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date and business-like basis, reaching Throgmorton street and the magne with equal felicity by means of atheraghly interesting yet economically onducted press bureau, lectures and earefully prepared literature of an exlanatory nature. British Columbia should spend not less than \$25,000 . rear on her London office, but ft hould be disbursed only by a really ompetent agent-general. To vote Mr urner a cent is to incur a useless ar-

183 DODDERING DICK. ----To those who have watched me

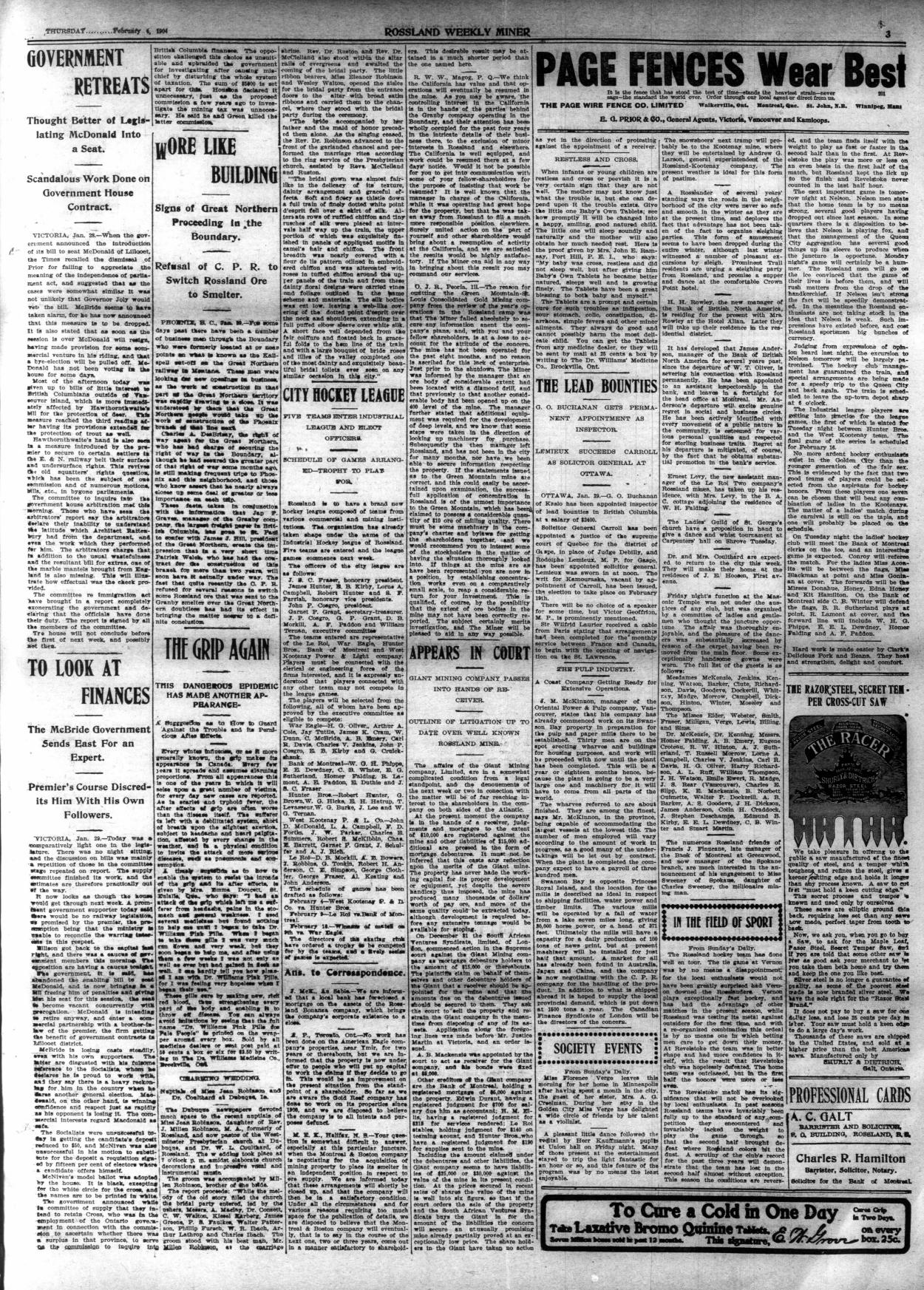
regard antics of Premier McBride while addressing the legislative assemly, the following from the Victoria will be keenly appreciated: There is an expression on the face the leader of the opposition as 40 ratches the leader of the government that remarkable individual in the m oratorical mood and delivering what e regards as a broadside, punctuated with desk-smashing blows, which to indicate that Mr. McBride is garded as a most "amoosing cuse." What a stalwart blacksmith the man could have made if Providence had disted his talents into the proper chanels." The instinct is in him yet, " 'You can hear him strike his heavy blows,

