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## Dawson, Y. T., March 29.—(Special.) —Today was nomination day for mem-bers of the Yukon council. George Black, of the Yukon party, was return-ed by acclamation from Dominion and Hunker creeks; Robert Lowe, "Tab" Liberal, by acclamation from White Horse; Thos. W. O'Brien, of the Yukon party, and Joseph Clarke, Independent, South Dawson; N. F. Hagel, Yukon party, and Henry Macaulay, "Tab" Liberal, North Dawson. Very little in-terest is being taken here in the Yukon council elections.

Topeka, Kas., March 29.—The Stan-dard Oil Co. has discontinued giving jobbers and wholesalers in Kansas con-cessions in the price of refined oil and gasoline. The effect of this order, it is said, is to tatke the business of handling kerosene away from the wholesalers, who now will have to pay the retail price.

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filed agreement for hire, contract or con-ditional sale, the landlord shall sell only the interest of the tenant in such goods." "The bill to amend the Assessment Act

The bill to amend the Supreme Court Act passed third reading. The bill to amend the Dentistry Con-solidation Act was adopted on report; also the bill to amend the British Co-lumbia Railway Act

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**Election Deposit** 

The bill introduced by Mr. Williams to reduce the amount of the deposit re-quired of political candidates from \$200 was further considered.

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to \$50 was further considered. The Premier, who had moved the ad-journment of the debate, following the motion for second reading of the bill, remarked that last year, when similar legislation was before the House, he had thought that the discussion was rather hurried. Generally speaking, the objections taken against the bill were that it would lead to persons offering themselves as candidates for election simply for vexatious purposes. He could not agree with this. The privilege of candidacy, he considered, was but an extension of the franchise consistent

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with the spirit of present day institu-tions. In other countries the deposit exacted of candidates was less in amount than that required in British Columbia. In New Zealand, where the deposit was \$50, no evil result had been occasioned, and in News Section the deposit was found London, March 29.—In the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Osmond Williams (Liberal) offered a motion declaring that in the opinion of the House grave injury would be caused to the shipping industry and other industries dependent thereon by the adoption of the fiscal charges pro-posed by Joseph Chamberlain. Both the mover and Mr. Denuy, the seconder of the resolution referred to and in Nova Scotia the deposit was fixed at this amount. The \$200 deposit had been adopted in British Columbia at a time when the ratio of value in a dollar was much less than it was today. Noth-ing less than a quarter dollar was in cir-culation in those days and two hundred

seconder of the resolution, referred to the condition of shipping and shipbuild-ing as an argument in favor of free trade. The speakers said that British shipping and shipbuilding would be ruin-od by metaction tion in those days, and two hundred llars was regarded no more seriously than \$50 would be at the present time. He supported the bill.

Hon. Mr. Cotton moved the adjourn-Workmen's Compensation

shipping and shipbuilding would be ruin-ed by protection. Mr. MacIver (Conservative tariff re-former) opposed the resolution on behalf of the shipping interests of Liverpool. Immediately after making his speech Mr. MacIver left the House. He pointed out that American duties on shipbuilding materials were reimbursed in respect of vessels built in the United States for the foreign and coasting trade. He said the reason America did not build more ships was because of the higher wages prevailing in America. American Bounty Illusory Mr. J. A. Macdonald moved the sec-nd reading of the Workmen's Compen-It provides in part that in ases where claims for compensation have not been made within the time fixd by the act, the extension of the time in a order to enable such claims to be leard shall be within the discretion of the judge. It further stipulated that in

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cases of permanent injury, a lump sum, not exceeding \$1500 may be paid, instead of a weekly allowance as at present pro-vided for. It also abridges the time within which an appeal may be taken from an arbitrator's award to one month American Bounty Husery Mr. Rea (Radical) in responding said that witnesses before the shipping com-mission at Washington had testified that drawbacks on shipbuilding material were illusory, and he stated that statistics showed that Great Britain was not los-ing her position in the shipbuilding world.

motion passed. Attorney-General presented the report of Births, Deaths and James Bryce (Liberal) declared that

