

Calendar for March showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER, Room 7, Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

AGAINST THEIR CONVICTIONS.

Speaking of the coercion bill the Toronto World, Conservative, says: "The World persists in its contention that the bill will never become law, that those Ontario men who have supported the measure in parliament against their convictions, can never be re-elected, and that a public sentiment against the coercion of Manitoba is now rising all over the country, which will be the dominant force in the elections to be held at an early day."

THE FRANCHISE FRAUD.

With the near approach of the Dominion election many people are becoming possessed of an interest in the voters' lists which they did not feel at the time of the last revision. In too many cases in this province they find that though qualified in all respects to exercise the franchise their names do not appear on the lists.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEW.

In his speech at the chambers of commerce banquet dealing with the preferential trade scheme, Mr. Chamberlain said: "In such a general free trade arrangement it is quite clear that exceptions must be made in the case of articles such as tobacco and spirits, which are chiefly taxed for revenue purposes."

agent? If they are so ready, can they induce the Red Parlor to follow them? We take the liberty of doubting it. At all events it will be necessary for them to produce some specific declaration in this line before they can get the people to regard their preferential trade talk as anything more than a blind.

There is a very bad division in the ranks of the Conservatives in Burrard district, and the News-Advertiser makes a piteous appeal to the warring sections. It says: "If there be differences of opinion on certain questions, let those who hold them strive to settle them and to reach a harmonious understanding."

Says the Mail and Empire: "It is gratifying to know that Sir Donald is hopeful of a settlement, and it is equally gratifying to find that the Dominion ministers and Mr. Greenway are prepared to meet, and to negotiate once again with a settlement in view."

CANADA'S SHAME.

To the Editor: A consideration of the actions of our representatives at Ottawa during the past few months must, I am sure, bring the blush of shame to the face of every true Canadian. The yielding of Sir Mackenzie Bowell to the importunities of the French hierarchy, the introduction of the infamous "remedial" legislation, the desperate attempt of the bolting squad to destroy Premier Bowell, and their despicable crawl back to office when their traitorous scheme failed; the arrival of that arch-conspirator, Sir Charles Tupper, on the scene; the wholesale bribery of the Cape Breton constituency; the maliciously false attestation of Sir Charles Tupper on the floor of the house of commons; the passing by pure brute force of the second reading of the coercion bill; all these events—down to the recent detection of Sir Charles Tupper in a series of wilful lies—are, sir, I submit, part of as scandalous a record as ever disgraced the annals of history.

LIFE IN A LONDON ZOO.

Experiences of Keeper Sutton, Who Recently Retired. Sutton, the head keeper of the lion house at the Zoological Gardens, and a very old servant of the society, has this week retired with a pension. He had been employed for more than 40 years, mainly in the care of the great carry-ora, first as keeper of the bears, but for the greater part of his life in the daily management of the large feline.

Some years ago a young tiger arrived from the back regions of China. This animal should have shown the fine proportions and long, furry coat, for which the northern tiger is famous. Instead it was a mere caricature of a tiger. It had been half-starved for months before its delivery to the coast. Having been captured just at the time when a tiger cub begins to grow, the result of this ill treatment was that while its head had increased to the normal size of a half grown tiger, its body was no larger than that of a small retriever.

PUNISHMENT OF THE BAGNO.

In former times the punishment of the Bagno (bath), one of the most cleverly cruel inflictions ever devised by an official of the torture chamber, was administered in Italy, probably in Venice, where the water of the lagoon played so prominent a part in the penal system. The punishment was as follows: The prisoner was placed in a vat, the sides of which were slightly in excess of the average height of a man. In order to hold in check the rising tide of a supply of water which ran into the vat in a constant stream, the criminal was furnished with a scoop with which to bale out the water as fast as it came in.

I. Tappet the old, have come, I'm here. Sons of this land, I speak, hearken and hear. I roared you sun upon its gilded way. I spoke, and lo! he gives you light by day; I made and hung on high the moon. I caused your face to shine in night's dark noon. I made the sea, I made it roar and laugh; I sowed the Treckon on the tall giraffe. I make the buds and leaves, the streams to flow. I make the dew, the rain, the ice, the snow. Sir Mac must go and I your boss will be; They told me, too, down by the sounding sea. That Murray runs he'er against me ran, Or tried to REE the Bishop's hired man. Apat I say, I've come, now listen. Your debt shall grow and grow from year to year. For I will bridge the broad Atlantic's tide, And tunnel calm Pacific, rolling wide; I'll melt the Arctic ice from round the pole. I'll dig or bore a million-fathom hole. That I the axis of the earth may grease. I'll send the Treckon down the tall giraffe. I'll grind the Rockies into powder small, I'll make St. Lawrence climb Niagara. I'll ditch dig and worthless bridges make. If that won't do I'll pump out every lake. This land I'll boom, I will, by gosh. Come, hearken, one and all, who want a job. —W. A. Ratcliffe, Listowel.

