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The Mictoria Warder

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1898.



a naton of hearts and a union of hands, A noton none can sever; A noton of homes and a noton of Lands, And the flug, Parriest Union, forever,

THE COURSE OF THE MEMBER FO.

The electors of this district are more The electors of this district are more depositors are mechanics and those who or less familiar with the record of the sam their bread by the sweat of their member for North Victoria. In many member for North Victoria, In many instances in the past he has been the best condemned man in the community. Not only have his opponents in years gone by been extremely bitter; but even an oceastonal political friend has at times not been sure that North Victoria's member was always correct.

A review of the past may be serviceable. Everyone to-day, be his ylews in the time what they may, endorses the stand of Tue Wannen editor on the Ontario school questions of 1886-1890. The objections urged are admitted and have Nearly every dollar is a punishment of been rectified. Some Conservatives and all Liberals

condemned Tue Wannen for refusing to andorse Commercial Union; or Unrestricted Stoolproofty; or Continental Free Trade. To day all Conservatives as well

eldicated; yet to-day, only twelve yearsafter its persistent enunciation, it is virtually accomplished.

The almost personal persocutions of THE WARDER by certain Liberals in this town have all verified this journal's course. Our opponents are fugitives from justice, and time has proven that our course was not marked by vindictiveness; that exposures could have been membership of that body to seven, viz. made years earlier; and some have never at councillors and a mayor, all to be yet been made that could be.

Many condemned the editor of this journal for not accepting the highest military position in Canada which a change proposed cannot be made too Canadian may fill, in return for dropping soon. Dr. Burrows favored the intro-Canadian may fill, in return for dropping the protest in 1801. Our course was

Many condemned us for supporting Sig Other members, however, did not think John Thompson, a Roman Catholic, for it advisable to incur the expense of taking Premier of Canada. The editor of this journal merely stood to his sworn obligation as an Orangeman to prove himself incapable of darying to any man on account of his cread his just rights as Canadian citizen. Had Sir John Thompson lived till to day the Manitoba School Quastion would have been settled peacefally and satisfactorily. The unfortunate

history of the past three years would

There was at first much co Manitoba schools: but events have proven our course the only correct one for those Hon. N. C. Wallace, M.P., E. F. Clarke, M.P., and others who suppor ed Mr. Laurier's six months' hoist principle fied themselves to-day ucable consistently to condemn the iniquitous system of separate schools authorized in Manitoba Sa those not agreeing with our course of the Yukon Bill will find that in the

ou the Yukon Bill will find that in the light of time, fact and reason it will be found this journal and its editor have preven true to Conservative principles and to the best interests of Canada.

The facts are always secured and then action follows. Hence the confidence reposed in us by the people, even though at first sight they may deem our course the courses.

IS THERE A YUKON KEBBLLION PLANNED!

There is a rumor more than well defined that a rebellion is being planned to break out in the Canadian Yukon this coming numer. In the interest of certain American transportation and freighting mpanies, who would assuredly make allions should such an event transpire this would be a money making move.

Some of those gentlemen are fully aware of what profits have hitherto accrued Lindsay's Leading Jewelers in unrivalled control of trade in those regions; they realize that competition will in another year exist; they know that the victory of a deceived and deluded Cana-dian Senate will be merely temporary, and that the all-Canadian Railway route must be opened up forthwith; so meantime, before troops and supplies can possibly get in by any route, for there is yet no "All-Canadian" route for soldlers, and they could not in time of rebellion enter through foreign territory, it is planued to raise a rebellion in the Yukon

Those who remember the rates paid for transport during the North-West Rebellion of 1885 can readily understand why the freighters and transportation compsules of the American-Pacific coast should welcome a rebellion in the Yukon. Should a rebellion break out this fall it will cost Canada more for transport alone than would build half a dozen railways

than would build hair a dozen railways into the Yukon.

By all means rush the railway from Alice Arm to Teslin Lake and onward. There should not be delay for a day.

