Provincial Legislature

The Assessment Act Considered In Committee of the Whole.

Debate on the Second Reading of the Dyking Act Continued.

Various Matters of Legislation Advanced—Select Committee Progress.

for consideration.

The Finance Minister informed Mr. Paterson that it was not intended under section 4. sub-section "b", to assess timber lands held by lease or licence. The subsection, he explained, was merely intended as a description of "wild" lands.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald raised the point Mr. J. A. Macdonald raised the point that owing to the phraseology of the sub-section there was a possibility that the two per cent. tax, provided for in another part of the bill, might be construed to apply, and in order to make sure of the matter the sub-section was stood over for further review. Consideration of section 5, dealing with the taxation of occupied Dominion lands, was also deferred.

Mr. McInnes proposed to add to the farmers' exemptions permanent improvements to the value of \$1,000. In doing so he disputed the wisdom of decreasing the tax on wild lands from \$5 to \$3, as provided by the bill. He thought the improvement of property should be encouraged.

Mr. Hawthornthwalie agreed with this and suggested that on farms up to an assessed value of \$2000 the rate of taxation should be three-fifths of one per

Hon. Mr. Cotton argued that the taxation as provided would in no case exceed two or three dollars, and that such an exemption would relieve many persons from taxation altogether. He did not think any hardship would be occasioned by the tax.

ioned by the tax.

Mr. Oliver supported the amendment.

The section was stood over for con-

Mr. Brown thought that the 25 cents per acre charged on coal lands was rath-er excessive if prospecting licences were paid.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that in this connection there was a reduction in former

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Mr. J. A. Macdonald objected to section 51, which provides for a subsequent supplementary assessment, in cases where, after the final revision of the current year's roll is discovered, that any person has escaped assessment. He did not approve of the retroactive character of this provision.

The section passed without alteration. Mr. Paterson called attention to the provision with reference to tax sales, suggesting that too much consideration was given therein to the original owner of the land who neglected to pay his taxes. The matter was noted.

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The bill to establish and protect the public highways was committed, Mr. Hall in the chair. Progress was reported. Dyking Act.

Dyking Act.

Mr. Oliver continued the debate on the bill to amend the dyking assessment. He said the bill favored the land speculator as against the actual settler. Some of this work was done by commission under the Dyking and Drainage Act of 1894. Examination of the works was made in 1897, and according to the report of the engineer the following items were required to complete them: Maple Ridge, \$185,000; Coquitlam, \$115,000; Pitt Meadows, \$79,000; Matsqui, \$106, 1000; Sumas, \$19,000. It was practical. melt inspection of separate schools and the angle of the Examination of the works was made in 1807, and according to the remojorment of certificated teachers in them.

One more of the extraordinary features of the amendment consists in the Ridge, \$185,000; Coquitlam, \$115,000; Thit Meadows, \$79,000; Matsqui, \$16,000; Sumas, \$19,000. It was practically agreed between the government and the government and the second of the state of the amendment consists in the sum of the government and the state of the land was held in this conjugate. The state of the automatical was a first of the state of the st

names of Judge Bole. Miss Bole, a Mr. Bovran and others. He pointed out that some years ago, about 1800 acres of lands had escaped assessment altogether. The estimated cost of dyking construction had been over-run. In one case the expenditure had exceeded the estimate three times. This indicated that there had been wastefulness in this connection. There was no equitable principle in the bill as far as he could see. It being close to 6 o'clock, Mr. Oliver moved the adjournment of the debate. moved the adjournment of the debate.
The House rose.

Gallery Notes. Consequent upon discussion in the private bills committee yesterday morning, the bill to incorporate the chartered accountants of the province will be recommended to the House on condition that all accountants now in the province whell near argumentor to prove their

the company shall put up \$75,000 as se-curity to settlers along the Lukukuk river against damage to their property. It was further agreed that the scheme should be submitted to a vote of the residents of the district before anything

was done.

A deputation of farmers from Matsqui and Chilliwack was heard by the provincial executive yesterday morning with reference to the new Dyking Act.

