

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE ESTIMATES.

The preliminary estimates for Canada tabled last night, foot up to all but \$40,000,000, a considerably greater sum than was ever expended on consolidated fund account by any Liberal Conservative Government! When to this amount is added the supplementary estimates, the public will be able to form an idea of the value of Liberal promises of "Retrenchment and Reform."

One feature of the estimates cannot fail to be noted by the thrifty people who have money in the Governments Savings Bank. The interest paid at these banks is to be reduced to 2 1/2 per cent. So much for the Liberal Government.

It is lucky for West Prince that there is to be a bye-election there this year. More than a third of the whole amount to be expended next year in this province is to be expended in West Prince. It is evident that no effort will be spared by the Government to keep Mr. Hackett out of his seat. East Prince "sings small" beside West Prince, but the supplementary estimates will probably provide for her needs—in the nick of time. As for Belfast and Murray Harbor, the Government has apparently overlooked them in its anxiety about West Prince and the Yukon Railway. Not a dollar is found in the estimates towards the construction of the Southern Railway or Hillsborough Bridge.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

WHAT Russian diplomacy can expect to achieve by forcing Britain to over-step the bounds of peace it is hard to say. Not once, nor twice, but many times, have Russian demands in regard to China been proclaimed in a way that has been specially aggravating to the British people. No occasion has been spared by the Czar's advisers to interfere in matters that concerned Great Britain and China alone, and English remonstrances have in every instance been treated with insolence. The Russian attempt to have Mr. McLeavy Brown dismissed by the Korean Government, and its partial success, was particularly humiliating to British statesmen, and this is only one of Russia's efforts to obstruct British influence in the far east and aggrandize herself at British expense. The latest action in regard to Port Arthur and Ta Lien Wan has aroused a furor in the old country. The bitterness of feeling seems to be more intense than it has been since the Crimean War. It actually appears that the long prophesied conflict is nearing its beginning and that China, and not India, will be the seat of war. Of course it is just possible that Russia may be satisfied with having gained an outlet on the Yellow sea, and with strengthening her position there; but those who have watched her ceaseless advance over every obstacle are inclined to hold the opinion that in time neither fleets nor armies will be able to stop the onward movement. During fifty years of busy diplomacy, the arms of the Muscovite have been stretching out east and south. Those arms are so long and so powerful, and are actuated by such unquenchable ambition, that, if not checked now, we may, before long, see the attempt made to draw them together and embrace in their hold the greater portion of the Eastern World. The situation indicated by the telegrams of to-day is acutely critical.

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN

THESE countries seem to be likely to avoid war. It is difficult—looking at the matter from the point of view of reason, justice, and charity, or even of mere expediency—to see why they should not do so. The idea that the loss of the Maine can be avenged by war has been given up by everyone. The cause of the disastrous explosion is still in dispute and will probably remain a mystery. But even though the Spaniards did the dastardly deed, even though it were known to have been done with the knowledge of the Spanish authorities, what is the use of going to war with a bankrupt nation like Spain? No money compensation can be obtained unless it be forced from innocent private individuals; and the enlightened people of the United States cannot have any desire for such work. As for the lives of the unfortunate men, nothing that can be done will restore them or make up for their loss.

If there is nothing to be gained by going to war on account of the Maine, what is there to be gained by the States on any other account? They may take over Cuba; but if they do, they will only weaken the republic. A million and a half of added "citizens"—Spaniards, mulattos, negroes, etc.—cannot possibly prove a source of strength to the Great Republic; for the republic cannot make slaves of

them, and as citizens they must of necessity be of more trouble and expense than profit. If peace for the Cuban rebels be desired, it is evident that this can be brought about much more easily and effectively by peaceable and friendly mediation than by war. It is pleasing to note that the news of today points to the conclusion that the better way will be chosen. We believe that the sober second-thought of the American people is all for peace; and that there will be war only in the last resort and for sufficient cause.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The question now is, what was promised Mr. Bruneau to induce him to withdraw his resignation,—and has he got it down in black and white?

—Mr. Haycock, of the Patron fraternity, has solid views on the Yukon railway deal. He calls it an atrocious proposition, and adds: "It is so bad that our vocabulary is not nearly resourceful enough to give the deal the shady character it deserves. Let the men whose statesmanlike minds committed this innocent young country to the bargain beware the tal of the ballot boxes. The anger of an indignant people shall crush the evil-doers."

—We publish in another column a long and very interesting letter from Dawson City. This letter will, we feel sure, be doubly interesting to readers of THE EXAMINER from the fact that it was written by a native of Charlottetown,—a son of A. W. Owen, Esq., now accountant for the Marine and Fisheries Department at Ottawa—and is a record of actual experience and observation. We clip it from the Ottawa Citizen.

