

Calendar for February showing days of the week and dates from 2 to 29.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER, Room 7, Board of Trade Building. The Daily Times.

THE SPECULATORS' BILL.

It is satisfactory to find one government supporter with independence enough to oppose the iniquitous bill to provide for the sale of public lands by warrant. Now that Captain Irving has shown so good an example it may be hoped that some other members on the same side may give expression to the conscientious convictions against the measure which they are said to entertain. They will unquestionably range themselves on the side of public opinion if they follow Capt. Irving's lead. The more the people examine the bill the more they must feel opposed to it. Even if we grant that it is wise to sell off the public lands to raise a revenue, it cannot be admitted that the government have chosen a wise method of doing so. It has, in fact, devised a scheme whereby the choicest pieces of land now remaining in possession of the public may pass into the hands of speculators at a merely nominal price. It is surprising that any man should be so unintelligent as not to see this point, or so utterly lacking in regard for the public interest as to wilfully ignore it.

MANITOBA'S ENEMIES.

There is much speculation as to the probable fate of the remedial bill at Ottawa, and so far no attempt at "counting noses" has afforded any reliable indication of parliament's action. It would be satisfactory to be able to rely on the statement that the government cannot secure enough votes from its usual followers to force the measure through, but there are too many possible dodges to be reckoned with for anyone to feel sure about the matter. This is certain, however, that a number of Conservative members will be found voting against the bill, and the best friends of the country will continue to hope that the number will be found sufficient to defeat it. Of course there are servile partisans who care for nothing but to carry out the government's will, entirely ignoring the country's interests. For political automata like these it is sufficient that the government should decide upon any particular course, good or bad, and it may count on their support. They can even get up a show of indignation over the opposition offered by the people of independent spirit, who are not content to swallow with blind faith every dose the czar at Ottawa chooses to offer. To such bloodless creatures it is doubtless a delight to abuse Manitoba and utterly misrepresent the province's position in regard to this school matter. The rights of the question are not their concern; sufficient for them is that the province does not choose to obey the dictates of the Ottawa combination, issued in pursuance of its scheme for political gain. For this display of independence the majority of the province must be branded as tyrants seeking to treat the minority with injustice of every sort. Abuse and misrepresentation are cheap weapons for the Ottawa government and its friends to use against Manitoba, but we venture to doubt whether in the end they will find their use entirely profitable.

U. S. BOSSES.

A bill was introduced in congress levying extra duties for the purpose of increasing the revenue and thus overcoming the deficit which now yearly exists in Uncle Sam's finances. It was passed by the house of representatives, but in the senate it struck a snag. The silver coinage men set off this revenue-increasing bill against their pet measure, which was intended to authorize the unlimited coinage of the white metal. Their bill was slaughtered in the house, so they gathered their forces in the senate and threw out the tariff bill. The majority in this case included 22 Democrats, six Populists and five Republicans. Naturally there is somewhat of a storm among our neighbors over this action, the five Republicans coming in for some especially hard raps. A rather strange sight it is to see men assume to be statesmen jeopardizing the country's interests and throwing obstacles under the wheels of government simply because they cannot have their own selfish ends carried out. Our neighbors may perhaps be able to console themselves with the thought that little afflictions like this are natural accompaniments of the glorious freedom they enjoy in the matter of self-government. Their political system lends itself peculiarly to any knot of men who are bound to "rule or ruin."

The new sensation of which Sir Charles Tupper is the central figure is rather a puzzling affair. It is rather hard to suppose it possible that Sir Leonard Tilley, Dr. Weldon and Mr. Cahoon should have made any such charge against the honoree as is credited to them, but on the other hand it is

hard to believe that Mr. McConnell would have credited them with making the statement unless he believed he had good evidence that they did so. Doubtless the mystery will be cleared up by means of the libel proceedings which Sir Charles Tupper has instituted.

While Frenchmen and Germans partake freely of horse flesh—something like 23,000 having been slaughtered for use in Paris alone in a year—the effort to cultivate a taste for the edible on this side of the Atlantic is unsuccessful. The Portland establishment devoted to the preparation of horse flesh for food has been obliged to close for want of a market. There is plenty of testimony as to the good quality of horse-meat, but the prejudice which prevents its general use is quite natural. Possibly in time to come, when electricity and the bicycle have broken up the friendly relations between man and the horse, the latter may come to be looked upon as fit for food, but a great deal of education will be needed to bring people to this point.

GOVERNOR DEWDNEY.