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New animals were always a source of trouble and anxiety. Everyone who knows or has once kept tame animals knows the uncertainty and frequent disappointment which attends the first arrival and inspection of those which have come from a distance. Shaken, frightened, suffering from lack of water, with broken feathers or soiled fur, they show the ill effects of travelling, even for twenty-four hours, by rail or water. But in the case of the smaller animals, kept as pets, it may be safely assumed that they were in good condition when they arrived at the zoo.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S SALARY.

Emperor William receives his salary quarterly in advance. The money is three counted by different functionaries at the national treasury, and is afterwards placed in a number of strong boxes and carried to the royal mail wagon waiting at the door between a troop of gendarmes. Not until the money is actually deposited in the vaults of Emperor William's Berlin palace does the minister of the household sign the receipts which are made out in the name of "Wilhelm Rex," and William Imperator, respectively, one-half of the sum being derived from the kingdom of Prussia, the other from the treasury of the German empire.

STONEHENGE.

The most noted British monument of antiquity is the wonderful "Stonehenge," a gigantic ruin lying on the Salisbury plain, near Amesbury, England, says the Rev. Dr. H. St. John, in a recent issue of the magazine "The Antiquary." Stonehenge has been the great prehistoric enigma of Great Britain, its original purpose being a puzzle to the archaeologists, geologists and antiquarians alike. It has been conjectured that the Stonehenge was a temple for worship of the sun, while others declare that the fact has been pretty well established that the Druids used it for an astronomical observatory. Some investigators are of the opinion that the "temple" was never used for either worship, sacrifice or astronomical purposes, but that it was erected in memory of the hundreds which are known to be buried in a "barrow" near by. Whatever it may have originally been, its remains have furnished the themes for many interesting discussions in the realm of legend, and the people who have left these monuments for us to reflect on and ponder over.

WE announce further startling reductions in Furniture and Furnishing Goods in order to make room for a large lot of new Goods soon to arrive. B. C. Furniture Co., JACOB SEHL, Manager. Government Street.

THE GREAT MORTGAGE SALE AT MANCHESTER HOUSE. Will be continued for a short time longer, but the mortgagees, to effect a speedy clearance of the stock, have decided to make a further reduction in the already Low Prices. J. H. WARK, Manager.

hand, he always looked upon as dangerous, and quite untamable, having a kind of incurable levity which makes them absolutely without fear or respect for man, even when they are kept in captivity. In the case of the large cats, age and ill temper do not necessarily increase together. In all the years spent in the care of the large carnivora, he never received an injury. Yet, though never hurt by bears or lions, he was nearly killed by a zebra. The correct facts of this curious accident were as follows: The zebra, which was known to be very savage, was turned out into the yard, the sliding door between its stall and the yard being pushed, but not fastened, by the man whose duty it was to do so. Sutton was in the inner stall, putting in fresh hay, when the zebra heard him. He also heard it trot up to the door, and the next moment saw its muzzle pushed up against the crack which had been left between the edge of the door and the post. It slid the door back in a moment, ran in, and stooping its head, seized him below the knee and threw him violently on his back. If held on to his leg, biting it so severely that it cracked the shin bone, though Sutton, who was lying on his back, kicked the hard with the other foot. The other men drove it off with stable forks, but the keeper was laid up for thirteen weeks from the effects of the bite.—London Spectator.

ed to be a "temple," consisting of two circles and two ovals, the outlines being described by gigantic oblong blocks of stone standing on end. The outer circle measured three hundred feet in circumference, and consisted of thirty huge upright stones, varying in height, the average being sixteen feet. Above these, placed horizontally, like the lintels over each doorway, was a series of stones, twelve feet long and between two and three feet square, the whole forming a complete circle on top of the great stone uprights. At the present time there are but seven of these uprights remaining, and but six of the lintels are in place. The second or inner enclosure is composed of forty rudely cut stones, much smaller and nearer together than those forming the outer circle, and without the lintels. The third row was composed of five pairs of gigantic uprights, each surmounted by their lintels or capstones. These monstrous trilithons form the chief characteristic of the place, as may be supposed, when it is known that actual measurement has proven that the one now standing weighs not less than seventy tons. The inner oval of standing stones originally consisted of nineteen blocks, arranged so as to surround a large flat rock, which some declare was the place of sacrifice, but which others believe to have originally served the purpose of an altar stone. The building, if such it may be called, is as great a puzzle to the investigators as are the pyramids of Egypt, and it is very doubtful if all the scientific speculation that has been advanced has cleared up one iota of the mystery surrounding it.

