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SPRING FASHION PLATES—Just to hand for the spring of '96. Call and see them at Thomas Bros. & Grant's, next the postoffice.

A "CONCERT AND DANCE" will be given in the hall, Spring Ridge, on Wednesday, March 11th. A first-class programme has been arranged by the naval band and others. Music by Mr. Collins, of H. Mc S. Royal Arthur, and Mr. Baird. Excellent floor for dancing. Admission 25c. m7-11

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS—"Change" for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 a.m. of the day the "Change" is desired to appear.

### Vancouver Island Building Society

The 80th Drawing for an appropriation will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad Street, on Saturday next, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. See that your shares are not in arrears. By order.

B. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., March 7th, 1896.—td.

## Public Meeting

A public meeting of the citizens of Victoria will be held at the Victoria Theatre, on

Thursday, 12th Day of March Inst.,

at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of affording the undersigned members of the Legislative Assembly for the day, an opportunity of explaining their position in reference to the proposals lately submitted to the Provincial Government relating to the construction of the British Pacific Railway.

Victoria, March 6th, 1896.  
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## BRIGHTER PROSPECTS

### A More Hopeful Aspect is Apparent in the Italian Crisis—Is To-day.

### Rumor of Overtures for Peace and an Abandonment of the Colonial Policy.

### The People of Italy Are Still in a Disturbed State—Rioting Continues.

Rome, March 7.—The Italian crisis has assumed a somewhat brighter aspect to-day as a result of the receipt at the war office of a dispatch from Gen. Baldissera, commander of the Italian forces, announcing that the situation is not so desperate as is generally imagined. He says he has 18,000 troops at his disposal, without counting the garrisons of the forts and reinforcements, amounting to 12,000 men, now on the way to Massowah. But the general urgently requests the immediate dispatch of ammunition, supplies and particularly artillery, of which he stands greatly in need, as about 75 pieces are believed to have been captured by the Shonans. In the meanwhile everything possible is being done to relieve the besieged garrisons.

The war office has not yet made public its estimate of the number killed, wounded and missing of the army defeated at Adowah, but the general opinion is that the number killed will amount to about 5,000. There is no means of ascertaining the number of men captured by the Shonans. The Tribune this morning declares that the matter is not a question of a simple crisis in Africa or in Italy, but that the honor of Italy is involved, and urges the incoming ministry to adopt a policy of uncompromising revenge.

The Socialist deputies have issued a manifesto urging the people to join in a demonstration to urge the government to decide upon abandoning its costly colonial policy and withdraw the Italian troops from Africa.

The future, it is said, may depend considerably upon the secret mission which it is reported has been entrusted to Signor Franzo, the explorer. According to a rumor Franzo will go to Abyssinia with instructions to prepare the ground for work for an honorable peace between Italy and that country.

Still further rioting occurred in Milan yesterday evening. Store windows were shattered with stones, and the infantry, while trying to disperse the mob, were stoned. During the scrimmage twelve soldiers and sixteen rioters were wounded. The train service to and from Milan has been suspended, as the mob attack all trains attempting to leave or enter the city. Crowds are constantly assembled in front of the different barracks. One detachment of troops which was on its way to the coast for shipment to Africa, were detained at the suburbs of Milan, that being the only manner in which it was possible to get the men away to avoid mobs. A big anti-African meeting to be held to-morrow, is being organized at Milan, and steps to have similar assemblies are being taken in other large cities. The object of all the meetings will be to urge the government to abandon the policy hitherto followed by Italy in Africa, conclude peace with Abyssinia and bring home the Italian troops.

Dispatches from Milan and Florence this afternoon announce a very threatening state of affairs among the troops in garrison there. It appears that the soldiers became so excited by the attitude of the populace, that they almost broke out into open mutiny, threatening to leave their quarters and join the rioters. With difficulty the officers in command succeeded in calming the soldiers, and, according to last reports, it is believed that the danger has passed over.

Further advices received here from Massowah to-day, show that the estimated Italian losses at Adowah are about 1,000,000 cartridges, 5,000 rounds of ammunition for the artillery, 5,000 head of cattle and about 1,000 rifles and the money chest.

Nothing definite is known up to this hour concerning the change of the ministry. Signor Crispi is in an hour's conference with King Humbert at noon, and this has caused much comment and has served to strengthen the argument of those who intimated that Premier Crispi would have to remain in power during the crisis, as his majesty would not be able to find any one else willing to accept the difficult task of forming a cabinet. On the other hand, friends of the Italian statesman say he is determined not to continue in office.

London, March 7.—The Pall Mall Gazette this evening publishes a dispatch from Rome saying it is rumored there that Adigrat has been captured.

—People of good taste use Odeonoma for their teeth—Do you?

### ROYAL Baking Powder

has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

### ALDERMANIC TEMPTATIONS.

An Ex-Alderman Committed for Consenting to Accept a Bribe.

Toronto, March 7.—J. E. Verrell, an ex-alderman, was committed for trial at the assizes, charged with consenting to accept bribes amounting to \$15,000 as an inducement to vote in a particular way on the asphalt paving contract that came before the city council when he was alderman.

A shocking fatality occurred at Woodlawn, Carleton county, last night. James Newham, aged 18, was walking in Vance's saw mill, and in some way, which struck his foot, cutting it off; he then fell against the saw which struck his hip, cutting half-way through his body.

### AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote Entertain at Washington.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 7.—A special dispatch from Washington to the Commercial says: The British embassy is one of the most agreeable houses, from a social standpoint, at the capital. Owing to the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg, there have been no entertainments at the embassy for some time, until a few evenings since, when Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote entertained to dinner some thirty persons. The handsome dining table was decorated with crimson roses and jonquils, and the superb silver of which so much has been written. Among the guests were the German ambassador and Baroness von Thielmann, the Russian minister, Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill and Mrs. Rockhill, Mr. and Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. McKee, ex-President Harrison's daughter, who is still visiting here, Baron von Kettler, Prince Wrede and Mr. George W. Smalley, for many years London correspondent of the New York Tribune, who proposes making his future home in Washington.

### BRITAIN'S STRONG CASE.

In the Venezuela Matter—She Won't Brook any Interference.

London, March 7.—The Westminster Gazette, this afternoon, referring to the Venezuelan book says: "The first point to be made clear is that the blue book is nothing more than our case. We must not forget that we are open to answers."

The St. James Gazette remarks: "It is a very forcible statement of a very strong case. What interests us is the question whether the American commission will pay full attention to our statement and, having done so, will decide purely on the evidence, without allowing itself to be in any degree influenced by other considerations. The United States, however, and on terms approved by them, and if we decline we might expect war. This, in the main, is the situation between Great Britain and the United States. We decide ourselves if we suppose that a settlement has been practically reached by the publication of elaborate and exhaustive blue books."

The Globe says: "Although the British case has thus been brought into court, it would be a profound and most regrettable misconception to assume that it will be submitted formally or informally to the American government. Such action would practically admit of the United States to intrude in an authoritative and imperious way into all disputes with European powers possessing territory in America. Our case was not presented to Washington but to Caracas. Of course we hope the American will recognize the impregnable strength of our position, but they cannot too clearly understand that England will not brook interference by an outside power in any discussion on this question."

### American News.

New York, March 7.—Capt. M. Henney, one of Dr. Jameson's raiders in the Transvaal, arrived here to-day on the steamer St. Louis. He declined to talk of the raid or any other subject.

Cleveland, O., March 7.—Coroner Ar buckle finds that the rockfall which caused the failure to use reasonable skill, and want of due caution and care on the part of J. M. Brady, of Canton, O., who drew or superintended the drawing of the plans for the bridge. A warrant was at once issued for the arrest of Brady, charging him with manslaughter and was sentenced this morning to ten years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Lane was the proprietress of the lying-in hospital where Emily Hall, Rev. Jonathan Bell, died from the effects of a criminal operation. Dr. J. Seaman was recently convicted on the same charge and given a like sentence.