Even more important, let supplies and ample troops for any emergency be dispatched to the Yukon forthwith.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It seems that the protests entered against Conservatives who carried constituencies in the late contest have been put in, not by the local Liberals, but by the Hardy Government, or its Toronto agents. In South Waterloo there is indignation at the circumstance that the Government have used the name of a respectable citizen as a petitioner. The victim, Mr. Scott, is trying his best to have his name withdrawn from the document. Mail and Empire.

The Government have reduced the aterest on money deposited in the post office savings banks from 3 to 2} per cent. This is economy with a vengeance on the working class, as a large majority of the of dollars to speculate in bank stock and other securities. This rate is lower than the Government has to pay to those they borrow from. Why not give the Canadian workman or mechanic the same rate of interest, although the amount is small, as has to be given to the millionaire? Echo answers why?

The New York World says: - "Great tiritain and the United States raise for the general government just about the same amount each year—between five and six hundreds of millions. All our revenue somebody for using something necessary to life, health or comfort. By way of contrast note these items in Great Britain's net income from taxation last

as Liberals commend the policy of Tun Warden and its editor on those subjects. The Warden has ever aimed first at a union of Britain and her colonies, to be followed by alliance with the United States; each, however, to retain control of tariff and revenue. Our policy was comfort. That is, Great Britain the most from the most able, the least from the least able; while we take the least from the most able, the most from the least able."

council at the special meeting held on Monday night, asking that steps be taken as provided by statute, to reduce the elected by a vote of the citizens at large, thus abeliahing representation by wards. This is a step in the right direction; the duction of a by-law at once, to submit the clear and our conduct firm. It resulted proposed change to a vote of the ratein great gains for the Conservative party and for Canada.

Many condemned us for supporting Siz Other members, however, did not think

War Starts To Morrow

New York, April 20.-War between Spain and the United States will be on by Saturday moretne, unless Spain backs down, and Spain will not back down, as her reply has already practically been given. It is no longer a question whether there will be war, or when it will come, but how long it will leat? The first step to come out the determination of Congress. but how long it will leat? The first step to carry out the determination of Congress and the Executive will be the blookade of Cuban ports. This was finally decided at two Cabinet meetings yesterday. Orders will be sent, if they have not already been sent, to Captain Samson, commander of the North Atlantic squadron, to prepare for making an offensive movement against Havana and other ports of the Island. The squadron at Key West will probably move from that place to Cuban waters on Saturday. Its first business will be to establish a protected landing place on the Cuban coast, at which the military forces and marine battallons can disembark. This may not be accomplished quickly, but until such a place has been secured the military forces will remain at the four points of mobilization—Chicakamauga, Mobile, New Orleans and Tamps.

these camps as fast as possible, and supplies will be hurried on to the coast. Great labor and time will be involved in Great labor and time will be involved in shipping these supplies to the three stations on the gult, and will probably cause some delay in the military movements. The landing places, which are protected by the squadron, or part of it, will be used as the base of supplies and operations, and until the army forces arrive abore work will devolve on the marine battalions to be sent to Cuba on the auxiliary orulaers. Panther and Badger, formerly the steamships Venezuela and Yumuri. It is apparently the intention of the Government to begin the land campaign in Cuba without regard to the citmatic dangers of the approaching rainy season. Naval officers say that the report of the Maine Court of Enquiry is too convincing to be shaken in the least by the reports made by Spanish officials. Had the explosion been from an invarior cause the officers would not have been absolved from blame by the American court.

Attitude of Russia.

New York, April 19.—A special to London says the antagonism of Russia to the United States has been a remarkable feature of the present crisis. The correspondent has the most trustworthy authorphotographic that the pre-Spanish New York, April 19.- A special from ity for stating that the pro-Spanish tendencies of the Russian official press will be modified, and that within a very few days those journals may be expected to take a more enlightened view of the

America's action.