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Seagram's Whiskey. Is still being freely met. R. P. RITHEM & Co., Ltd.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, March 26.—John Clever was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labor for indecently assaulting his twelve-year-old daughter.

A Chinese vegetable vendor named Mah Sue, while crossing Nanaimo river on Tuesday afternoon by a ferry, was carried away by the current and drowned.

At the coroner's inquest touching the death of Ah Loy, the jury returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, agree that Ah Loy came to his death accidentally by being jammed by a piece of coal, but would recommend that one man be appointed to attend the brakes of the coal cars in future."

Captain Williams was admitted to the hospital suffering from a broken leg, the result of a log felling on it. Geo. Gartley had the small bone of his left forearm broken on Tuesday by a fall of fifteen feet on to some rocks.

W. McLeod, a prominent faller of this city, and Miss Mable Ripper were quietly married on Tuesday evening by the Rev. R. R. Maithland.

The Gabriola Coal Company have received the new diamond drill to be used in boring on Gabriola and expect to get it to work at once.

A cattle quarantine station has been established between Elk river and Rock creek, for cattle coming from the South. Two large bands are expected early in May from Montana for the West Kootenay market.

The International Transportation Co. has been formed by the Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Co. and Capt. P. D. Miller. They will run from Jennings to Fort Steele and Fort Steele to Canal Flats, connecting with the Columbia river steamers for Golden.

The boats will be the Ruth, a steamer 135 feet in length, 22 feet beam, 4 feet 6 inches depth of hold; the engines 10x74, the Gwendoline, which is now being rebuilt, 98 feet in length, 18 feet beam, and intended principally for a freight boat.

C. M. Edwards has returned from a visit to the North Star and Sullivan group. He reports that the Star has an immense amount of ore in sight, and that there is 2200 tons at the landing, 700 tons at McIntyre, and about 3000 tons on the dump.

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All the machinery is in place in the C. & K. S. N. Co.'s new boat at Nelson, and the carpenters and painters are putting on the finishing touches.

forming an organization that, if perfected, will be a powerful factor in caring for the political rights of the men engaged in the mining industry.

George Pfunder has launched the Morning Star company in Butte and now F. Aug. Helme is reported to be after the Derby and adjacent claims in addition to the Nick of Time which he recently acquired.

The hanging wall of the vein on the Jumbo has at last been reached, and there are from six to ten feet of shipping ore alongside it. From what we have heard we feel confident that the grade is over \$30 per ton and not far from \$40.

Quesnelle Forks, March 20.—"What glorious weather!" is the general exclamation here. The first two or three nights this month the thermometer registered ten and twelve degrees below zero, but since that the lowest has only been slightly below freezing.

Trappers have had varied success this winter. Hunter and Willett came into town the other day with a large variety of skins taken about the Keithley mountains.

Advices from Pilot Bay are in effect that the smelter company is making preparations for adding another stack and for the erection of a refinery.

It is current rumor that the Noble Five mines, in Slokan district, have been bonded to, or that an option has been obtained on them by C. F. Law in the interest of a Toronto syndicate, made up of Gooderhams, the Stellers, Blackstock the noted lawyer, and others.

It was reported on Wednesday last that some of the people interested in the Kaslo & Slokan railway had in mind to build a concentrator on railway ground within the corporate limits, bringing the necessary water power by flume from Kaslo creek.

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The meeting called in furtherance of the candidature of Mr. Bostock for the Dominion house did not materialize, inasmuch as it was found that although a number were eligible to be on the Dominion electoral roll there were not more than two or so who were actually on, and great disgust was experienced.

The following returns of shipments of bullion matte and ore from the mines since last week's report were obtained from the custom house at Nelson and from data furnished by the secretary of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company:

our own race, color and kin have experienced want in not being able to obtain employment. It is felt that such a matter only needs to be mentioned to secure the desired remedy, and whilst on this matter of roads, etc., we have a very forcible reminder of the necessity for something being done on Keithley trail at once to remedy the dangerous condition of the slide on the road above Kangaroo bridge.

St. Patrick's day has come and gone with but slight celebration, the natives of the emerald isle being few in number in this locality.

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They call themselves Aetas; they are active, very woolly, and muscular, and average only four feet and seven inches in height.

They are distinct from any other known people. Though so tiny, they are very audacious, using with ease bows that the strongest white man cannot string.

They will have nothing to do with the Malays, Malays of Chinese inhabitants, and intrusion upon their territory is seriously resented.

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