### PERSONAL.

R. G. Penn, Vancouver, is a guest at the Oriental.  
A. B. Coston, Nanaimo, is a guest at the New England.  
W. A. Hutchison, returned from San Francisco yesterday.  
W. A. Hutchison, Port Townsend, is registered at the Oriental.  
J. R. Roberts and wife, Vancouver, are guests at the New England.  
Police Officer Hutchinson, of Inban, came down on the noon train to-day.  
I. C. Schermerhorn and wife were passengers this morning from the Sound. W. N. Lantz, of the Victoria Fish Company, returned from the Sound this morning.  
G. B. Dennis and wife and P. A. McFarrell, of Spokane, and Daniel R. Murphy, of Portland registered at the DeLair.  
Thos. J. Burns, who has just recovered from his recent illness, was on the streets to-day, receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

### Those Sudden Showers.

What a lot of sickness and discomfort are caused by being caught out and wet through by an unexpected rain, and what a blessing that one can now have one's garments made both waterproof and water-proof by interlining them with Righy proofed Fibre Chamis. It gives an unpleasant odor, or extra weight or bulk, just comforting warmth that a amount of moisture can penetrate.

—Gardening tools at Cheapside.

—Try Okell & Morris' damson jams.

## MR. MARTIN'S EXPOSURE.

### Of the Fallacies of the Government's Contentions on the School Question.

### The Remedial Bill, He Shows, is Unconstitutional in Its Present Shape.

### As the Government Has Not Carried Out the Law Governing the Circumstances.

Ottawa, March 7.—The debate on the remedial bill was taken up yesterday by Mr. Moncrieff, of East Lambton, who devoted himself mainly to ridiculing Mr. Laurier's position and charging that he was in league with Mr. McCarthy. Hon. Joseph Martin continued the debate after recess. He exposed all the fallacies of the government's contentions that the constitution as well as the judgment of the Imperial privy council enjoined the action which is being taken. On the contrary, he contended that the present bill, if passed, would be unconstitutional. The constitution required, in the case of remedying grievances, for the governor general in council to pass an order and send the bill to the provinces which had refused to enact the bill sent. The remedial order did not carry out the law in this respect and therefore parliament had no jurisdiction. It got jurisdiction only when the law had been carried out and the province had refused to carry out the bill sent to it by the government. He was in favor of investigation, not because it was Mr. Laurier's policy, but because Manitoba had asked for it. There was nothing to show that Manitoba, if approached, would not have agreed to negotiations. Instead of doing so the government passed the remedial order, which ordered the restoration of the statutes of 1871 without regard to the efficiency of the schools, or matters of detail of the schools thereby established. Manitoba so interpreted the order, and its drastic terms which prohibited any change of negotiations or compromise. The whole difficulty the government now found itself in arose from that drastic, far-reaching order, passed without exercising any discretion. Now, when the government finds itself unable to propose a bill on the lines of the order, they begin to think of compromise. However, the time for the enquiry was before the judgment was rendered, not after. The government was now on its knees imploring Mr. Greenway to come here and get them out of the trouble. If he should come it would be no sign of hope. Nothing would come of any attempt at negotiation unless the government first repealed the remedial order. Manitoba considered the order a harsh judgment, passed in the absence of proof, and so refused to obey it; but she never said she would not do it.

### LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Argument was heard by Chief Justice Davie this morning in Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Co. v. Jery et al respecting the Paris Belle mineral claim. The chief point in dispute is whether or not the owner of a mineral claim possesses surface rights. Judgment was reserved. E. V. Bodwell for the railway company and W. J. Taylor for the defendants.

Full Court sits on Monday. These cases are set down:

Edison Electric Co. v. New Westminster & Vancouver Tramway Co.  
Atkins v. Coy. Fraser River Mining Co. v. Gallagher.  
Hall Mines Co. v. Dennis; Nault v. Inland Construction Co. re Amendment Act and the Marquis De Biddle Case; Hamilton Manufacturing Co. v. Knight; Wolley v. Lowenberry; Harris & Co. v. McAdams v. Horsfield Mining Co.; Ward v. Clark.

For the Divisional Court.—Cranston v. Bird; Wong Hoy Woon v. Dunne; Gray v. McCallum and Guichon v. Fisherman's Canning Co.

To two judges of the Supreme Court from County Court.—Lawry v. Adams and Gunn v. McKee.

Several of these have been before the courts for a long time.

### Cable News.

Yokohama, March 7.—A non-commissioned officer of the Japanese army and several private persons have been arrested here, charged with espionage and with being agents of Germany.

Malaga, Spain, March 7.—A party of sailors belonging to the French cruiser Drome marched through the streets here to-day singing the Spanish anthem and Marseillaise, and cheering for Spain, France and the Spanish army.

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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. BETRAYED.

In days not long gone by the people of Victoria were encouraged by men directing the provincial ministry to believe that if the said ministry were kept in office the British Pacific railway would surely be built. In those days the Davie government was ready—when talking to Victorians—to do almost anything in the way of assisting this project.

DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS

Rev. P. H. McEwen, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "Foreign Missions," evening subject, "Three Essential Things," Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 2:30 p.m.

Report That There Was Fire Damp in the Florida's Bunkers Before She Left.

It will be remembered that before the steamer Florida sailed a man died in one of her coal bunkers, says the Vancouver World. It was held at the time that he was suffocated by the gas generated in the bunkers and trouble was prophesied. The pilot who took her out said that on one side of the ship the presence of gas and also of heat was apparent. The generation of a blaze in the bunkers, which necessitated the vessel's running into Yokohama for repairs, has confirmed these statements.

The British bark Rosalie arrived in the Royal Roads yesterday afternoon, 29 days from Honolulu. She had been chartered to load lumber at Hastings saw mill for Shanghai, but arrived too late and thereby lost her charter. The captain telegraphed to the agents in San Francisco for orders.

The British ship General Gordon, 1571 tons, Captain Worrall, has finished loading lumber at the Moodyville saw mill. She has a cargo of 25,150 superficial feet of dressed lumber, 1,183,973 feet of rough lumber and 336,780 laths.

The Umatilla leaves for San Francisco to-morrow evening with the following Victoria passengers on board: Mrs. L. McLean, J. P. Roberts, A. J. Ross, H. Waxstock, Miss Emma Spring, P. Englehart, J. Sorbenten, F. M. Clarke, L. J. Sylvester, E. S. Goodman.

Steamer City of Kingston will arrive from the Sound to-morrow afternoon with the Tavary Opera Company and leave again at 8:30 in the evening.

Collier Wellington passed up to Nanaimo this afternoon.

The Puebla is due from San Francisco this evening.

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN.

Are of One Mind Touching the Remedial Character of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

While Protestants and Roman Catholics are wide apart as to certain remedial measures proposed just now, they find common meeting ground in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. This medicine has been used by Presbyterians like the Rev. Munro Fraser, D. D., and Rev. John Scott, D. D., by Episcopalians as well as the Rev. W. H. Wade, and Rev. Chas. E. Whitcombe; by the well known Baptist, Rev. G. Anderson; by prominent members of the Methodist church, and by Rev. Father Hinehey, and many of his parishioners. They all medicine has done them. The same story has come from the most prominent clergymen in Toronto and elsewhere. It is unlike any other catarrhal remedy, simple, easy, and pleasant to take, and quick in a cure. It will give relief within ten minutes in hay fever. Sample bottle and blower sent on receipt of two three-cent stamps, S. G. Detchon, 44 Church street, Toronto.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.

When and Where Victorians Will Worship on Sunday.

St. John's church, Rev. Percival Jones, rector.—11 a.m. Sunday school, 11:15 a.m. Matins, 11:30 a.m. and sermon by the rector, 7 p.m. Evensong and sermon by the rector.

St. Barnabas church, corner Cook street and Colindale avenue.—Third Sunday in Lent—Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; Matins, 10 a.m. and sermon, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. J. H. Sweet, Sunday school, 3 p.m.; Evensong, sermon and lauds, 7 p.m.; preacher, the rector, who will give the second of the course of special sermons on "Articles of our Faith."

