Tonight the **Mass Meeting**

Lecture on Vancouver Island at City Hall By Mr.

G. L. Milne will preside.

In connection with the agitation for railway extension to the North end of the Island, Secretary Elworthy, of the Board of Trade, reminds the Colonist that the Federal Government can be in no doubt as to the wishes of the people of Vancouver Island in regard to the matter, as the Board has had the subject repeatedly before it, and has forwarded several strong resolutions to Ottawa. On April 26, 1895, the board passed a resolution urging Island railway extension, and the giving of a Dominion subsidy; in 1897 similar action minion subsidy; in 1897 similar action our information, be a very serious was taken; on March 23 a resolution was again forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and in January, 1902, on the occasion of Hon. James Dunsmuir leaving for Ottawa, a deputation from the board waited on him and urged the same matter. In October, 1902, a lengthy memorial was presented to Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals in the Laurier Government, of which the following is a portion:

"We beg respectfully to invite your favorable consideration to the following line of railway:
"A line to the North of Vancouver Island, either in extension of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, or an independent line by way of Cowichan river, Alberni canal and Comox lake. Such a railway would open the Island, with its area of 16,000 square acres, to colonization and development and affect a speedy means of communication with Northeyn British Columbia and the Northern British Columbia and structed on the Mainland.

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curvatures in either case. At the public meeting, speaking with the information then at hand, I suggested that the line might cross the Island from Alberni to Comox. This I repeated in the paper given to the committee, with an alternative proposal that the line, if possible, ought to be located so as to run from Alberni to Muchalat lake and West of Crown Mountain. The distance is about 70 miles. Going by way of Comox and Gray's survey, the distance is about 120 miles. It seems to be generally conceded that any line to the North end of the Island ought to go to Muchalat lake, because by so doing it will give easy access to the West Coast at Nootka Sound, and also will open a very valuable district. In regard to the 70 miles between Alberni and Muchalat lake there is much more some thoroughly reputable concerns in order to extort money.

Mr. De Lamare intends to institute proceedings against several Paris newspapers, and also a French paper published in Montreal. He will remain in Paris until after the company's annual meeting at the beginning of next month, and will probably be here by the end of March.

OF INTEREST TO HEALTH INSURANCE will open a very valuable district. In regard to the 70 miles between Alberni and Muchalat lake there is much more and Muchalet lake there is much more information than appears on the maps or in the Government reports. I think I am safe in saying that no doubt exists a constructing a

If am safe in saying that no doubt exists as to the feasibility of constructing a railway through one-half the distance, and I have information which leads me to believe that the remainder of the distance will yield to survey.

"Here are some of the features which I think ought to commend the central route, that is my alternative suggestion—which is not really mine but Dr. Halmedick." route, that is my alternative suggestion—which is not really mine but Dr. Helmcken's. It will open the rich valley along the Cowichan river and Cowichan lake; it will run through one of the richest parts of the province in the Alberni district; it will open a well-timbered region West of the E. & N. grant; it will open good farming land and well timbered country between Muchalat lake, and the North end of the Island, and it will give the shortest route between Victoria and the Northern ports on the Island. The main line can be connected with Barclay Sound, Nanaimo, Comox, Clayoquot, Nootka and Tahsis canal by branch lines. It will touch tide water at Victoria, Cowichan, Alberni, Alert Bay, Rupert Arm of Quatsino Sound, if desired, Hardy bay, and, if the prolongation is found desirable, Shushartie bay. It will open the Island from end to end, and serve both coasts as no other line can.

"Such a line will not be unfayorable."

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Expected That His Address Will Be of Most Valuable Character.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The mass meeting at the City Hall this evening promises to be memorable in connection with the matter of Island development. An opportunity will be given Victorians of having laid before them information regarding the resources E. & N. is as a red flag to a bull, and the content of the same flooting in respect to it. It will be of immense value to Mr. Dunsmuir or any future owner of the E. & N. grant. At present that domain is accessible only from the East, the proposed route will make it accessible from the West, thus giving it a front-age on two great highways of travel. At the same time it will open a vast region belonging to the public, thus doing away with any objection on the score that it is a project for the advancement of the value of a great private domain.

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in connection with the matter of Island development. An opportunity will be given Victorians of having laid before them information regarding the resources and general character of the Island, which has never before been made public, Mr. W. J. Sutton, M. E., F. G. S., the speaker of the evening, intending to relate some of the more important discoveries he has made in his extensive experience gained from exploratory visits to all the accessible points of the Island. For several years he has been acting in the important eapacity of mineralogist to the Esquimalt & Namistan description of the Esquimalt & Namistan description of the Esquimalt & Namistan description of the Island. For several years he has been acting in the important eapacity of mineralogist to the Esquimalt & Namistan description of the Island. Because of his duties has been called upon to make minute inquiry into the general character of the immense natural resources of the island. Because of his having been engaged continually in this work his knowledge is admittedly supported to that possessed by any other man in British Columbia. Mr. Sutton has prepared a very fine large map of the Island, being the most up-to-date chart in existence, which he will exhibit at the meeting. It is believed that the wrong place from any in British Columbia. Mr. Sutton has prepared a very fine large map of the Island being the most up-to-date chart in existence, which he will exhibit at the meeting. It is believed that the meeting. It is believed that the wrong place from the latent density in the case in question of the Interval of the proposition to appoint a commission of the Legislature acted according to the best of their judgment and the sattle day of the Legislature with or without his dashed adjective. The members of that legislature acted according to the best of their judgment and the state department has somial, the state department has built at the extate department has built at the state department has built at the extate day of the paper and the state

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"It is highly improbable that two subsidies can ever be obtained for a to the other. Therefore let us see to it that no subsidy is granted until we have ascertained by actual exploration where the line ought to be located. To subsidize a line along the East Coast would, I submit, in the present stage of

PREPARING FOR THE CONVENTION

Local Organizations Being Formed in Every Portion of the Province.