The deputation was introduced by Mr. C. W. Munro, M. P. P., and received a courteous hearing. Generally the representations made looked to certain special consideration hased on peculiar considerations. cial consideration, based on peculiar conditions obtaining in the districts.

CHANGES IN AUTONOMY ACT.

Proposed Amendments Received Incredulity at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 20.—(Special)—The Commons was put in possession tonight of the government's proposed amendment to the educational clause of the autonomy bill. It reads: "Section 93 of the B. N. A. Act, 1867, shall apply to the said province with a substitution for sub-section 1 of said section 93 of the following sub-section."

Monday, March 20.

The House assembled at 2 o'clock and after prayers by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, the following was the order of business:

Mr. J. A. Macdonald introduced a bill entitled the Workmen's Compensation Act; also a bill to amend the Railway Amendment Act.

The bill to amend the unrepealed provisions of the Assessment Act passed third reading.

The Land Registry Act was further considered on report and a number of

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Assessment Act.

The bill to amend the Assessment Act was committed, Mr. Ross in the chair.

Wild land in section 3 for the purposes of taxation is described as all land other than coal and timber land, on which improvements made do not exceed \$2.50 per acre. Mr. Evans offered an amendment to increase the exemption per aere herein specified from \$2.50 to \$5.00. The amendment was stood over for consideration.

The Finance Minister informed Mr. the mountain has labored and brough

the mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse.

Just as the House adjourned. Hon. Mr. Fielding, who was leading for the government, handed a copy to Mr. Foster, who in the absence of Mr. Borden, was temporarily leading the opposition. Members on both sides who have been on the qui vive all evening, quickly knew what had transpired and largely scrutinized the terms of the latest proposal of the government. To say that disappoint-

FLOODS RUN RIOT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg, Pa., March 20.—
The tracks of the Pittsburg and Western and Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railways are under six feet of water, and all trains are being run from the B and O. station today. The Pittsburg and Lake Erie tracks are also partly submerged in the west end. Along the river front all the milis are shut down. At many places in the Allegheny river, between Freefort and Allegheny, the tracks of the West Pennsylvania railroad are covered with five feet of water and the flood is said to be the greatest since 1865. Portions of eleven towns are submerged. Nearly every manufacturing plant along the Allegheny river has closed down.

Meadville, Pa., March 20.— The streets in the southern and western portions of the city are inundated and scores of families have been forced to leave their homes. Many people are homeless and considerable property has been destroyed by a sudden rise in the Shenandoah river.

Instead of leaving absolutely the new provinces the right determine a purely constitution

was not affected by the dyke. Much of the choice land in Chilliwack was above flood level altogether. When the dykes at Matsqui were taken over there was much work remaining to be done to make the works useful for reclamation purposes. At Maple Ridge there were areas of lands within the dyke which would not be taken as a gift. Generally with reference to alt the dykes, Mr. Oliver argued that there were lands within them not properly subject to taxation therefor, as they received no advantage. He took issue with the statement he attributed to the Minister of Public Works that the people of Chilliwack should pay as long as they could pay. He intimated that some dyking lands had received favorable treatment because they were owned by land speculators. The present bill would enable these speculators to put up the price at which the land was held. In this connection he mentioned certain lands in Coquitlam, owned by a banking corporation. The very class of lands thus singled out for favorable consideration had been valued by the government's own officials at prices ranging from \$30 per acre upwards. In Delta it had cost

had been valued by the government's own officials at prices ranging from \$30 per acre upwards. In Delta it had cost from \$10 to \$35 per acre for dyking expenses alone. There was no reason why taxation should be remitted in the case of Coquitlam and Maple Ridge without regard fon lands on the other side of the river. Going through the list of land owners in the allegedly favored districts, he intimated that many of them were not actual settlers, mentioning the rames of Judge Bole. Miss Bole, a Mr. Belding told Mr. Foster that, in vice wo fit the autonomy bill being about to be discussed, he thought it best to postpone for a few days any announcepostpone for a few days any annour ment in regard to the budget.

Mr. Foster formally notified Mr.