Reformed Episcopal—Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Lord's Day," evening subject, "Woman, behold thy son."

Centennial Methodist church, George Road, Rev. J. F. Betts, pastor.—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class 2:30 p.m. In the morning the pastor will take for his subject "Unreliable Men," and in the evening Rev. T. W. Glover will preach.

Metropolitan Methodist church—Morning service to-morrow will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. Cleaver, M. A.

St. James' church—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer, litany and sermon by the Rev. J. B. Haslam, 7 p.m., evening prayer and sermon by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, who will take as his subject the question "What must I do to be saved?"

St. Saviour's church, Victoria West—8 o'clock, Communion; 11 o'clock, morning prayer; preacher, Rev. C. E. Sharp, 7 o'clock, evening prayer; preacher, Rev. Canon Beaulieu.

First Congregational church, Pandora avenue—Services to-morrow morning and evening, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Jonas Bushnell; Sunday school, 2:30 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. C. E. 8:15 p.m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m. All are welcome; seats free.

Calvary Baptist church—The pastor, Rev. R. W. Trotter, will preach morning and evening. Evening subject, "Preparation for the Wedding." Evangelistic services have been conducted every night during the past week, and will be continued every night during this week.

German Lutheran services at the school house of the Reformed Episcopal church, 11 o'clock a.m., by Rev. E. Knapp, Lutheran mission superintendent. Everybody welcome. German Lutherans specially invited to attend.

James Bay Methodist church—Rev. S. Cleaver, M. A., will preach in the morning and the pastor, T. J. McCrossin, B.D., in the evening. Evening subject, "Paul's First Pastorate." This church is situated at the corner of Michigan and McZeas streets. All strangers made welcome.

Emmanuel Baptist church—The pastor,

Victoria West Methodist church—Both services by the pastor. Evening subject, "The Pre-eminence of Christ." Usual five minute talk to the boys and girls in the morning.

Theosophical Society, 28 Broad street, Williams Block—Public meeting at 8:15 p.m. Lectures by F. L. Hodgett, of Seattle, Subject, "Sixteen Crucified Saviours."

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION. Many Called, But None Chosen—Convention Adjourns for Two Weeks.

The Liberal-Conservative convention, to nominate a candidate to contest Westminster district in the interest of that party in the forthcoming Dominion general election, met in Temperance hall, Dupont block, Tuesday afternoon, and the rooms of the local association, in the evening.

Sixty-two delegates were present, out of the total number of eight odd constituting the full list of delegates elected. The municipalities of Koot, Sumas, Chilliwack, and South Vancouver, were unrepresented, which is partially accountable for the score of the weather for the last few days having interfered somewhat with travel by the river.

Mr. W. R. Townsend was elected chairman of the convention, and the following names, it has been learned, were before the convention as candidates: G. E. Corbett, M. P., Judge Bole, T. C. Atkinson, P. M., Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, Capt. Thompson, E. Hutcheson, W. B. Townsend, J. S. Curtis, Paul Ladner, and M. Sinclair.

Discussion, it is understood, was warm and spirited. The Manitoba school question figured largely as the subject of controversy, in addition to the very considerable difference of opinion that developed as to the desirability of making the nomination, or adjourning to a future date.

As a selection did not appear practicable, it was finally decided to adjourn the convention for two weeks, to give a chance for unrepresented districts to have their delegates present, which it is expected will facilitate the solution of the problem.

At the close of the convention, with the withdrawal of some candidates and the demonstrated weakness of others, it is reported that the following were the only names considered to be "in the running": T. C. Atkinson, E. Hutcheson, Capt. Thompson, and Paul Ladner—Columbia.

PERRINE'S AND OTHER COMETS.

The rate of approach toward the earth of the comet recently discovered by Astronomer Perrine, of the Lick observatory, has been calculated by Prof. Leachman, of the University of California, and has been found to be 1,000,000 miles a day. Travelling at this rate Perrine's comet would strike the earth March 14, though Prof. Pickering, of Boston, thinks it probable that the path of the comet will change March 1, so that it may not strike the earth after all.

The late John Tyndall, in his published address on the scientific use of the spectrometer, says about comets and their tails:

From their perviousness to stellar light, and other considerations, Sir John Herschel drew some startling conclusions regarding the density and weight of comets. You know that these extraordinary bodies sometimes throw out tails 100,000,000 miles long and 50,000 miles in diameter.

The diameter of our earth is 8,000 miles. Both it and the sky and a good portion of the space beyond the atmosphere are included in the sphere of 10,000 miles across. An easy calculation informs us that to produce a comet's tail of the size just mentioned, about 300,000 measures would have to be emptied into space.

Now, suppose the whole of this stuff to be swept together, and suitably compressed. What do you suppose its volume would be? Sir John Herschel would probably tell you that the whole mass might be carted away at a single effort by one of your dray horses. In fact I do not know that he would require more than a smart fraction of a horse power to remove the cometary dust.

From all that is known about Perrine's comet it does not seem to be one of the largest of its kind. A very brilliant comet appeared in 1769 with a tail 4,000,000 miles in length, and passed within 2,000,000 miles of the earth without hurting anyone.

The comet of 1811 was computed by Herschel to be 100,000,000 miles in length and 15,000,000 in breadth. It remained visible to the naked eye for several months. It is a comet, which many persons feared would strike the earth, first appeared in 1826; it came back twice afterward, and the next time.

Perrine's comet, with a tail 40,000,000 miles long, was first seen in 1888, when it was 22,000,000 miles from the earth. It nearly ran into Venus, but did not.

The great comet of 1861 travelled at the rate of 10,000,000 every 24 hours, and might have struck the earth on June 30 of that year, there being on that day "a phosphorescent auroral glare."

DIZZINESS IN THE HEAD.

This is a Sure Precursor of Apoplexy, And Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Should at Once be Taken.

No one can read the daily papers without being seriously impressed with the fact that a large number of people in the present age have within their system the evidence of apoplexy. This is seen and felt often in a trembling and uncertainty of the limbs, and frequently in an unpleasant dizziness and lightness of the head. He is a very anxious man who, knowing these symptoms to exist, does not promptly take measures to have them removed. We know of no remedy that has been so remarkably successful in this particular as Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. Primarily it is a heart cure, but it is equally effective in what is to some extent a parallel disease, apoplectic symptoms. In this season when unusual heat prevails and excitement often runs high, we are doing a kindness to men and women by letting them know of this remarkable medicine.

For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

—Mother writes: "No trouble now getting the children to attend to their teeth, they like Odorous so much."

—Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

Not Gone Yet

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow, Is all very well when you're warm, you know, But with boots that are soaking, without overshoes, Is enough to make any one go on the blues.

Oh, the wet, the horrible wet, DICK'S BOOTS you can wear without rubbers, you bet; With good oak-tanned leather they're sold, You'll get satisfaction, so don't be afraid.

Our \$3.50 Shoes are Unequaled. Fine Line of Ladies' Goods Just Arrived.

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The recent cut by the School Board of Teachers' salaries, and the reductions in the incomes of our Civic Officials, have not the keen appreciation of those interested.

The Feeling Among our Townspeople is quite unfavorable to the change. While we deplore the fact that existing circumstances demand a saving, we are not blind to the ultimate outcome.

In Anticipation of Coming Events I have reduced my prices in the various departments to the very lowest. I do not ask for your work, but I do ask to give an estimate.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The opposition central committee rooms are now located in the Balmora Block, Douglas street.

The finest assortment of Carpets in the province is to be seen at Weller Bros. Heath Road to match.

J. P. McLeod, formerly of Victoria, and lately of New Westminster, will open a law office in Wellington on Monday next.

Premature baldness may be prevented and the hair made to grow on heads already bald, by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer.

All Orangemen are requested to meet to-morrow at 1 p.m. at Johns Bros. hall, Douglas street, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late William Sills.

All petitions now in circulation in connection with the proposed tuition fee in the high school, should be sent to Munroe Miller, 77 Johnson street, not later than Monday next.

The jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. Philip Vigehus returned a verdict of "heart disease" after hearing the testimony of the doctor who conducted the post-mortem examination.

Rev. S. Cleaver officiated at the funeral of the late Robert Knott yesterday afternoon. The pall bearers were Messrs. D. Sprague, Jas. Maynard, W. M. Burgess, R. Bennett, J. P. Burgess and Hugh McDonald.

Ald. Wilson will move at the next meeting of the council that the clerk be authorized to affix the seal of the corporation to the contract with C. J. King for street sprinkling and the contract with Hales & Bell for a new asphalt sidewalk in front of the market.

From later reports received from Utaslay it is evident that the opium found on the beach at that place did not come from a recently wrecked sloop. The opium had been in the water for a long while, and the cans were scattered all along the beach.

The friends of Mr. W. E. Putnam, the "Christ healer," wish to do away with the impression that that gentleman went away from Victoria a rich man, or that having gathered money, he took his departure on that account. There are many who believe that he did them good.

In consequence of the public meeting called re the "British Pacific Railway," for Thursday, the 12th inst., the meeting of the Rifle Association in connection with the local militia, called for that date, has been postponed until the following Thursday (the 19th) at the same time and place.

Messrs. Smith and Dalby, J's.P., presided at this morning's session of the police court. They fined an Indian woman \$5 for drunkenness and sent a Chinaman to jail for thirty days for stealing some lumber. Morris Marks was charged by a servant girl with refusing to pay her wages. His case was remanded until Monday.

Messrs. Rithet, Helmcken and Braden, M's. P., have called a public meeting to be held in the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening next, to explain their position regarding the British Pacific railway proposals. The theatre being engaged for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the meeting could not be held before Thursday.

Ald. Williams will move at the next meeting of the council that applications to be in before 1 p.m. on the 14th inst., applicants to state the rate of commission for which they are prepared to perform the duties and the guarantee society in which they can furnish a bond for \$2000. The same alderman will move to reconsider the motion negatived by the council, to introduce a by-law to amend the police magistrates and legal advisers' by-law.

The Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia convenes in the city of Westminster on Tuesday next, at 10 a.m. There are large delegations going from here and all over the province, and the meeting promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in the history of Orangism on the Pacific coast. It will arrange for the 12th of July celebration and transact other important business. The following are the grand lodge officers and delegates going from here: Edward Sherritt, D.G.M., 1610, Victoria; John Wallace, grand lecturer, 1607, Victoria; John J. Walsh, past grand treasurer, 1426, Victoria; Henry Brethoud, district master, Sidney; William Clark,

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brox., 1426; George Barker, prox., 1610; Robert Boyd, prox., 1067; James Cummings, W.M., 1667; George Sluggett, W.M., 1507; George Grimanson, W.M., 1610.

A public concert will be given by the Arion club on the 18th inst., in Institute Hall in aid of their charitable fund.

The members of the J. B. A. A. had a practice game of basket ball last evening. Some brilliant plays were made by Mr. E. E. Billingham.

Not a single fad about the construction of the superb Czar bicycle. Simplicity, strength, beauty, lightness. Agency at Cameron's Clothing store, 53 Johnson street.

Mr. Clement Rowlands will assist in the entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. to-night by singing in connection with the picture "Christ Before Plate." "There's a green hill far away."

Our first consignment of the "Rambler Wheels" will arrive in about seven or eight days. We can show you the models now and explain the excellent points. Weller Bros.

James Ibbotson, alias "Peanuts," was this morning sentenced to six months in jail, by Messrs. Smith and Dalby, J's.P., in the provincial police court for stealing an anchor from Price Bros., of Parson's Bridge.

Mr. H. Myddleton Wood, the evangelist in the Catholic Apostolic church is holding inquiry meetings every night except Sunday in the side rooms of the Institute hall. Any wishing to hear more of the immediate second coming of Christ are cordially invited to attend.

A letter received by Dan McLachlin from Orcus Island gives the information that one McConnell, who lived on a small island between San Juan and Orcus, and a man named Walte, who lived on Sidney Island, left in a small boat for Victoria a few days before Christmas and have not since been heard of. The matter has been reported to the city and provincial police.

The New York Sun of February 9 says: "Among those who sailed for Liverpool yesterday on the Umbria was Sir Joseph Trutch, ex-governor of British Columbia, and a California forty-niner. He said he was leaving America without having learned the real scope and meaning of the Monroe doctrine. The ignorance of the Canadians on the question was painful, he declared."

Simon S. Hartman, of Tannetton, West Va., has been subject to attacks of colic about once a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is more than anything has ever done for me." For sale by all druggists; Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Under a judgment obtained in Vancouver some three months ago, E. H. Heaps & Co. will shortly proceed to sell Dennis Jordan's estate in order to satisfy their claim. The offer recently made by Mr. Heaps to operate the mine and liquidate Mr. Jordan's obligations at the rate of 25 cents on every ton of coal taken out of the mine, has been rejected by the assignees; otherwise Heaps & Co. would not have resorted to this step. J. Holland will settle with the latter as to what portion of Mr. Jordan's effects is actually covered by his chattel mortgage.—Nanaimo Free Press.

The last of a series of concerts given by the I. O. G. T. lodges will be held in Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, this evening. A splendid programme has been provided consisting of songs, recitations, instrumental music, sword dances, etc., and judging from the names of those who have kindly consented to take part, the concert will be first class in every particular. The following are some of the artists: Messrs. J. G. Burnett, Ives, C. King, F. Bishop, Collins, Lane, McKensie and Master Sammy Johnson. Mrs. Cogswell, Miss Bamfield, Miss White and others; also an address by Ald. John Macmillan.

The Tavery grand opera troupe, which will be seen at the Victoria Theatre on Monday is now in its second season and meeting with greater success than ever before, making money for the management and delighting thousands upon thousands of music lovers and demonstrating that nothing is impossible when carried out properly. The members included in the company are Marie Tavery, Thea Dorre, Mme. Lichter, Bella Tomlins, Sophie Romani, Chev. Albert L. Guille, Payne Clarke, Max Eugene, Sig. A. Abrahamoff, Wm. Stephens, H. S. Dudley, Wm. Schuster, Joseph Witt and others. Manager Jamieson announces that the performances will begin each evening promptly at 8 o'clock.

The Time For Building Up the system is at this season. The cold weather has made unusual drains upon the vital forces. The blood has become impoverished and impure, and all the functions of the body suffer in consequence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great builder, because it is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

HOOD'S PILLS become the favorite cathartic with all who use them. All druggists, 25c.

This evening in the drill hall the band of the Fifth Regiment of Canadian Artillery, will give their second nonular concert, commencing at 8.30. Warrant officers, N.C. officers, and men of the navy, R. M. A., R. E., and the 5th regiment C. A. will be admitted free, if in uniform. Following is the programme:

March—"Brownie's Parade" ... Clarry Overture—"Foot and Heel" ... Slop Solo for Cornet—Polka, "Francis" ... Perkin's Selection from "Little Christian" ... Overture—"Berlin in Smiles and Tears" ... "Parade" ... "Little Christian" ... Selection from "Bohemian Girl" ... "Belle Waltz" ... "Jolly Fellows" ... "Volker" ... "God Save the Queen."

There is no article in the line of medicine that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters.

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Is manufacturing and repairing. We pay particular attention to this feature of our business, and can guarantee satisfaction.

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FROM THE ORIENT

Northern Pacific Steamship Makes a Very Good Run Across the Pacific.

How the Koreans Get Rid of an Unpopular Government—Premier Beheaded.