Wigs or no Wigs

it was time these suspensions of minis-terial vitality should cease. The only consolation for these grotesque perform-ances was that the government was making itself so ridiculous that it must Henderson's anti-wig bill was itted, Mr. Gifford in the chair. The Attorney-General, with a view having the bill thrown out, moved

of having the bill thrown out, moved that the committee rise. The Premier opposed the motion. He agreed that dignity and decorum should be studied in the courts of the country. At the same time Mr. Henderson's iden scemed to be to secure uniformity, and this, he thought, was right. He did not think any penal clauses should attach to the bill, and suggested that these should be eliminated in committee. Hon. Mr. Tatlow regretted that on

or sky and Admirals Dikoff and Doubassoff. These sittings will begin in the middle of May. The commission's report will determine whether anyone shall be tried by military tribunal. Failure to Agree Will Throw 45,000 Miners Out of Work.

Altoona, Pa., March 29 .- The opera DISTURBANCES IN RUSSIA.

tors and miners of the central bitumin-ous district of Pennsylvania, after being in conference here almost continuously since March 16, endeavoring to agree Trouble in Crimea Likely to Spread to Other Centres.

since March 16; endeavoring to agree upon a wage scale to go into effect April 1, adjourned finally today without com-ing to an agreement. The failure to agree means a suspension of work by the 45,000 organized miners of the dis-trict at the end of the present month. When the joint scale committee met to-day, the operators stood upon their prop-osition for a ten per cent, reduction for the first half of the approaching mining year and the present scale, based upon 62 cents for pick mining, for the second half of the year. The miners' ultima-tium demanded a renewal of the present scale for the full year. No agreement being possible the scale committee ad-journed finally. The action of the min-ers on the committee was approved by the miners' convention, which then ad-journed. St. Petersburg, March 30.—(2:50 p. m.)—The disturbances at Yalta, in the Crimea, were largely fomented by so-cial democrats. The same organiza-tion, which includes 8,000 workmen at Yalta, is influential at Marianople, Se-bastopol, Odessa and other industrial cities, and apprehension is fell lest the Yalta trouble may be followed by other troubles. The authorities claim to have the situation well in hand. St. Petersburg, March 29.—Interior Minister Bouligan received a Jewish deputation, which urged that the Jews be represented in the projected assem-bly and expressed the fear that such

would not be the case unless special action is taken, as the Jewish element is almost unrepresented in the zemstvo, nobles' and peasant organizations.

Another Motion Offered in Commons Condemning Fiscal Programme.

NOT GOOD INDIANS. neep Stealing and Smuggling Laid to Credit of Innocent Aborigines. Complaints are again much in evi-

Complaints are again much in evi-dence with respect to the predeliction of the Indians frequenting the islands of the Gulf for sheep which are not their own—also that Indians are doing more than the usual amount of smug-gling from Neah Bay to the rancher-les of the West Coast, to the great dis-advantage of the coast storekeeners

advantage of the coast storekeepers and the merchants of this city. The

city. But Victoria is not destined to be a centre for this sport simply for the machines owned in the city, but for the whole of the Pacific Northwest. There is no country on the Pacific Coast where automobiling can be enjoyed on better roads in a more temperate climate and in such charming natural surroundings as in the districts around Victoria, and it will not be long before this city will be the Mecca of every enthusiastic 'motor-ist'' on the Coast. This is particularly true of residents of Seattle and Tacoma, and a considerable number of them own and the merchants of this city. The customs have time and again warned the Indians in this latter regard; so have the officials of the Indian depart-ment; and so have the provincial po-lice. The Indians cannot be made to understand the intricacies of tariffs, however, and stern measures are re-garded as necessary before the evil is checked.

As for the campaign against the sheep of Gulf island settlers, the fol-lowing letter received by Captain Clive Phillipps-Wolley, J. P., from E. Pye, of Shoal Bay, is interesting: "Knowing you to be a justice of the peace for the Islands and looking after the farmers' interests I write to inform and a considerable number of them own machines. Splendid roads appeal to these people, and as it only costs about \$4 or \$5 over, it is logical to expect to see many Sound visitors in Victoria with their cars for most of the summer and a good deal of the winter.

peace for the Islands and looking after the farmers' interests, I write to inform you that I missed four of my sheep on the 10th of the month. I visited the Indian houses in Canoe Passage and saw the heads of two sheep. The heads were skinned. Likewise a quana good deal of the winter. The Tourist Association, it is under-stood, intends making a feature of this sport during the year, and will endeavor to put Victori's advantages in this re-spect before all who own cars in the Northwest. This class of business is good for any city. These visitors have money and spend it freely.