This impending change will be the result of the unofficial intervention of influential sympathisers with the United States, who within the past few days have been in a position to convince a Russian diplomatist, who has the ear of Foreign Minister Muravieff, of the impelicy of recent Russian declarations.

Rallway News.

The Grand Trunk engine men recently complained to Supt. McGuigan, that in many instances, they were expected to make better time than their engines were capable of. This was one of the grievances capable of. This was one of the grievances which the trainmen's committee discussed with the superintendent at Montreal. Mr. F. W. Morse, the superintendent of motive power, is investigating the matter, and has expert engineers testing the engines, which have been reported against. The capabilities of the engines will be established by these tests.

A circular was issued yesterday from Supt. Fitzhugh's office, announcing the appointment of Mr. James A. Sheedy to the position of Master of Grand Trunk Bridges and Buildings. The position was formerly held by Mr. W. Chapman, who has resigned. Mr. Sheedy was formerly in the employ of the Illinois Bridge Company of Chicago.

The Canadian Pacific recently placed an The Canadian Facine recently placed an order for 15 locomotives with the well known firm of builders in Richard, Va. Yesterday morning the first locomotive of the number was received and will be put upon the run between Toronto and Montreal. The new engine is very powerful and and weighs 140,000 pounds without the

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just received the following notice from its Vancouver office, regarding the new Stikine River steamer service: "Firstriver eraft for the north leaves as follows: Freight boat Hamlin and passenger boats Oglivie and McConnell sail between 20th and 25 inst. Passenger boat Terrill and freight boat Duchesnay sail about May 1 and passenger boat G M Dawson about May 15. The latter boat is the fastest of the lot." The Canadian Pacific Railway Company

The earnings of the Grand Trunk Rail way system, for the week ending April 14, amounted to \$469,655, against \$405,979 for the same period in 1897. The increase is \$63,678,

Conservatives Meen Business.

PROTESTS AGAINST LIBERALS WILL NOT BY WITHDRAWN. WILL EXPOSE CORRUP-

Mr. J. P. Whitney, Q. C., the Conservative leader, who was in Toronto for a few days, this week was asked by the Mail and Emptre if there was any truth in the rumour that the large number of election protests in Ontario are not seriously put forward, and that an arrangement for sawoffs is on foot.

Mr. Whitney replied emphatically, "There is no foundation whatever for such a rumour, which has been circulated by our political opponents. We believe that a large majority of the electorate of this province is with us, and have no doubt

a rumour, which has been circulated by our political opponents. We believe that a large majority of the electorate of this province is with us, and have no doubt whatever that the apparent majority of the Government is due to the most deliberate and widespread corruption ever known at any election in this province. I know whereof I speak in this matter, I can name more than one constituency in which more money was spent corruptly by friends of the Government than was at the disposal of the Conservative party for the whole province.

intend to expose the methods by the expression of the people's will revented, and to that end the pet have been filed against a number of the Government supporters. In-tions have been filed in the utmost faith, and the mischevious statement a large number of so-called 'saw-of been arranged, or will be arranged, unqualified falsehood. I repeat, the unqualified falsehood. I repeat, the

News of the Week.

The Spanish Minister, having passports, left for New York We purgeon's tabernacle, London, Eng s destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoo The Council of the Dominion Bar Association will hold its next meeting in Ottawon May 18 and 19.

Hon. W. H. Montague laid the corner stone of a new United Brethren church at Franconia, near Dunnville, on Monday. Gladstone is now being kept alive and his sufferings allayed by the use of mor phine. He may expire suddenly at any moment.