At 3:30 this morning the N. P. steamer Victoria arrived at the outer wharf after making the trip from Yokohama in 14 days and 7 hours. On the passage from Hong Kong to Yokohama strong monsoons were experienced along the Chinese coast. The Victoria left Yokohama at 1:20 p.m. on the 22nd of February. Moderate weather prevailed until the 28th, when strong gales from the northeast with very heavy seas and hard frosty weather were encountered until the 2nd, when moderate winds set in and fine weather prevailed until arrival here. The meridian was crossed in 49 north latitude. The saloon passengers are: P. M. Clarke, L. T. Sylvester and E. V. Goodman, while 29 Chinese and 14 Japanese came across in the steerage. She brought over about 2000 tons of freight, 200 of which were discharged here. The Victoria left for Tacoma this afternoon, from which port she sails for the Orient on the 21st instant.

The talk of the Orient at the time of the Victoria's departure was the recent extensive coup d'etat at Seoul, Corea. On February 10 a detachment of Russian marines, numbering 127, arrived in Seoul from Jinsen. The Korean king and the crown prince went into the Russian legation and formed a new government, dismissing all the former cabinet ministers. Premier Kim Hong Tsee and seven other cabinet ministers, known as the pro-Japanese statesmen, were beheaded and their corpses dragged around the streets. A decree, said to have been signed by the king at the Russian legation, ordered that the heads of five of the murdered ministers be fixed on spikes and exposed. All the telegraph wires from Seoul were then cut and only meagre news of the coup was obtainable.

On receipt of the news of these occurrences American, British and French men of war in Jinsen landed detachments of marines, who left for Seoul. The king is said to have been induced to his action through a desire to avenge the murder of the Queen last October. All the members of the new ministry are said to be connected with the Min family, of which the murdered Queen was a member. The Tokyo papers attribute the King's actions to the influence of the Russian minister. The Russian embassy, where the King continues to reside, is guarded by two hundred Russian marines.

Despite the prominent part taken by the Russians, many Japanese do not believe they instigated the affair. The Japan Advertiser says, however, it is given to Japanese influence in the peninsula kingdom. Although the Japanese government have decided upon the action they intend to take, they have not yet made their decision public.

The bluebird is hailed as a harbinger of spring. It is also a reminder that a blood-purifier is needed to prepare the system for the debilitating weather to come. Listen and you will hear the birds singing: "Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla in March, April, May."

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Mrs. A. E. Young, Barnston, P. Q. For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Fernwood lodge, C. O. O. F., at its regular meeting on Friday evening, received an official visit from the D. D. G. M., Bro. J. J. Walsh, who under good of the order exemplified the secret work. At the last meeting of the Royal Victoria Purple Encampment, No. 4, three candidates were initiated. Dauntless lodge, at their meeting on Tuesday evening next, will have initiation, also an official visit from the Provincial G. M., James Tagg. Members of Fernwood and Dauntless lodges will provide a capital programme for the occasion.

Dr. J. K. Garrow, committed for trial on the charge of murdering Mary Ellen Jones, was this morning admitted to bail by Chief Justice Davis, himself in \$6,000 and two sureties of \$3,000 each. The necessary bonds were obtained and approved by Messrs. Smith and Pearson, justices of the peace. The two sureties are Stephen Sandover and John T. Harrison, both of Saanich.

The New Westminster bridge delegation waited on the government this morning. The government promised to take the matter into consideration. The delegates express themselves as being satisfied with the interview.

Hanging Lamps, Hall Lamps, Table Lamps, Student Lamps, Hand Lamps, at Weller Bros. Our stock is always replete with the newest kinds of Lamps.

The fire department drilled on Broad street this afternoon, showing what they could do in case the Diard took fire.

The regular meeting of Colfax Rebekah lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will be held next Tuesday evening, 10th inst.

None But Ayer's at the World's Fair.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits.

A toilet requisite and a toilet ornament—O-d-o-r-o-m-a.

Gilmore & McCandless quote some attractive prices in men's clothing.

Have You Tried Our "IDEAL" blend of Indian and Ceylon Teas; if not you will find it to your advantage to do so at once, as it is the finest fifty cent tea in the province. Put up only by the Victoria Tea House, 39 Government Street, C. F. Tronca Avenue.

"He Who Asks . . . Timidly Courts Denial." Therefore we are most positive in our statements. We want to sell you a suit of clothes; not your neighbor, nor your second cousin, nor anybody but you. We ask you to buy of us because we offer you a strictly one price, cash trade, and the best ready-to-wear clothing in Victoria. If we can't prove it to you don't buy. Cameron, The Cash Clothier, 55 Johnson Street.

If the Ladies of Victoria Who are Housekeepers want Pure Preserves And not cheap Jams, they should Try Okell & Morris'. It is the Purest and Best They are Perfection in Preserves. Sold by Every Grocer in the City.

Why Have Cold Feet? When you can get warm Footwear at Bedrock Prices? Men's, Women's, Misses, Children's Felt Goods at Cost J. Fullerton, 103 Government St.

Have You Tried The RAINBOW or RECEPTION COFFEES, at 50c. per lb. can. CRYSTAL BAKING POWDER, at 25 cts. per lb. in Lamp Chimneys. The above are very extensively advertised by the Pure Gold Mfg. Co., Toronto. Very Choice Potatoes, 75c. per Sack. TEA in 5 lb. boxes at \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25 (H. C.), \$1.35 (M.M.). Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Japan, Oolong, and "Lpyton's", "Tetley's", "Bee", Orient, Brands of Ceylon Blends, Specially prepared and packed for and by the growers in Ceylon. Hardress Clarke, COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS

Retiring From Business \$20,000 Worth of Dry Goods to be Slaughtered. ARGYLE HOUSE We are going to clear out the entire stock at prices that will command a speedy sale. New Goods just arrived and lots more that are coming will be marked down and sold with the other stock. Three Cases of Manufacturers' Samples To be Sold at less than Wholesale Cost. We have only staple stock—no fancy out of date goods to sell. We shall be closed on Thursday and Friday, marking down the goods; will reopen and commence the sale on Saturday Morning, Feb. 29th, 1896 FOR CASH ONLY. All accounts must be paid within 60 days. Any not paid within that time will be given into the hands of our lawyer. A well-established Dry-Goods Business for Sale. J. HORNER & CO., 83 Douglas Street, Victoria.

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JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

JOSHUA DAVIES AUCTIONEER.

I have received instructions from A. R. Milne, C.M.G., Collector of Customs of the Port of Victoria, to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION SEIZED GOODS

- No. 184—Watches and chains. 185—Tobacco. 186—Whisky. 187—Brandy. 188—Silk Goods. 189—Silk Jackets. 190—Wines.

ABANDONED GOODS. Cards, mats, baskets, cigarettes, patent medicines, handkerchiefs, blue serge, 1 gambling game. Particulars, with date of sale, Tuesday, March 7th. JOSHUA DAVIES, Auctioneer.

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VICTORIA THEATRE. OPERA SEASON.

3 Nights and Matinee, March 9, 10 and 11. The Fashionable Musical Event of the Year. A Season of Grand Opera.

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Grand Opera Company, Under the direction of Chas. H. Pratt. Grand Opera Orchestra. Grand Chorus. A Complete and Perfect Ensemble.

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Tuesday Night, Mignon. Wednesday Matinee, Carmen. Wednesday Night, Les Huguenots.

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ARION CLUB.

A Public Concert Will be given on

Wednesday, March 18, 1896. IN THE

Institute Hall, View St., In aid of the Club's Charitable Fund. Admission, 50c.

The British Pacific Ry.

Refusal of the Government to Carry Out Its Promises to the Electors.

Will Not Submit Any Proposal for Aid to the Legislature.

Full Text of the Correspondence Between the Promoters and the Government.

The following is the correspondence which has taken place between the government and the promoters of the British Pacific Railway:

Victoria, Feb. 10, 1896. Sir—By instructions of Mr. Rithet, I enclose you for your perusal a draft of an agreement suggested between the government and the persons promoting the Canada Western scheme, as a basis for opening up negotiations with the government on this question. I am also instructed to ask at what time you can make an appointment to have a consultation with Mr. Rithet, Mr. Armstrong and myself. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant. E. V. BODWELL. To the Hon. the Premier, Victoria, B.C.

FIRST DRAFT OF CONTRACT.