With measured stroke and slow Like a sexton tolling the village bell When the evening sun is low."

"The premier does not realize, per aps that he is ringing out the old and inging in the new; that the is sounding the knell of the Tory-Socialist comination; that while he whack . his tesk the country is taking his " easand that the sentence of weighed in the Malance and found wanting will soon be pronounced; that if Me-Bride desires to remain the leader of party he will have to go over skin and ones to the Socialists, because he must either be repudiated by Conservtives or Conservatism will be cast wide by the country as another de ignation for opportunism and the lood relation of anarchy."

COPPER SITUATION.

During 1968 copper had an interesting reer and it promises no less intersting features for the year 1904. ittle more than a year ago New Terk wetations for Lake copper were 11.63 1-2 per hundred. Early in Feb mary the price had advanced to \$12.75. eing to \$13.75 the first week in March. and before the end of the month Lake copper found a ready market at \$16.00 o \$15. This was the highest price eached during the year, though the rice was maintained at \$14.50 to \$15 atil June. In June a slight decline was noticeable, and, with more or less fluctuation, the price fell throughout he summer and fall, going as low as 11 12 1-2; but on November 1 it ralled to \$14. During December the quoations fell to \$12.50, and at present the quotation is \$12.75 to \$13. The rise In price in the early part of 1903 was due to a large and steady demand for the metal, and the falling off in the latter part of the year is attributable a constantly increasing demand unil the latter part of the year, when seemed to be a game of waiting on he part of both seller and consumer. The seller waited for larger stockingan orders, and the buyers held back in the expectancy of a lower price. The market is at present more active, and the prospect of war in the far east has also had a material influence on the rice. Should war actually be declard, a strong and materially higher market may be looked for. It is also and that, although industrial activty is less pronounced in America than a year ago, the European demand les copper has constantly increased. sopper ores are being simplified each year, making it possible to produce econor under given conditions at a ewer cost than ever before. On the whele, the outlook for the copper mining industry for 1904 is encouraging, and a price at least equal to that prevailing throughout the greater part of 1908 may be anticipated MARGER JUDGMENT.



NEW ORK, Feb. 2.-The annual meeting of the Northern Pacific share-holders, adjourned until today, was again held over until March 15th wait the decision of the United States reme court in the Northern Securi ase, the court of appeals having and the Northern Pacific commjoined the Northern Pacific comforthern Pacific stock, from vollage such stock.



NOTICE

At an Extra Ordinary General month ing held jeintly by the shareholdens in the "Keremeos Copper Mines, Limite-ed," and the "Pontiac Copper Mines, Limited," it was unanimously resolved to amaigamate said companies under the name of "Keremeon-Pontiac Mines, Limited," thus making explicit thus making sapitaling the new company \$2,500,000. Said resolution was confirmed at a bsequent General Meeting Bith day of July, 1903. (Signed) A. C. SINCLAIR, Prostore W. H. DANBY, Secretary.

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