ly well-to-do community.

tity of wool around the small houses belonging to the Indian's sons. The wool was the same kind as my sheep had—the fine, long kind. I have often Fashionable Summer Visitors missed one, but this is the first time The recently formed "Auto Club" will

missed one, but this is the first time I have lost four at a time. Lumley is investigating the case, but that is all the proof we have, as they had been killed some time ago and the meat has disappeared. Hoping you will notify the proper authorities, etc. . . . N. B.—These Indians keep no sheep, but all the principal thefts have oc-curred in a small area, of which their place is the centre. A 'big potlach atwork in connection with the association, and if by their united efforts the atten-tion of outsiders is directed to Victoria and her splendid facilities for the enjoy-ment of this fascinating modern pas-time, Victoria, especially after the open-ing of the C. P. R. hotel, will have more fashionable and wealthy summer citlers

but all the principal thefts have oc-curred in a small area, of which their place is the centre. A big potlach, at-tended by all the Cowichans, has just to vehicles during the coming summer, taken place there."

constantly increasing number Motoring Has Caught On

That this sport, for as such it is now generally classed, has at last "caught on" with Victorians is evidenced by the number of motors that are owned in this city, and by the formation of an Auto-mobile Club. Many prominent and welf-to-do citizeus are amongst its mem-bers, and if all do not own their cars

An Important Industry As indicating the growth of the mo-for car manufacturing industry in the Dominion, it is reported from Montreal that eight hundred automobiles will be manufactured in Canada for the season. That output is already sold. The auto-mobile manufacturing industry is a new one in the Dominion, having commenced only at the close of last antumn, but al-ready shows signs of rapid development. W. P. Kearney, agent in Canada for the Rubber Tire Wheel Co., and represent-ing American and French automobile concerns, made the foregoing statement. According to Mr. Kearney, the Canadian manufacturers are the Packard Electric Co. at St. Oatherines, making the Olds and Ford motors at Walkerville, and tho Canadian Cycle and Motor Co. at Tor-onto. The first named will put out 600 machines, the second one 150 and the Toronto concern will make fifty. now, it is because orders already plac have not been filled. of justice today awarded Captain Fraser \$15,000 damages against George Edwardes, the theatrical manager. The plaintiff charged Mr. Edwardes with a justify as a motor car, and the fact that there are here so many citizens who can indulge in this pastime gives an air of prosperity to the city that is very gra-tifying, and which must impress visitors with the idea that Victoria is a distinct-bur well to do community. EAGER FOR JAPANESE LOAN.

This sport means something to Vic-toria. The idea that there is no ex-pense attached to owning one of these horseless carriages is only held by those who do not possess one. The presence of so many machines here means a very considerable expenditure per month in repairs, supplies, etc., which must have a very marked effect upon local engineer-ing shops and other lines of business.

NEBRASKA'S FREAK LAW.

Bill Passes Legislature Prohibiting Sports on Memorial Day.

a very marked effect upon local engineer-ing shops and other lines of business. An infant With a Future Motoring here is only in its infancy as yet. for it is safe to predict that before this season is over there will be at least fifty machines of one kind or another puffing and snorting in and around the city. But Victoria is not destined to be a

sure include fines and imprisonment.

ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH

Invited to Help Uncle Sam to Celebrate National Birthday.

Washington, D. C., March 29 .- Presi-Washington, D. C., March 29.—Presi-dent Roosevelt tonight issued a procla-mation inviting the nations of the earth to be represented by their military or-ganizations and naval vessels at the celebration to be held in the vicinty of Jamestown, Va., from May 13 until November, 1907. The proclamation is, in part, as follows: "Whereas the Con-gress of the United States has passed an act approved March 3, 1905. and en-

an act approved March 3, 1905, and en-titiled 'an act to provide for celebrating the birth of the American nation,' the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people on the western hemis-phere by the holding of a marine and military celebration in the vicinity of Jamestown in the waters of Hampton roads, in the state of Virginia, to pro-vide for a suitable and permanent com-il memoration of said event and to au-n, thorize an appropriation in aid thereof a and for other purposes. New York, March 29.—Subscrip-to the American half of the new \$150,-to the new Japanese loan of

and for other purposes. "And, in the name of the government

R. Jameson-Mitchell Motor Cycle (gasoline). J. Dougau-Humber Motor Cycle (gasoline). An Important Industry London, March 29 .- A jury in the

arms. The British cruiser Juno has arrived King's bench division of the High court at Suda Bay.