At Pembroke, on Tuesday, John Baghan, of Killaloe, was sentenced to years in the penetentiary for robbing mail of \$200 a few weeks ago. In Toronto on Monday evening Percy Hudson fired three revolver shots at his brother Edward with the intention of kill-ing him. Jealousy over a girl was the

Wm. Alexander, public school inspector for the county of Perth, died at Stratford on Tuesday morning of typhoid fever. He held the position for the past twenty-seven

Sir Charles Tupper has demanded a re-traction and apology from the Ottawa Free Press for libellous statements in regard to a Klondike mining Co., in which he is

Edward H. Ten Eyek who won the diamond sculls at Henley, England, last year, was refused entry for the same sports this year. Professionalism is supposed to be the reason.

Steamship passenger rates to the Klondike ports in Alaska are being cut. It looks as if the rush was falling off. Steamer men don't reduce their charges except to fill their ships.

The State department at Washington received confirmation on Tuesday from Minister Loomis, at Caracas, Venezuela that ex-president Crespo was killed while battling with insurgents.

Michael Hough, who so brutally assulted policeman McCarron a few weeks ago, was on Monday sentenced to twenty-three months in Central prison, McCall, an assistant, got four months.

Mr. James McShane the well-known Liberal politician and ex-M, P., will shortly be appointed by the Dominion Government harbor master for the port of Montreal, in succession to the late Captain Howard. So for a year the claimants came and went

General Sir Herbert Kitchener, the com-mander in chief of the Anglo-Egyptian forces, has ordered all the newspaper correspondents back from the front. and operations against the dervishes have been suspended until July.

Gaw's planing mill at Place d'Armes, near Kingston, was burned down on Tuesday morning, involving a loss of \$12.000; insured for \$5,000. This is the third mill that has been burned on this site and Mr. Gaw does not intend to rebuild. The Conservatives filed two more protests Monday, one against the return of Dr. Bridgeland in Muskoka, and the other against that of Mr. Guibord in Russell. Extensive charges of corruption are made in both cases. This makes 33 petitions by the Conservatives.

A decree was published in Austria on Wednesday forbidding the importation of American fresh fruit, plants, fresh fruit refuse, fruit wrappers and fruit packings, etc., in cases where the examination at the port of entry results in the discovery of traces of the San Jose louse.

Mrs. Bessey, daughter of E. B. Eddy, the match manufacturer of Hull. has taken action against her father for non support. The litigation is regarding property left by Mr. Eddy's first wife. Two actions are now pending before the Privy council, and Mrs. Bessey wants \$400 a month, as she has no money to pay her lawyers.

The spruce pest, which a few days ago was announced at the Bureau of Forestry to have been found as far as Lucknow, has now been reported from Midland. A sample of the pest from Midland was shown in Toronto this week that was two or three years old. This is regarded as alarmingly near the forests, and active measures will be taken to exterminate the

mont, appeared on Tuesday at Stouffville before magistrates Sanders and Dougherty before magistrates Sanders and Dougherty to answer to a charge of abortion. The case was dismissed after three winnesses had been heard, their testimony being entirely in his favor. From news-paper accounts it would appear that the doctor is being persecuted by certain parties. He is now going to enter a suit for damages.

From Guthrie, Oklahama Territory, comes the news that nearly 1000 Cheyenne Indians are gathered on the bank of the North Canadian, many miles from the agency, holding a ghost dance. It is feared that the Indians, incited by their medicine men, will take advantage of the absence of troops from neighboring stores to start an uprising to secure more beef rations and in return for the enforcement of the terri-torial anti-polygamy law, which has caused great discomfort to the tribe.

About 200 immigrants arrived in Mont-real on Tuesday over the C. P. R. from Halifax per steamer Numidian. Most of them were English, bound for the North-West, but some will remain in this province English immigration to the Eastern Town-English immigration to the Eastern Townships has been on the increase of late years, it being found that there is ample opportunity for improvement and independence without going to the Western provinces. This opportunity has been enlarged through the migration of many of the Eastern Townships people to the fresher lands of the North-West and British Columbia.

istrong attempt to stop the petty smugg-ing which has lately been carried on on uch an extensive scale at all the border oints. The matter has been emphatically epresented to them by the wholesale nerchants of Canada, and by the retailers merchants of Canada, and by the retailers in the various points where smuggling is practised, and business seriously affected.
Accordingly the department has sent out a corps of special officers who will visit the places whence the complaints come, and will be authorized to stop and search all entering the country who may be suspected of introducing contraband goods.

ed of introducing contraband goods.