This contract and agreement made between Her Majesty the Queen, acting in respect of the province of British Columbia, and herein represented and acting by...

1. That the parties hereto mutually agree with each other as follows: 2. For the better interpretation of the contract it is hereby declared that the railway hereinafter referred to as the British Pacific railway is the railway described in the act of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia passed in the year 1880 and intitled an act to incorporate the Canada Western Central Railway Company...

3. Within sixty days after the charter shall have received the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor, the company shall deposit with the government security to be approved of by them in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars as a guarantee on the part of the company for the due performance of the covenants and conditions in this agreement set out to be observed and performed by the company.

4. The company shall lay out, construct and equip the said railway of a uniform gauge of four feet and eight and one-half inches, and in order to establish an approximate standard whereby the quality and character of the railway and of the material used in the construction thereof, and of the equipment thereof may be regulated, the Canadian Pacific Railway as the same was when first constructed, is hereby selected and fixed as such standard.

5. The work of construction shall be commenced not later than the first day of September next, and shall be vigorously and continuously carried on at such rate of annual progress as shall enable the company to complete and equip the line to or near Barkerville in the district of Cariboo, on or before the first day of September, 1890, and to the province line, on or before the first day of September, 1900...

6. The railway constructed under the terms hereof shall be the property of the company, and the company shall thereafter and forever efficiently maintain and operate the British Pacific railway.

7. In consideration of the premises, the government agree to grant the company a subsidy in money of two hundred and forty thousand dollars per annum for 25 years, and a land subsidy of twenty thousand acres of land per mile for each mile of railway constructed, for which subsidies the construction of the British Pacific railway shall be completed, and the same shall be equip-

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of railway between the terminal points of the main line of the railway shall touch the town of Barkerville or neighborhood thereof, or, if it is found impracticable for the main line to reach the said town, a branch line shall be constructed to reach said town.

11. The company shall have the right from time to time to lay out, construct, equip, maintain and work branch lines of railway from any point or points along their main line of railway to any point or points within the territory of the province, providing always that before commencing any branch they shall first deposit a map or plan of such branch with the government, and the government shall grant to the company the lands required for the roadbed of such branches and for the stations, station grounds, buildings, workshops, rolling stock and other appurtenances requisite for the efficient construction and working of such branches in so far as such lands are vested in the government.

12. The British Pacific railway and all stations, station grounds, workshops, buildings, yards and other property, rolling stock and appurtenances required and used for the construction and working thereof and the capital stock of the company shall be free from taxation by the province or by any municipal corporation therein, and the lands of the company until they are either sold or occupied shall be free from taxation for twenty-five years.

13. The company shall be authorized by their act of incorporation to issue bonds secured upon the lands granted and to be granted to the company, containing provisions in such bonds reserving the same to be used in the acquisition of lands of the company and such other conditions as the company shall see fit, such issue not to exceed \$12,000,000, and should the company make such issue, land grant bonds, then they shall deposit them in the hands of the government and the government shall retain and hold one-fifth of the said bonds as security for the performance of the covenants in this present contract relating to the construction of the railway by the company, and the remaining four-fifths of the bonds shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided...

14. If the company shall find it necessary or expedient to sell the remaining four-fifths of the land grant bonds or a larger portion thereof than the proportion of one dollar per acre of land then earned by the company, they shall be at liberty to do so, but the proceeds thereof over and above the amount to which the company shall be entitled as herein provided, shall be deposited with the government, and the government shall pay interest upon such deposit...

15. The company shall pay all expense which shall be incurred by the government in carrying out the provisions of the two last preceding clauses of this contract.

16. If the company shall not issue such land grant bonds then the government shall retain from out of each conveyance to be made from time to time of any fifth section of the land hereby agreed to be granted, such lands to be retained as security for the purposes and for the length of time mentioned in section 13 hereof, and such lands may be sold in such manner and at such prices as shall be agreed upon between the government and the company, and in that case the price thereof shall be paid to and held by the government for the same use and for the same purpose as the land itself, the government paying 3 1/2 per cent. interest thereon and other securities satisfactory to the government may be substituted for such lands or money by agreement with the government.

17. The company shall be incorporated with sufficient powers to enable them to carry out the foregoing contract, and this contract shall only be binding in the event of an act of incorporation being granted to the company substantially in the form hereby appended as schedule "A."

Victoria, Feb. 11, 1896. E. V. Bodwell, Esq., Barrister, etc., Victoria. Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th instant, in which you enclose a draft of an agreement suggested between the government and the persons promoting the Canada Western scheme, as a basis for opening up negotiations with the government on this question, and asking for an appointment for the purpose of a consultation with Messrs. Rithet, Armstrong and myself.

I beg to state in reply that the enclosed document being one of very great importance, and requiring the most careful consideration on the part of each member of the government, I cannot now, more especially with the many duties of the session upon our hands, give you a definite reply as to the time of an appointment. However, I am having typewritten copies made for the individual members of the government, and when the matter has been more carefully considered in all its bearings, I shall be pleased to arrange an interview as suggested, and to notify you as to the time most convenient. I beg, dear sir, yours very truly, (Signed) J. H. TURNER. P.S.—Further letter of 17th, made an appointment at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, 18th inst.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY. Victoria, B.C., February 26, 1896. E. V. Bodwell, Esq., Victoria. Sir: In answer to your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a proposal for an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, acting in respect of the province of British Columbia, and Sir Thomas Selby Tanager, Baronet, of London, Eng.; Charles Newhouse Armstrong, and the Hon. Joseph Rossaire Thibauden, both of the city of Montreal, province of Quebec; Lafayette Hayt de Fréese and Baynes Wright Smurthwaite, both of London, England, all of whom are collectively designated as "the company," in the proposed agreement, which together with certain amendments thereto submitted by Mr. Armstrong to the government subsequent to the date of your letter, the last of which was received this morning, sets forth that the company will be prepared to take over the rights, privileges and obligations comprised in an act of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia passed in the year 1880, and intitled an Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Central Railway Company, and all other acts of the legislature, assembly or amending or relating to the said mentioned acts, and that the railway to be so constructed shall be known as the British Pacific railway, I have the honor to inform you that the government regrets any delay which may have occurred in reply to your communication, but it being the middle of the session, the time of the government has been so fully occupied with matters of provincial policy and administration that it was some difficulty in finding the time necessary for the discussion of a proposal involving matters of such importance to the province and to which such grave liabilities and responsibilities are attached.

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the east of the Rockies will be built over a prairie country, and can be constructed with great rapidity and comparative cheapness...

It is a fact that several roads will in the course of the next few years be pushed westward through the Northwest Territories in Canada...

We have no doubt whatever that we shall obtain the subsidy from the Dominion, but we do not think that the government should insist upon that subsidy being granted as a condition to the aid to be granted by them...

We also note your remarks with reference to the capital of the company and guarantee for the operation of the road. You will, of course, observe that the agreement provides for the incorporation of the company by a charter...

Under these circumstances, and considering that at the only interview the government have accorded us, it was stated in our behalf...

Further, under the agreement the government will not be obliged to make any advances or assume any obligations until the company has paid in the two hundred thousand dollars security...

As to the question of operation, it occurs to us that the fact that so large an amount of capital will be provided by the shareholders of the company...

In order to further explain our views, I am instructed to request that you make an appointment with Mr. Rithet and Mr. Armstrong at 10:30 in the morning...

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, (Sd.) E. V. BODWELL. To the Hon. the Premier, Victoria B. C.

A note to Mr. Bodwell from Hon Mr Turner on February 28th, arranging for an interview between the members of the government and Messrs. Rithet, Armstrong and Bodwell at 10:30, February 29th, in the office of the provincial secretary.

THE AMENDED DRAFT. An Act Respecting the British Pacific Railway Company—Whereas, under and by virtue of an act of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, passed the 6th day of February, A. D. 1889...

And whereas by divers other acts of the said legislative assembly, the said charter has been amended and changed from time to time, and provision has been made for the granting by way of bonus to the said company certain por-

tions of the public lands of the province of British Columbia;

And whereas it has been deemed advisable to make provision for the transfer of the charter granted to the said Canadian Western Central Railway Company to a corporation to be formed under the name of the British Pacific Railway Company...