POLES ARE EMBITTERED.

General Disappointment at Language of Imperial Rescript.

plantin charged Mr. Edwardes with infringing his copyright in an eastern play, "The Hanjiahn," by the appro-priation of the plot, scenes and inci-dents therefrom in "The Cingalese." Captain Fraser is a well-known offi-cer of the Indian army and prominent in computer the science of the figure of the science of the sci Warsaw, March 29.—(Midnight.)— There is general disappointment here at the tone of the Emperor's rescript. The feedings of the Poles have been hurt by the Imperial reference to Po-land as "the Vistula country," instead of the kingdom of Poland, one of the Emperor's titles being King of Poland. It is elso pointed out that the rescript n amateur theatricals. He wrote "Th Hanjiahn," which he offered to Mr. Ed-wardes. The two failed to come to terms, but "The Cingalese" was produced shortly afterwards resulting in the present action.

It is also pointed out that the rescript leaves reforms to the bureaucracy, which is hostile to reform measures. Everything, it is now thought, depends Proportion of Amount Over-subscribed Ten Times in London.

on the governor-general's interpreta-tion of his instructions to restore or-

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der in Poland and the methods he will adopt, but it is quite evident that the rescript has served to embitter the peo-ple more than exerting pacifying in-London, March 29.—The portion of the Japanese loan of \$150,000,000 allot-ted to London was well over-subscribed within an hour of the time of the open-ing of the banks today. For an hour before the doors opened throngs crowd-ed the vicinity of the issuing houses, and throughout the morning a steady flood of applicants, among whom were

OFFICIALS DENY OVERTURES.

many women, taxed the staffs of the banking establishments engaged to deal with the rush. The first post brought in many thousands of appli-Russian Authorities Say no Peace Pro-

St. Petersburg, March 30.—(1 a. m.) —Officially the authorities continue to deny stoutly that Russia has made any cations and enormous subsequent de-liveries gave evidence of public inter-Subscriptions to the Japanese loan close at 2:30 p. m., when it had been

proposals to Japan. This is literally true, as Russia has only made known the negative conditions, leaving the in-termediary to convey these conditions on its own responsibility to Japan. many times over-subscribed. An interesting feature was the fact that considerable applications were received from the continent, indicating a change of views regarding Japan's financial stability. It is said that large sub-Diplomats in St. Petersburg are con-vinced that something is in progress, but none of those in a position to know will acknowledge that they are aware

scriptions came from Germany. The issuing banks estimate that the Japanese loan has been over-subsorib-

The Novoe Vremya yesterday, for the first time, admitted the possibility of negotiations for peace. The Novoe Vremya declares that the payment of indemnity by Russia is utterly out of ed at least ten times. They think the

and for other purposes. "And, in the name of the government and people of the United States, I do, therefore, invite all nations of the earth to take part in the commemora-tion of the event which has had a far-reaching effect on the course of human history, by sending their naval vessels to our celebrations and by making such representations of their military or-ganizations as may be proper," San Francisco, March 29.—Subscrip-tions for the new Japanese loan of ady by the Anglo-Californian Bank and thaf an hour the subscriptions amount-ed to nearly \$60,000,000, with no abate-ment of the demand. The amount to but it is believed that it will be less than the amount already subscribed. Russian fours took a further sharp drop to 83¼, closing 2¼ points below yesterday's low mark. Other govern-ment securities and industrials suffer-ed in sympathy, and there was consid-erable excitement on the Bourse, though traders retained their heads in the face of the fall

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The Loan in America.

indemnity by Russia is utterly out of the question, as it would be a contri-bution to build up the strength of Ja-pan, and that Japan is not in a posi-tion to claim indemnity. The paper asks whether diplomats "who did noth-ing to prevent war" will now turn their attention "to bringing the war to a

An official news agency here says: "In spite of the favorable talk of the conclusion of the war, Russia has not proposed any peace conditions nor pre-pared any such conditions."