A week or two ago, as mentioned in The Warder at the time, the safe in Norwood post office was blown open and a quantity of stamps stolen. Warden Pearce captured one of the thieves at Havelock, and in his possession was a bag containing stamps, some tools and a four ounce bottle half full of an oily liquid that no one seemed to know what it was. A few drops were spilled on the desk at Havelock to see if any one could tell, but none knew. Mr. Pearce put it in his pocket and took it to Peterboro along with the prisoner. At the police court trial there it was placed on the magistrate's desk. In describing the surroundings in the store where the burglary occurred Mr. Pearce moved his arms about near the bottle. The prisoner noticing this salled his conventional and and about the store where the state of the store where the surglary occurred Mr. Pearce moved his arms about near the bottle. The prisoner noticing

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The Plate of Gold.

One day there fell in great Benares' temple Court

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"To him who loveth best; a gift from heaven."

The priests made proclamation: "At the mid-day hour,

Each day let those assemble who for virtue Their right to heaven's gift the best; and we will bear The deeds of mercy done, and so adjudge."

Ran swift as light, and soon from every quarter came Nobles and munchis, hermits, scholars, splendid deeds.

Meanwhile the priests in solemn council sat, and heard

What each had done to merit best the gift of heaven.

After a patient weighing of the worth of all The priests bestowed the plate of gold on one who seemed The largest lover of the race, whose whole

the poor.
This man, all trembling with his joy, The golden plate; when, lo! at his first inger touch
It changed to basest lead! All stood aghast; but when
The hapless claimant dropped it clanging on the floor,

Heaven's guerdon was again transformed to shining gold.

and judged. Thrice they awarded; thrice did heaven refuse the gift. Meanwhile a host of poor, maimed beggars Lay all about the temple gate in hope to

move That love whereby each claimant hoped to win the gift.

And well for them it was if gold be charity,
For every pilgrim to the temple gate
praised God
That love might thus approve itself before the test. And so the coins rained freely in the stretched hands;
But none of those who gave so much as turned to look Into the poor sad eyes of them that begged.

The second year had almost passed, but still the plate
Of gold, by whomsoever touched, was turned to lead.
At length there came a simple peasant, not of that strange contest for the gift of God. A vow within the temple. As he passed along
The line of shrivelled beggars all his soul welled up And trembled in his eyes.

Now by the temple gate
There lay a poor sore creature, blind, and
shunned by all.
But when the peasant came, and saw the sightless face
And trembling, festered hands, he could not pass, but knelt,
And took both palms in his, and softly And took both palms in his, and softly said: "O thou

My brother! bear thy trouble bravely. God is good."
Then he arose and walked straightway across the court,
And entered where they wrangled of their
deeds of love
Before the priests."

Awhile he listened sadly; then
Had turned away; but something moved
the priest who held
The plate of gold to beckon to the peasant.

He came, not understanding, and obeyed His hand, and took the sacred vessel. Lo it shone With thrice its former lustre, and amazed Son," cried the priest, "rejoice! The gi

Thou lovest best!" And all made answer, "It is well," peasant knelt
And prayed, bowing his head above the golden plate;
While o'er his soul like morning streamed the love of God. —Youths' Companion.

Japan has Longing Eyes.

New York, April 19.—A special from London says: In the British House of Commons, which has just re-assembled, there is a settled belief that war between the United States and Spain is certain. A member of the Cabinet, who is specially interested in Foreign affairs, remarked in the lobby: "All chance of peace has passed We can only hope hostilities will be concluded without dragging in any European power." Curopean power."
To view here is that the Spanish Govern ment has no choice but to fight or face a revolution, however much the Queen Regent and several members of the Cabinet would prefer peace, even at the cost of Cuba.