Speaker of the death of E. F. Clarke,
so that a writ to fill the Various may

> ORILLIA LOSES FINE CHURCH. Orillia, Ont., March 20.—St. James' Episcopal church, the finest edifice in town, was destroyed by fire this morning, with loss of \$25,000, partially in-

INNOVATION EXCITES COMMENT.

shall pass examination to prove their competency.

The bill to incorporate the Sumas Dyking Co. was also favorably passed upon, with an attacked stipulation that

CAUSES SPECULATION. Reported Inspection of Troops Leads to Devastation

More Suppositions. London, March 20.—Gen. Linevitch reports that he had inspected newly ar-rived troops has caused considerable speculation in London as indicating that speculation in London as indicating that the commander in chief of the Russian army in Manchuria either, has gone much farther north than had been supposed or that Russian reinforcements are still being sent south from Harbin. The latter hypothesis is considered hardly likely in view of the fact that the Russians are trying to affect the speediest possible retirement to Harbin.

Clearly a rigorous censorship is again Clearly a rigorous censorship is again being enforced from both the Russian and the Japanese sides.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post declares that Russia is stubbornly prolonging a hopeless struggle in the hope of dragging in for-eign intervention to dictate a settlement more favorable to her than would be possible by direct negotiations with

WHAT INFLUENCE?

Seattle Citizen's Idea for Termina tion of Eastern Hostilities.

Seattle, March 20.—Alvin McCallister, a resident of Seattle, has asked the city council, in a petition filed with the clerk, to use its influence with the Japanese government in au effort to have the mikado accept territory along the North Pacific ocean in lieu of war indemnity. Mr. McCallister expresses the heliaf that such a settlement of the in-

ROBBED OF TEN THOUSAND. Bank Messenger and Deputy Sheriff Held Up at Oakland, Cal.

Berkeley, Cal., March 20.—J. Daly, an Oakland liveryman, acting as a messenger for the Central Bank of Oakland, was held up and robbed of \$10,000 coday on the roadway between Stege and Point Richmond. The highwayman jumped out of a clump of bushes at the side of the road and covered Daly and former Deputy Sheriff Roach, who was riding with him, with revolvers. At the point of the revolvers Daly and Roach were compelled to jump from the buggy and give up the sack of gold. Then the robbers tied the men to a fence and gagzed them. Daly and Roach freed themselves after much difficulty and proceeded to Stege station. It has been the custom of the bank to send out \$10,000 each month to the Standard Oil plant to pay expenses and the robbers were undoubtedly acquainted with the fact.

MILITARY MAD.

Because He Could Not Go to War.

Vancouver, March 20.—The body of a Japanese named Skuribara was found in Burrard Inlet today. The deceased had been missing since Feb. 21 and had threatened to take his life because he could not return to Japan to take part in the war. The finding of the body leads to the conclusion that he had carried out the threat, as there was no evidence of foul play.

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A despatch has appeared in several papers that an old Chinese woman, reputed to be 172 years old, was en route here from Florida to return home to China. The woman in question arrived today, but she has been reported just a century older than she really is, her age being 73 years.

"IT'S A WISE CHILD."

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick Denies She Ever

London, March 9.—With the dwindling light from a penny-in-tire-slot gas metre casting its last flickers on her nast dying htsband, Mrs. Lanter, a startving woman with four young children, living in Olerkson street, Canning town, made the tragic discovery that she had but two halfpennes left in the world.

A few moments later the light went out, and left the weeping wife in terror that she might never see her husband alive again.

There was but one alternative, which in-

There was but one alternative, which involved a desperate race with death.

If Mrs. Tranter could change her two haifpennies for a penny quickly she might be in time to obtain more light while he still lived.

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Mars. Tranter seized the haifpennies from the manielpiece of the humble bedroom, and, without hat or boots, rushed into the streets in the hope of finding some passer-by who could change the coins.

Clerkson sreet, however, is one of those poor and dismal theroughtares with which Canuling town abounds, and, as it was well past midnight, the roads were almost deserted.

The distracted woman had to run at least a quarter of a mile before she met a man. "For the love of God," she cried, "give me a penny for these two haifpence. I must see my husband again. I must have light." Strange though the woman's actions must have seemed, the man did as he was asked, and Mrs. Tranter ran back to her dying husband's bedside.