The efforts made by the provisional committee of the British Columbia Mining Association to induce every district in the province to take up the work of forming local organizations, preparatory to the sending of delegates to the big convention to be held here on February 25 next, has met with a degree of success which ensures a large and thoroughrepresentative attendance.

On Saturday afternoon last the resisources in minerals and timber, and its agricultural areas, though in no single meeting for the purpose of organizing a sources in minerals and timeer, and is agricultural areas, though in no single instance very extensive, are by no means inconsiderable. The mining industry is rapidly progressing. A smelter has been built, and is in operation at the new town of Crofton, and one is being erected at Ladysmith to treat

John Spratt will eat no fat,
Nor will he touch the lean.
He scorns to eat of any meat;
He lives upon Foodine.
But Mrs. Spratt will none of that
Foodine she cannot eat.
Her special wish is for a dish
Of Expurgated Wheat.
To William Spratt that food is flat
On which his mater dotes.
His favorite feed—his special need—
Is Eata Heapa Oats.
But sister Lil can't see how Will
Can touch such tasteless food.
As breakfast fare it can't compare,
She says, with Shredded Wood.
Now none of these Leander please;
He feeds upon Bath Mitts.
While sister Jane improves her brain
With Cero-Grapo-Grits.
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Corrected Wheat for little Pete;
Flake Pine for Dot, while "Buth"
The Infant Spratt, is waring fat
On Battle Creek, Near-Grab.

"Heads We Win Tails You Lose"

Washington Government Say: U. S. Will Secure Canadian Territory.

Successful Settlement Is Need ed as a Monument for Secretary Hay.

The Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post - Intelligencer says, under Tuesday's date:

The impression is gaining ground that the state department has sound, special reasons for believing that the treaty for the appointment of a joint commission to consider the Alaskan boundary question will result in a settlement of the

The obvious answer to this is: The Washington government expects that at least one member of the British side of the commission will be a citizen of England and not of Canada, and that this member may be convinced of the

ammrable soundness of the American contention, and vote accordingly.

In this connection a somewhat sensational suggestion has been made from a semi-official source. This is that the state department during the preliminary negotiations leading to the signing of the treaty received from the Torigion office a more or less distinct intimation that the British government does not insist very strongly upon the former contention of its contention with a particulation may be expected to be governed in his actions by the reasonableness of the British in the actions by the reasonableness of the signing of the treaty received from the former contention of its contention with a scions by the reasonableness of the treaty received from the former contention of its contention with a scions by the reasonableness of the signing of the signing of the treaty received from the former contention of its contention with a scions by the reasonableness of the treaty received from the former contention of its contention with the special problem of the signing of the treaty received from the vicinity of Victoria and the went to a country of the interval of the treaty received from the state department during the period of the strate the problem of the treaty received from the warrangements being upon the former contention of its contention with a particular of the problem of

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"Less than ane-half the area of the Island has been prospected and less than one-fourth is occupied. The proposed railway would lead to very rapid levelopment. Without it progress will necessarily be slow."

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called a statute of fimitations was said to har her from opening the case at this late day. We seem to recall, too, hearing the old challenge repeated as to what will dare to haul down the flag from Alaska's sacred peaks. Obviously Secretary Hay was familiar with the nature of these objections when he signed a of these objections when he signed a treaty referring the boundary question to a mixed tribunal. Yet from his intimate knowledge of the facts he must have been convinced that England was entitled to a fair hearing and impartial decision. Whether his treaty will get past the senate is quite another matter, for menely by signing it Secretary Hay virtually intimates that the noisy statesmen who have been screaming that there could be no boundary issue did not know what they were talking about."

S. Perry Mills K. C. Wants Information Re Bridge Suit Settlements.

Two Thousand Dollars Allotted to Claimant Who Only Got Settlements.

In Boundary

New Arrangements Being Made For Handling Granby Mine Ores.

Railway Company and Snow shoe Mine Suffering From Lack of Water.

pose to use every effort to bring the matter to a successful issue, even though the administration has been apparently inactive for some time.

Some light has been thrown on the question naturally arising from the proposition to appoint a commission of even-numbered membership. This question is: How can a successful issue be expected for either side, when the same number of commissioners is to be appointed by each of the two nations, with no provision for an umpire to break the deadlock which might naturally be expected to result from the deliberations of the commission?

The obvious answer to this is: The Washington government anneath that the formula of the same and the formula of the same averaging 1,500 tons daily.

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