An influential politician told the correspondent that he has reason to believe that the Spanish Government now has further the Spanish Government now has further muse for anxiety in the revelation that lapan has designs on the Philippines when

"Premier Sagasta has been advised" he said, "that by peacefully withdrawing from Cuba Spain can retain her other colonial possessions, but if she goes to war with the United States it will be the first step toward their inevitable loss."

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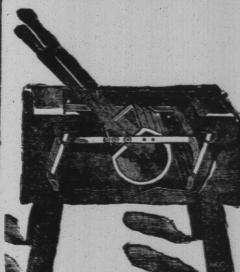
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In the Fortnightly for April Mr. Fred T. | are fairly pientiful. Jane publishes a timely article on the subject of the possible war between the United States | can fight all her guns, twenty in number, is all weathers. Her belt is impenetrable; but, and Spain. Reviewing the history of the the ands are unarmoured, and two of the trouble, Mr. Jane maintains that the Republic turrets are not well protected. The two next has for a long while carried on a practical war against Spain in Cubs. But the explosion of Massachusetts; these are said to be over-the Maine has brought on a crisis which must gunned. The Spanish have only one battleresult in hostilities, unless one of the parties ship of this class, the Pelayo. She is probably mistrusts its naval strength and comes to terms. Mr. Jane is of the opinion that proof of the cause of the Maine disaster is wanting. There may have been an explosion from outside by accident, or through the treachesy of a Spanish fanatic or all Cuban sympathiser. On the other hand an accident on board, or carelassees in the handline of explaints. On the other hand an accident on board, or carelessness in the handling of explosives, owing to lax discipline, may be responsible.
Whatever the facts, the ontlook for a fight is

being the case, stronger methods will have to be resorted to in action. Then, with the quick-firing-shells dropping on the ship, it will be difficult to prevent a panic. The Spaniards are not bothered by the doctrine that Jack is as good as his master. Their discipline is assistance of a portion of her army, including the part of the part o better. But they are wretched gunners, and they want leaders. Under good leaders the Spaniards will fight hard, even though they do not shoot well, and will prove a relentless, and not too principled, foe. With respect to the navies, the United States has certain disadvances. She has certain the democracy of the great victory for which it would be superior to the great victor and not too principled, foe. With respect to the navies, the United States has certain disadvantages. She has no base where with to attack Spain in Europe. For her larger battleships she has no docks, nor will she have any for a year or two yet. We ell remember that the Indians had to be docked at Halifax. Any big ship badly damaged would have to be beached or laid up in harbour for good. The United States, moreover, has no catchers as yet no torpedo boat destroyers and but two torpedo boats. On the other hand, Spain has Havana as a base, with a dock there, and planty of docan in Spain if a ship has to be sent home. The American

coast, too, is weak, and wesithy, and much epen to attacks by Spanish small craft, which The finest U.S. yessel is the lows, She

merchant ships are the Indiana and the ships, with a speed of seventeen knots. The Spanish navy has one like cruiser, the Cristobal Colon, and four others that only as stated, namely, unpleasantly favourable.

Now, what are the results? Much depends

Spain has two and the United States ren. make thirteen knots. In second class craisers upon the men. Mr. Jane holds that the inferior cruisers Spain has nine and the United Yankee is a plucky fighter, but the crews of the United States shipe are made up of all torpedo but destroyers, and a decen torpedo nationalities, and under stress of actual battle boats; the United States has, against this the discipline, which is poor in times of peace.

Two torpedo boats and no destroyers. On the will be worse, and for this reason a serious other hand, the United States is building more other hand, the United States is building more than Spain is The drawback. It seems that in peace time dis-cipline necessitates the presence of marines with ball cartridges, ready to shoot. This conclusion that Spain cannot afford to meet