And whereas in order to carry out the said arrangement a contract has been entered into, which contract, with the schedule annexed, has been laid before the legislative assembly of this province for its approval...

(1) This act may be cited as the "British Pacific Railway Act." (2) The said contract, a copy of which, with the schedule annexed, is appended hereto...

(3) For the purpose of incorporating the persons named in the said contract and those who shall be associated with them in the undertaking and of granting to them the powers necessary to enable them to carry out the said contract according to the terms thereof...

(4) Upon the organization of the said company, and the deposit by them with the government of the securities referred to in the third paragraph of the said contract...

(5) The said charter shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette forthwith after the filing of the Canadian Western Central Railway Company with the Provincial Secretary...

(6) Upon and after the publication of the said charter the Canadian Western Central Railway Company shall cease to exist and all its franchises and property, and all rights, powers and privileges granted to the said company by the act incorporating the Canadian Western Central Railway Company...

SCHEDULE. The schedule attached to the above bill contains a new draft of the agreement with the correspondence opened. The first six sections are the same as those appearing on the first page of this issue...

(1) In consideration of the premises, the government agree to grant to the company a subsidy in money which shall be equivalent to an annual payment of two hundred and forty thousand dollars per annum for twenty-five years...

(2) The government shall provide a sinking fund of one and a half per cent, per annum upon six millions of dollars for a period of twenty-five years and at the expiration of the time herein limited for the completion of the railway the government may retain out of any moneys then payable by them to the company a sufficient sum to provide for the said sinking fund...

(3) At the end of each month after construction has been commenced the company shall prepare estimates of the work done during the month, and upon verification of such estimates by the government engineer the government shall pay to the company — per cent of the amount of work done during the month, based upon the estimate...

cost by the original estimates of the government engineer.

(4) Should the company elect to transfer to the government any subsidies or grants which may be made to the company by the government of Canada or the city of Victoria, or any additional sum or sums of money which the company may have in hand by way of bonus or otherwise...

(5) All of the bonds or stock to be issued by the government shall be issued from time to time, but not before the first day of July, 1898...

(6) The government will allow the company interest at the rate of three and one-third per cent, per annum on all moneys retained by it as a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds or stock issued by the government...

(7) The company shall provide all sums of money which shall become payable in respect of interest and sinking fund on the bonds or stock to be issued to and in discharging the first day of July, 1898...

(8) For the purpose of raising the amount necessary to pay the government a percentage of the work done up to July 1st, 1898, the government shall itself by such agreement or agreement with the company as may be made...

(9) Upon the company filing with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works a map or plan to the satisfaction of the said Chief Commissioner showing the course and direction of said railway or any section thereof...

(10) All lands to be granted to the company shall be designated and surveyed by them within... years from the date of selection...

(11) The British Pacific Railway and all station grounds, work shops, buildings, yards and other property, rolling stock and appurtenances required and used for the construction and working thereof...

(12) The company shall be authorized by their act of incorporation to issue bonds secured upon the lands granted and to be granted to the company...

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maintaining four-fifths of such bonds shall be dealt with as hereinafter provided...

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(19) The company shall, during the next session of the parliament of Canada apply for an act authorizing it to continue its line eastwardly from the provincial boundary to a connection with a line of lines giving independent access to Atlantic seaports...

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things necessary and incidental to the exercise of the powers, rights and privileges granted by this act.

(25) The terminal workshops and other structures, works, docks and equipments suitable for the terminus of the railway, shall be erected in the immediate neighborhood of the harbor of Victoria or Esquimalt as may be most convenient for the company.

(26) The capital stock of the company shall be ten million dollars divided into one hundred thousand shares of one hundred dollars each...

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time issue additional bonds in aid of the acquisition or construction of any steam or other vessel which by this act it is authorized to acquire or construct, but the bonds to be so issued shall not exceed in amount the cost of such vessel, and the proceeds of such bonds shall be employed exclusively in aid of the acquisition of such vessel.

22. The company shall secure each such issue of bonds by a proper mortgage in their behalf; and every such mortgage shall be made to a trustee or trustees, and may contain provisions establishing the amount upon the vessel or class of vessel to which it relates, the rank and privilege to appertain to the bonds intended to be secured by it, the rights and remedies to be enjoyed by the respective holders of such bonds and all the conditions, provisions and restrictions requisite for the effectual carrying out of the terms thereof.

23. The bonds, debentures or other securities authorized by this act may be so issued in whole or in part in the denomination of dollars, pounds sterling, or francs, or any and all of them and may be made payable both as to principal and interest, in Canada, the United States or Europe; and the whole or any part of such bonds may be pledged, negotiated or sold upon such conditions and at such prices as the directors shall from time to time determine.

24. It shall not be necessary, in order to preserve the priority, lien, charge, mortgage or privileges purporting to appertain or to be created by any bond issue or mortgage deed executed under the provisions of this act, that such bond or deed should be registered, in any manner or in any place whatever. But every such mortgage deed shall be deposited in the office of the registrar-general of titles, of which deposit notice shall be given in the British Columbia Gazette.

25. Every contract, agreement, scrip certificate or bargain made and every bill of exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed, and every promissory note and check made, drawn or endorsed on behalf of the company, by any agent, officer or servant of the company in general in accordance with his powers under the by-laws of the company shall be binding upon the company; and in no case shall it be necessary to have the seal of the company affixed to any such bill, note, cheque, contract, agreement or engagement, bargain or scrip certificate or to prove that the same was made, drawn, accepted or endorsed as the case may be, in pursuance of any law or special vote or order; nor shall the party so acting as agent, officer or servant of the company be subjected individually to any liability whatsoever to any third party therefor, provided always that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the company to issue any note payable to the bearer thereof, or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money, or as the note of a bank, or to engage in the business of banking or insurance.

26. All land sold and conveyed by the company or by the trustees named in any deed or trust or mortgage executed for the purpose of securing any of the said issues of bonds and which shall have been paid for in cash shall be forever released and discharged from all mortgages, liens and charges of any kind or nature by this act or by the company created, and the purchase money arising from the sale of such land shall be applied in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust.

27. The company may grant or lease to any person the right to erect on the land belonging to the company warehouses, elevators, hotels, mills, manufacturing establishments or other buildings or works for the purpose of giving greater facilities to the public in doing business with the company and the buildings or works so erected shall not be bound by or subject to any mortgage or lien on the property of the company without the written consent of the owner of such buildings or works.

28. The company may make advances to or assist in any way any individual or corporation engaged in any business or enterprise calculated to promote the welfare of the company or of the districts traversed by its lines, and may also build and operate tramways, canals, ditches and flumes, and may lease the same, and may work any mines upon the lands owned or acquired by the company, and may erect mills and manufacturing establishments and sell the products of the same, and may also erect and maintain hotels and dwelling houses for its employees and others, and may generally perform any and all acts which will assist in developing and improving the districts through which the line passes.

29. The company may enter into an agreement with any other railway company for the sale or lease of its railway or for running powers over its railway or any section thereof and it may also purchase or lease any other railway, or portion of railway or obtain running arrangements over any other railway, and any other railway in the province is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements with the company.

30. The railway shall be commenced before the first day of September next, and shall be completed between Bute Inlet and Barkerville within three years from that date, and the whole main line shall be completed within six years from that date. The branch lines authorized by this act may be constructed at any time.

31. Section 30 of the British Columbia Railway Act shall not apply to this company, excepting where the line runs through settlements.

32. The British Columbia Railway Act and all amendments thereto, except in so far as its provisions are inconsistent with or repugnant to this act, shall apply to the railway hereby authorized to be constructed.

### GOVERNMENT'S DECISION UNCHANGED.

Victoria, B. C. March 3, 1896  
E. V. Bodwell, Esq., Victoria.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and the 3rd inst., in which you set forth further explanations of and amendments to the proposed agreement submitted with your letter of the 28th ultimo, and which are now accompanied by a draft of the proposed British Pacific Railway act and agreement attached thereto.