Shipping her last penny into the metre siot, she lit the gas again, and was overjoyed to find that he was still alive.

"Fred." she said, "I have come back to you. What can I do? Is there anything I can get?"

The only response was a feeble move-

"Freed," she said, "I have come back to you. What can I do? Is there anything I can get?" The only response was a feeble movement of the head, and a moment later her husband died.

The man's death was caused by pneumonia, due to want of proper food. His wife and children have been practically starving for weeks, and he had been out of work for more than six months. A large deputation of Fraser valley agriculturists is quartered at the Dominion. They are here to talk over matters connected with dyking assessments By Explosion

Massachusetts Boot Factory the Scene of a Fearful Catastrophe.

Wrecked Buildings Take Fire and Consume Over Three Score People.

lictims Entangled in the Debris Unable to Escape Devouring Element.

BROCKTON, MASS., March 20.The city is in mourning tonfor at least to BROCKTON, MASS., March 20.—
The city is in mourning tonight for at least three score of her citizens whose lives were blotted out by the explosion of a boiler in a large, shoe factory in the Campbello district conducted by the R. B. Grover Company. The explosion was immediately followed by a fire, which consumed the factory, a long, four-storey structure, as if it were a house of cards, and cremated or incinerated an unknown number of men and women, who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler room. More than half a hundred of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the rescuers, who in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity to

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and also reduced them to ashes. Two and also reduced them to asnes. Two wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the onrush of the exploded boiler, but none of the occupants were seriously injured. The total financial loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dol-ars, \$200,000 of which falls on R. B. Srover & Company. The monetary osses are nearly offset by insurance.

Numbers Unaccounted For.

sibly might belong to bodies other than those enumerated, have also been found. Few of the remains have been identified. The head in nearly every case is missing.

Chief of Police W. A. Boyden at a late hour tonight expressed the opinion that some of the employees had not reached the factory at the time of the explosion, and that undoubtedly a number living at nearby places were injured and went home without reporting their injuries. He thought that many of those not accounted for, upwards of one hundred in number, were among these. among these.

Many Thrilling Rescues. Many Thrilling Rescues.

The disaster was attended by many harrowing scenes and thrilling rescues. For hours hundreds of relatives or factory operatives besieged the ruins of the fire and police stations in quest of missing ones. Some, in their violent grief and anguish, collapsed. Several of the rescuers in the search fainted when they beheld the distressing scenes. There was no trace of the body of David W. Rockwell, engineer of the plant, who was not seen after the explosion. It is supposed he perished at his post.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 20.—"It has been said repeatedly that I have asserted that Andrew Carnegie was my father. I deny that, and I deny it absolute—"It has father was a sufficient supply of water in it. The cause of the explosion is at present a mystery. The disaster will be further investigated by the ly." An inspection of the wrecked boiler

The work of identifying those kill-The foregoing statement was made by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick today to a representative of the Associated Press in the first authorized interview since her trial. Continuing, Mrs. Chadwick said. provinces to recognize separate schools and to endow them out of the public funds. Practically the only difference between the amendment and the original clause is that the amendment under the territorial ordinances involves government inspection of separate schools and the employment of certificated teachers in them.

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said:

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Many fied down the staircase and reached the street. Others ran to the windows, the fire escapes in many cases having been torn away by the explosion. In desperation many jumped from the second and third storey windows to the ground and were dangerously injured. The crush on the stairway resulted in numerous minor injuries.

By this time nearby citizens had arrived to assist the employees who escaped in the rescue of their fellows. This task became more and more difficult and perilous, for the heat from the fire was almost unbearable. By the use of long pieces of timber rescuers were able to raise parts of the wreckage and thereby release some of the men and women. Numerous acts of sacrifice and herolsm were seen. sacrifice and heroism were seen. A man whose legs were caught under an iron beam shouted to the rescuers that

they could not extricate him and to help the girls behind him. Then the fire reached him and he died. A woman who was entangled in a shoe machine cried out that she was dying and commanded the rescuers to attend the others who might live. She

Begged to Be Shot. Soon the flames enveloped her. Among the first to arrive on the scene was Rev. James A. O'Rourke, curate at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic church, nearby. At the risk of his life he removed seven persons from the ruins before the fire reached them, and was returning for the sight, time when he returning for the eighth time when he fainted from the effects of the smoke and the shock. Father O'Rourke administrated the letter of the let tered the last rites of the church to nany sufferers.