To the Editor: In the struggle of life it would appear that Lieut. Governor Dewdney has little to worry him. As long as I can remember he has been on the pay roll of the Dominion government. If he has ever rendered service to the country commensurate with the rewards he has received from it, I have never heard of those services. The payment of expenses of his trip to the late Sir John Thompson's funeral shows that unlike most of us he does not have to work for his money. He just touches the button and "we do the rest." His life is one long drawn out holiday—the public footing the bills. This very day where do you find him? Off for a trip on the Royal Arthur. The people's assembly is in session, and the public business of the week is concentrated at the departments, and needs prompt dispatch. Does that affect Governor Dewdney? Not at all. The public business has to wait, you or I have to suffer, and the jollification of his Honor is over and he has resumed his usual complacent dignity.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

MORE EXPENDITURES.

To the Editor: I expected the government organ, the Colonist, would have offered to the public, or at least endeavored to do so, the particulars of the \$450 paid Governor Dewdney for his trip to Ottawa, also for the \$313.92 paid Mr. Chas. Hayward for decorating the R. C. cathedral. If they cannot well furnish the particulars of the \$313, probably they will do so for the \$2 cents.

But perhaps it would be unnecessary to expect the Colonist to open its mouth on this matter for fear of being asked to explain the following item, which also appears in the public accounts, recently laid before the legislature:

NO VOTE—Printing and binding 5,000 extra copies of pamphlet, "British Columbia: Its Present Resources and Future Possibilities," Colonist Printing Co., payment made above \$1,000. I think the suggestion made by "Watch Dog" in last night's Times should be acted on by our city members, and the public given the information which rightly belongs to them.

CITIZEN.

SOFT SNAPS?

To the Editor: Can you inform me what are the duties of the person or persons selected to strike the jurors' lists and the number of names selected as jurors. I notice the following in the public accounts, which I think requires some explanation:

T. Shottolt, J. P., selector of jurors, Victoria, 16 days at \$5 \$80 00
E. Pearson, J. P., selector of jurors, 3 days at \$5 15 00
C. Hayward, J. P., selector of jurors, Victoria, 21 days at \$5 55 00
N. Shakespeare, J. P., selector of jurors, Victoria, 1 day at \$5 5 00
\$155 00

The same work was done for the city of Vancouver at a cost of \$80, and it is safe to say that were one to work hard the entire task could be completed in one or two days. ENQUIRER.

ANGLO-ISRAEL.

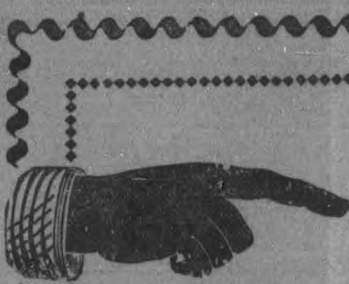
To the Editor: While "True Briton" is re-examining his scriptural evidence I shall make a few remarks upon "Ayrros Edas Dranyer's" communication which appeared in Tuesday's Times.

"Ayrros Edas Dranyer" evidently perceives that "True Briton" is in need of assistance, but I do not think he really helps forward the contention of his friend. He, in fact, opens his letter with a statement which places the whole question at rest in my favor. He says: "Every Jew is, therefore, an Israelite, but every Israelite is not a Jew." Exactly so; but "True Briton" would not say so; and this is really the main point in dispute between us. If "every Jew is an Israelite," it then follows that the promised greatness and blessing of Israel can only be consummated in the united people. The saving phrase, "but every Israelite is not a Jew," adds nothing to the argument, and in no way helps "True Briton's" position, as he considers that "all the curses go with Judah," therefore, as he looks at it, it is as well that all Israelites are not Jews.

"Ayrros Edas Dranyer" then proceeds to lay the foundation for what "True Briton" would style "the historical, the ethnological, and the philological" argument, and from the merest speck in sa. xvi.19, he evolves that mighty empire "upon which the sun never sets."

Now, I have neither the time nor the will to follow out the intricate windings of this argument, but I would direct Ayrros Edas Dranyer's attention to this quotation he has made from Isaiah, and point out the microscopic character of his ethnological and historical "foundation." The verse reads: "And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off that have not heard my fame."

What reason can "Ayrros Edas Dranyer" give for selecting "Tarshish" from all the nations given in this verse? What of Pul, Lud, Tubal, Javan, and the remote islands? If he had chosen Pul, Lud or Tubal, he would have raised



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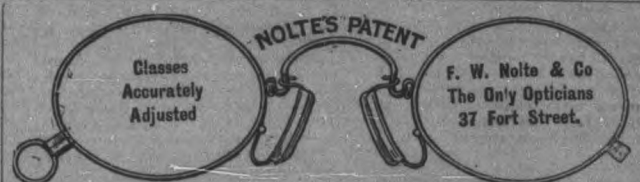
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forget. As nearly as I could gather from him his shanty had stood in the valley of a creek, at a distance back from the river, and had floated away in the night when he was asleep in the loft.

where the channel was wider and deeper and the current less tumultuous, and by using an ear I managed to land at a place where the tops of a number of pine trees rose out of water. John, laying hold of a large bough, steadied the scow until I got a line to several of the branches.

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