—There is a movement in Ontario to substitute district for county jails. A number of county jails have no inmates while others have but one or two. Yet each of these jails has to have a jailer, be kept in repair and heated, etc., involving a very considerable cost. It is proposed to group a number of counties together with one jail for the group, thus saving expense. The suggestion is applicable to this province, and when we have prohibition will be still more so. One Provincial jail is all that P. E. Island needs.

—Hackett was "acquitted" of all but "one" "trivial" and "unimportant" charge. Put him back into his seat again. The government will be no worse off than they were after the general election; and the House of Commons will have gained an able and experienced member who will do the country good service.

W. P. Colwill has opened up a nice Crockery and China store in the building formerly occupied by Miller Bros. 2w d w.

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ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

British Colonist: Sir William Van Horne is credited with the statement that the Canadian Pacific is about to build three great ocean steamships to take the place of the Empresses on the Asiatic route, when the latter will be put into the Australian trade. This is not wholly news, for a report to that effect has been in circulation for some time. The further announcement attributed to the knightly president of the Canadian line, that a fast line will be established between Liverpool and Quebec and Halifax, whereby the trans-Atlantic sailing time will be reduced to 3 1/2 days, is decidedly new, and somewhat startling. This is to be accomplished by the year 1900. If the whole plan is successfully carried out we suppose it will be possible by increasing the speed of the trans-continental trains to make the time occupied in coming from London to Victoria in eight days, which if we add ten days for the trans-Pacific voyage will give eighteen days from London to Yokohama. When the Siberian railway is completed, it ought to be possible to fly around the world in thirty days.

It may be of some interest to our readers to know what gold mining really is and how it is carried on in other countries. Returns from the Transvaal last year, 1897, for the twelve months ending December 31st, for the district of Johannesburg alone, shows the following:
Number of companies crushing..... 51
Number of stamps working..... 3,567
Number of tons crushed..... 5,325,355
Number of ounces gold..... 3,934,678
Value in dollars at \$5 to the £ \$2,918,080
Average yield per ton..... 11,397 dwts
Total dividends for the year... \$13,567,900
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CHTOWN MARKETS.

TUESDAY March 29.

Butter, fresh, per lb.....	0 15 to 0 21
Butter, tub, per lb.....	0 17 to 0 18
Beef, per quarter.....	0 04 to 0 06
Beef, small, per lb.....	0 06 to 0 10
Cabbage, per head.....	0 02 to 0 04
Cheese, per lb.....	0 12 to 0 14
Cabbage, per doz.....	0 30 to 0 40
Carrots per bush.....	0 25 to 0 30
Celery, per bunch.....	0 05 to 0 08
Calf Skins.....	0 06 to 0 07
Ducks, per pair.....	0 50 to 0 60
Eggs.....	0 09 to 0 10
Fowls.....	0 30 to 0 40
Flour, per cwt.....	0 00 to 2 25
Geese.....	0 50 to 0 75
Hides, per lb.....	0 06 1/2 to 0 07
Hay.....	0 35 to 0 40
Lamb per lb.....	0 05 to 0 06
Lettuce, new, per bunch.....	0 05 to 0 06
Mangels.....	0 12 to 0 10
Oats.....	2 20 to 0 30 1/2
Oatmeal, per cwt.....	2 00 to 2 55
Potatoes.....	0 20 to 0 20
Pork, per lb.....	0 5 1/2 to 0 02
Sheep pelts.....	0 40 to 0 65
Straw, cwt.....	0 20 to 0 24
Turnips, per bushel.....	0 10 to 0 16
Turkeys.....	0 60 to 1 5

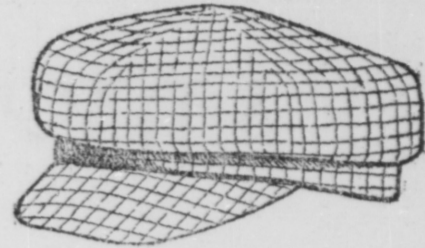
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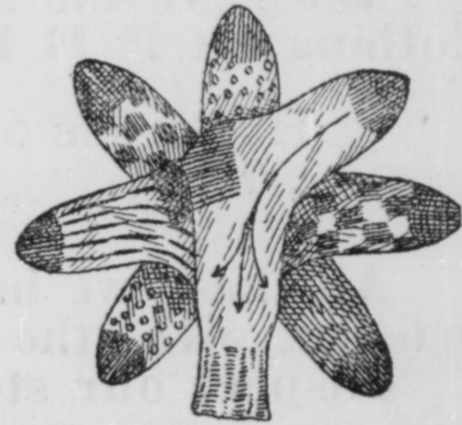
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