Many persons rushed into the ruins and pulled out the injured at the imminent danger of their own lives. Imprisoned operatives, too far away for rescue and who knew that their lives were to last but a few minutes, spoke words of encouragement to those who seemed nearest operate.

words of encouragement to those who seemed nearer to escape.
Some prayed aloud. Others pleaded with the rescuers to say "good-bye" to relatives and many shrieked in agony. Members of the fire department, with ladders, aided greatly in the work of rescue, but their time for work was short, for within a brief interval fire closed over the weekeng and the fire closed over the weekeng and the second se short, for within a brief interval fire closed over the wreckage and the cries of the imprisoned were hushed. In the meantime the fire was spreading from the Grover factory. It leaped across Calmar street to a three-storey brick block at the corner of Main street, occupied as a hardware store and storehouse, and then to a two-storey wooden lodging house, a dwelling house on Calmar street and small buildings, all of which were destroyed.

troyed.

Mayor Keith tonight decided to call Mayor Keith tonight decided to call a meeting of the joint city council for tomorrow evening to take such action as would be considered advisable in view of the calamity. He said that he had received word from the officers of the United Shoe Machinery Company that he would get a check for \$1,000 to be expended at his discretion for the relief of the families of those killed or injured.

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Mayor Keith personally directed the search for the bodies and made arrangements for it to continue through the night. He said that he would put at work tomorrow a force large enough to have the work completed before

The disaster was attended by one mystery, which the police had not cleared up at a late hour. This was the inexplicable disappearance of David W. Rockwell, the engineer in charge of the boiler which exploded. Numbers Unaccounted For.

It may never be known just how many persons perished in the big footwear house. The number of employees has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Emmerson said tonight that he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for, and at midnight tonight the remains of fifty bodies have been recovered. Fragments of human frames, which possibly might belong to bodies other than those enumerated, have also been.

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—(2 a. m.)—At this hour the remains of 53 persons have been recovered from the ruins of R. B. Grover & Company's factory. Seven bodies have been identified, but only three or four positively. Fifty-three persons are known to be missing. The estimates of the dead range from 60 to 80, and of the injured from 50 to 100. Cause of the Explosion.

Boston, Mass, March 20.—"A crack in the lap seam of the boiler was responsible for the accident," said an expert engineer of the Hartford Steam Inspection and Insurance Company tonight.

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"It was practically impossible to detect the crack," said he, as it was on the inside part of the lap running beside the rivets. The continued heating the boiler tends to make the flat part round like the rest of the boiler, causing a strain on the inside of the seam. This frequently causes a crack which is not possible to detect until it develops. It was one of those conditions for which no one is to blame. litions for which no one is to blame.

"The boilers were inspected internally every year, and externally every three months. The internal inspection was made December 28 and the external February 24. The boiler was found to be in good condition and fully equipped with the necessary appli-

ROOM FOR SETTLERS. Victorian Writes of the Territory Along Grand Trunk Line.

Stevens of Victoria, has written J. H. Brownlee, a civil engineer now in Seattle, the following letter, which is published in the Seattle morning papers: "In the central or lake region of Brit-ish Columbia there lies a large area of country possessing great possibilities for stock raisers, agriculturists, miners and lumbermen. This region is practically lumbermen. This region is practically untouched, as owing to its remoteness from civilized communication was little known or visited except by a few surveyors, an occasional miner, trapper or Canada brought down the Grand Trunk
Pacific scheme in 1903 the attention of
many was directed to this part of the
country, for, although the terminus of
this great transcontinental system is at
kimos abandoned th present an unsolved problem, it is a well known fact that the road will traverse this section from east to west. There is no other alternative. A number of parties went into the country last year, and judging from their conversations and re-Judging from their conversations and re-ports written by some of them all were well pleased, and to many the country was a great surprise and a number have decided to return and locate land. "The climate is the very best, snow in

many parts not exceeding from twelve to eighteen inches, which comes gener-ally in January and disappears about the last week in March. The Indians own a large number of ponies. These are a large number of ponies. These are never fed, but winter on the ranges, comnever fed, but winter on the ranges, coming out in good condition in the spring. The long days and bright, sunny skies make an ideal spring and summer, with a fine autumn extending into the latterend of October. Game of all kinds abound in great quantities. The lakes, rivers and streams are teeming with fish, amongst which are trout and white fish. Land can be acquired from the British Columbia government on certain conditions."

