceptionally good officer and a very useful man in his position. Few men took greater interest in the work than he, and few were so able to render the public efficient service. Miss Woolley, of the Premier's department, a stenographer, also has been dismissed. This lady was exceptionally adapted for her work, and during her official career gained the high respect of every one having any transactions with the department.

It ought not to surprise any one that the American war department has found that negroes make excellent soldiers. If British experience counts for anything, it establishes that black men make capital to military purposes. There are a century of slavery would destroy their courage, but here again experience shows that slavery makes races amenable to discipline, and that with discipline good fighting material can be made out of almost everything.

Late Dawson papers speak of the great harm likely to follow from the action of Collector Iyer, of Alaska, who compelled the surrender of a gold thief, arrested on the American portion of the Yukon in a hot pursuit from Canadian territory. The custom hitherto has been for officers from one side of the boundary to follow criminals to the other side and make arrests, without ever thinking about such a formality as extradition, and the system has worked very well. If the slow process of extradition must be gone through with, there will be the mischief to which the Queen's conference might well refer upon this matter, and provide for a continuation of the very excellent plan that has been in operation hitherto. We suggest that an agreement be made, permitting officers of one country to follow criminals into the other country and arrest them in such places as may be designated by the Governor-General and the President by proclamation.

Under the new postal arrangements you can send a letter to London for the same price as you can send one through the post to your next door neighbor. Trifling penny postage is an attractive proposition, but

THE AWAKENING OF CHINA.

A very noteworthy concession has been granted by the Chinese Emperor to the Pekin Syndicate, Limited, of London. It confers upon the company the right to open and work coal and iron mines in the province of Shansi, and to construct all necessary railways, canals, and so on. The charter holds good for 90 years. The government receives 25 per cent. of the net profits. This is admitted to be the most important concession ever granted by China to foreigners, the much talked of Belgian concession being hardly a concession at all, but simply an arrangement under which some Belgian capitalists act for the Chinese government. So unsatisfactory are the terms of the Belgian arrangement that nothing whatever has been done under it. The province of Shansi lies in the interior and directly in the rear of Chihli, in which Pekin is situated. A narrow strip of the latter province separates it from Shantung, in which is situated Wei-hai-wei, lately become a British possession under lease. It will be recalled that when this lease was made, objection was taken that it did not give British capitalists any right to the rich mines of Shansi, and that hence it was of little value. Particular stress was laid in foreign papers upon the fact that the British government failed to acquire the right to construct railways into the interior, so as to reach this province. It seems, therefore, as if, as is usually the case, John Bull's ever-ready commercial instincts have supplemented his diplomacy.

Too great stress cannot be laid upon this new concession. It means the development of Northern China on a scale hitherto undreamed of. The United States consul at Tientsin declares it to be a step of very special importance. The bearing which this has upon Canada has probably been overestimated. Contemporary with the opening of China to industrial expansion will come a change in the diet of the people, and it is impossible to realize fully what this signifies. There are four hundred million people resident in China. If one-tenth of them should become consumers of wheat, it would mean a market for 200,000,000 bushels a year, which is about double the production of Canada for 1898. Where will this wheat come from? Not from the United States. That country has about reached the highest point in its production of this grain. There is no portion of Asia which can supply the demand. In the course of time, Siberia may become a great wheat producer, but that will be years hence. The best source of supply will be Canada, and fortunately Canada has a field ready for occupation. There are millions upon millions of acres of the finest wheat land on the globe awaiting settlement in the Northwest. The growing of this grain for China will people the prairie region with a thrifty and prosperous population; the handling of it will build up on the coast of British Columbia cities which will rival in importance the largest centres on the Atlantic shore of the continent. No one can measure the importance of this, and the best of it all is that we are likely to see the results within a very short time. It is not too soon for the Dominion government to take cognizance of what is going on in China, and shape the policy of the country accordingly.

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By permitting the ministers in the Semlin government to be returned to the house without opposition, the opposition have sacrificed nothing, but have either gained an advantage. When the substance of the writs was announced, the Colonist took the position that the desirability of putting candidates in the field might properly be left to the people or the constituencies directly interested, and this was the course pursued by Mr. Turner and his friends. We say that it is an advantage to the opposition, that the ministers have been returned by acquiescence, because it avoids any judgment upon the action of the Lieutenant-Governor, and leaves the whole question to be fought out when the house meets.
The checks have been issued to the sealers. There has certainly been no undignified haste in settling these claims, but we suppose the money will be the less welcome. The only ground for complaint is that, while the claims have not borne interest, many of the sealers have been paying it.
Our correspondent, "Barrister," makes an excellent suggestion in regard to appeals from the decision of the judge in the Yukon. Readers may remember that the Colonist last year suggested that the Yukon should be annexed to British Columbia for judicial purposes.
There was not half the bitterness between the Americans and Spaniards in the late war as there is between rival claimants to the mine arising out of it, and the rival politicians who are endeavoring to make capital out of it.

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