The government has given close attention to the subject matter contained therein, and also to the purport of the conversations at the interviews held with Messrs. Rithet and Armstrong on two occasions, and it finds that no material change has been made in the liability which the province would have to incur in the event of your proposals being accepted.

The government has every desire to promote railway construction throughout the province, and especially the line under consideration, but it has not sufficient data before it to give reasonable assurance that the railway in question would prove a paying concern or even that it would be a transcontinental line. The government regrets that under the premises it would not be justified in recommending to the legislature that the province should make what is practically a gift of what is six millions of dollars in bonds of the province, together with twelve millions of acres of land, in the manner as provided by the act, to the syndicate designated in your proposed agreement which offers as security for the whole undertaking only one hundred thousand dollars, as set forth in your last communication, but which we presume, from conversations which passed between us, you would agree to increase to two hundred thousand dollars.

Under all these circumstances, the government is compelled to adhere to the terms of my letter of the 26th ultimo. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,  
J. H. TURNER,  
Minister of Finance.

### FURTHER CONSIDERATION ASKED.

Victoria, March 4, 1896.

Sir: Re the British Pacific Railway.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd of March instant.

It is a matter of some surprise that after the correspondence and interviews which have taken place, the government should still be under a misapprehension as to the details of the arrangement proposed.

The inference from your letter is that the government are now being asked to give \$5,000,000 in money and 12,000,000 acres of land without receiving any corresponding return.

In the first place, it is to be remarked that it is, and always has been, common ground that the construction of this road is a matter of much importance to the province and that it is deserving of all the aid which can be reasonably given to it by the government. It should never be forgotten that you are requested for the first time as a matter of special favor to assist this undertaking, but that the proposition now brought forward is but the crystallization of the declared policy of the present as well as of previous administrations of which you have been a member. You cannot forget that it formed the principal plank in Mr. Davie's platform, and that the last election was conducted practically on this same issue.

Again, the 12,000,000 acres of land have already been appropriated to the company. This grant was made when the company was first incorporated, so that it is and has, since the year 1883, been statute law that the land should be devoted to the purposes of this undertaking.

The only question before the government is whether they will grant further aid by way of a money subsidy. You are not quite accurate, either, in stating that \$5,000,000 is asked for the road in cash. On the contrary, the actual sum is \$4,363,636. Under the terms of the proposed contract, the company either pay in cash, or amply secure the government for the difference between that sum and the \$5,000,000 of bonds which it is proposed to issue. The plan of issuing bonds for the capital amount was suggested merely as a financial arrangement, which, it was thought, would be acceptable to the government. I am authorized to say that if you prefer to pay us the actual amount which we will eventually realize out of the subsidy, viz., \$4,363,636, it will be just as satisfactory to the company.

You do not assert that the proposal now presented is in itself unreasonable from a business standpoint, or that it compares unfavorably with the aid which has been granted by other countries, or even by the Dominion, when assisting similar enterprises which were for their main object the settlement of the country and the development of its resources. We maintain that, having regard to the cost of the road, and the benefits likely to accrue from its construction, the aid asked for the company is less in proportion than has been granted by the other Canadian provinces to railroads of much less relative importance.

In this connection I think we have some ground of complaint, in that the government, while refusing to assent to our plan, has not yet proposed an alternative arrangement of any kind. I venture to suggest that this is not at all in keeping with your professed desire to assist the undertaking by any reasonable means in the power of the executive.

In your communication, to which this is a reply, you say: "The government has every desire to promote railway con-

struction throughout the province, and especially the line under consideration;" yet you decline our proposal upon the ground that the railway in question would not prove a paying concern. Again I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the government are committed to the proposition that the road will be of the great and rich territory which this road would develop would make it a paying concern in the highest and best sense of the word.

It is conceded that the increase of revenue to arise from those sources which the government is asked to assume, while the plan in itself is one of great and far-reaching importance to the country, when considered from any point of view. Surely this position is already established. Although we have convinced the government long ago upon that question, and although the policy of every government which has for years held the reins of power in this province has been fixed, yet we are now called upon by your letter to retrace this well trodden ground, and waste time in a discussion as to the returns which will accrue to the shareholders of the railway.

I have also to express regret that although in the interviews to which you refer, it was pointed out to you, that short of making an actual binding agreement, which, as yet, we have no power to conclude, an eastern connection was assured, and although we promised to obtain an agreement for such a connection before the act should come into force, you still assert that the government have no assurance that the road will develop into a transcontinental line.

I have every reason to know that such an arrangement is certain to follow the building of the railway through our province, and from the beginning of these negotiations we have always been and are now most anxious to satisfy the government upon that point. The draft agreement which is before you binds the company to apply for a Dominion charter granting it power to connect with other lines, at the next session after the provincial charter is obtained, and every step in the whole of the financial arrangements of the company had been based upon the theory that the road when completed would form part of a line having through connection from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

In forwarding the draft yesterday, I omitted to alter the amount of the cash deposit from one to two hundred thousand dollars. You are correct in saying that that alteration has been agreed upon, but you are altogether wrong in your inference that such a sum is all the security the government will have for the whole undertaking.

In the first place, under the proposed arrangement, every dollar of the subsidies which comes to the company from any source will pass through the hands of the government. Again, one-fifth of all the proceeds of the land grant bonds are retained by the government. You are to be secured for the amount of sinking fund for which the company is to be responsible. You do not pay out any money to the company until the portion of the line to which it is to be appropriated is actually constructed, and, therefore, when the government has paid the subsidy, the country will have the security of the road constructed and equipped, together with all the indirect advantages to accrue with the expenditure of over \$20,000,000 in cash; and the opening up of what we believe to be the richest and most productive part of its territory.

You will also bear in mind that by the 17th clause of the agreement the company undertakes to promote the early settlement of the lands granted to it, and binds itself to place 200 bona fide settlers on these lands during each year of construction. Under these circumstances, we regret that you have spoken so positively in a matter of special favor to assist this undertaking, but that the proposition now brought forward is but the crystallization of the declared policy of the present as well as of previous administrations of which you have been a member. You cannot forget that it formed the principal plank in Mr. Davie's platform, and that the last election was conducted practically on this same issue.

THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCLUSION.

Victoria, March 5, 1896.  
E. V. Bodwell, Esq., Victoria.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. in reply to mine of the 3rd inst.

You suggest that I am under a misapprehension as to the details of the arrangement proposed, but your further explanations in no way removed this misapprehension, if it is one. You state: "It should never be forgotten that you are not requested for the first time as a matter of special favor to assist this undertaking, but that the proposition now brought forward is but the crystallization of the declared policy of the present as well as of previous administrations of which you have been a member. You cannot forget that it formed the principal plank in Mr. Davie's platform, and that the last election was conducted practically on this same issue."



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I may state that, though the Canadian Western railway was mentioned during the last election, it was stated generally that a practical scheme would be presented to the government which would meet with the approval of the whole province. No sum of money was ever mentioned that the government would be called upon to guarantee.

My government is in no way committed to your statement that the opening up of the country by this railway scheme would make the railway a paying concern in any sense of the word. Neither does my government concede that the increased revenue to arise from this railway would more than repay any obligation which the government is asked to assume.

It is true that in one of our interviews Mr. Armstrong stated that three or four lines would rush to get connection with the British Pacific at the boundary as soon as completed, but this assertion is far from being a guarantee which the government should be called upon to accept that through communication would take place. This statement was further supplemented by a proposed draft agreement, in which it was stated that the promoters would apply to the Dominion government for power to extend the line beyond the provincial boundary, which, I need hardly say, is no guarantee that the line will be built.

You state that "every dollar of the subsidies which come to the company from any source will pass through the government; but my government points out that there is no certainty shown of any of these subsidies being obtained, and even in the event of their being so obtained, it is stipulated that the government will have to undertake further and proportionate liabilities.

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