PAYING THE PENALTY. Outing of C. P. R. Conductor Ends in a Fifty-dollar Fine.

Scarcely had the rear portion of the structure collapsed when a tongue of flame started up from the boller pit, communicating with the splintered wreckage, and soon the entire factory was in flames.

Instant death was the fate of many started man, met a woman and of the splintered and the splinter wreckage, and soon the entire factory was in flames.

Instant death was the fate of many who went down with the floors that collapsed. A large number of men and women who were working near the supports were alive after the floors and walls fell. From these unfortunates and terror went up. Almost all had been caught between broken timbers and heavy pieces of machinery. A few persons succeeded in extricating themselves from the wreckage, but more were roasted alive.

By this time nearby citizens had arrived to assist the employees who estricted the same of the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was brought up to a trip to California. Down south the woman purchased the motor car. The woman was a trip to California. Down south the woman wouth it is a tr MacDonald's wife stayed with him right through the trouble and on her account the lowest possible penalty was enforc-ed, although the magistrate gave him a severe raking over.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Son

PROBING THE BEEF TRUST.

Chicago, March 20 .- The governmen investigation of the beef trust began to-day, when Judge Joseph Humphrey ad-ministered the oath to 23 veniremen, who had been summoned. The Indepen-dent Packers, it is said, will submit evi-dence tending to show the manner in which the small packers have been for-ed to follow the ditation of the scall ed to follow the dictation of the so-call-ed "Big Five."

BANK DIRECTORATE SHUFFLE.

New York, March 20.—It was ascertained today that August Belmont has resigned as a director of the National Bank of North America. During the absence of Chas. W. Morse, the directors of this bank failed to re-elect Morse as vice-president. Since Mr. Morse's return to New York, President R. L. Ed. wards of the bank has resigned, and Mr. Morse has been re-elected to the vice-presidency. Mr. Belmont's connection with the National Bank of North America began while Mr. Edwards was in control.

A DEAL IN RAILWAYS.

Transfer of Kitimaat Line to G. T. F Stated to Be All but Accomplished.

As a necessary or at least natural sequence of the purchase by the Grand Trunk Pacific of the Telqua river coal properties formerly controlled by the Pacific Northern & Omineca and Mr. Forbes G. Vernon, it is understood that the charter and interests of the Kitimaat railway have also been acquired by the new transcontinental line—or rather that negotiations in that behalf are so far advanced that the sale will become far advanced that the sale will become a fact accomplished so soon as the act extending the time for the initiation and completion of construction work receives completion of construction work receives formal assent in the provincial legislature. The terms of this amending legislation are fresh in memory. The road, which is to extend from Kitimaat to Hazleton, a distance of about 136 miles, is to be begun prior to 1907 and completed before 1909, an expenditure of one-tenth the company's capitalization (or \$100,000) in the first year being required. It is understood that the G. T. will thus make Kitimaat its temporquired. It is understood that the (P. will thus make Kitimaat its ter ary terminus for several years at least, the construction of this Kitimaat line enabling supplies and materials to be conveniently introduced so that work on the main line may be prosecuted f both ends of the short line terminus.

Tragic Tale From Far North

Eskimo Slays Tribesman and Then Marries Widow of His Victim.

News Brought by the Mounted Patrol Returned to Dawson.

Dawson, Y. T., March 9.—From an Eskimo village near Herschel island, off the Arctic coast, comes a story of tragedy and love almost beyond belief. During a hunting expedition a young man of the tribe accidentally shot and killed his companion. The news of the accident preceded him to the village, and the father of the dead man, arming himself with a rifle, started out to seek revenge on the slayer of his son.

The two met a short distance from the village, the older man commencing to shoot immediately. Time and again the men exchanged shots, and when the duel was ended the older man had met the fate of the son whom he had sought to revenge.

fate of the son whom he had sought to revenge.

Uninjured, the man to whose act was due the death of two of his tribesmen returned to the village, followed by those who had gone for the bodies of his victims. In dying, the older man made a widow of one of the prettiest women of the tribe, and this woman the slayer took for his own wife, establishing her as mistress of his victims. for his own wife, establishing her as mis-tress of his hut before the primitive burial services had been held over her

rmer husband. This is the second tragedy to visit the village in less than a week, the second ting in the drowning of four men of the tribe who were caught in an open

the tribe who were caught in an open boat during a storm.

The royal Northwest mounted police expedition which arrived today from Fort McPherson, at the mouth of the Mackenzie river, brings reports of the wreck of the whaling schooner Bonanza, belonging to Captain William Mogg. The Bonanza was caught between an ice floe and the shore, being forced aground, a sustaining as the result a crushed stem and other injuries. Capt. Mogg is with his ship and hopes to be able to get her off and repair her. Another wreck reported by the expedi-

Another wreck reported by the expedition was that of an Eskimo schooner purchased from a whaler for 1,200 fox skins. Caught in a big storm, the Eskimos abandoned the schooner, which was afterwards found stranded on the each, where an attempt is now being

beach, where an attempt is now being made to repair her.

The expedition just completed by the mounted police is the first round-trip patrol made from Dawson this seasou. The men covered 1,000 miles on snow-shoes in sixty-three days, much of the time traveling with the thermometer 50 below zero, and often in a foot of water where the trail had been overflowed.

Starting out, the expedition had seven dog teams drawing toboggans loaded with provisions, but their food supply became exhausted before the journey was completed, and for the last five days the whole party lived on dried fish, Many of the dogs were so badly frozen that it was necessary to shoot them. was necessary to shoot them.

The trail followed was over Canadian territory, through Seeley pass, and the journey is considered one of the most notable Arctic midwinter trips ever accomplished.

THE POLICE COURT. Haase, Forger, Sent to Penitentiary for Two Years-Other Court Business.

Albert E. Haase was yesterday senlumbia penitentiary on each of the charges (of forgery preferred against

a check for Haase at the Maryland restaurant, and of being out \$12 as a ociated himself with church work and of his "doing" his friends, thus gained. He also told of Haase's doings since arrest in Vancouver, where, under an assumed name, he had prepared other bogus checks which might have been passed had he not been arrested.
Haase pleaded guilty. He said:
"I can certainly say I'm sorry, but

it's too late now.' The magistrate concurred as to the lateness of his sorrow, and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to, run conMiasorodoff **Latest Victim**

Governor of Viborg Is Seriously Wounded by a Youthful Revolutionis'.

Attempted Russification of Finland.

Had Been Extra Energetic In

Ithuania Formulates Demand For Restoration of Ancient Privileges.

V IBORG, European Russia, March
20.—Governor Miasorodoff was
shot and seriously wounded today by a lad about fifteen years day by a lad about fifteen years old, who obtained entrance to the governor's office and fired three times at him, one bullet inflicting a serious wound and the others slightly wounding the governor's clerks and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who rushed to the street. However, he was arrested without a struggle: out a struggle:

street. However, he was arrested without a struggle:

The governor's condition is critical.

Later: The youth who shot the governor has been identified as Matti Hjalmar Reinekke, who admits that he is a revolutionist. He hails from the northwestern part of Finland, but recently has lived in Stockholm to avoid arrest on account of his known revolutionary ideas. He returned four days ago to Finland and spent three days in Viborg, but declines to reveal his stopping place. Governor Miasorodoff has been most energetic in the Russification of Finland and memorials have been sent to the Estates petitioning for his removal on account of his illegal methods and the general conditions in his province, which were pronounced to be intolerable.

Reinekke, who had lost one of his arms recently in a railway accident, when eated it is a railway accident, arms recently in a railway accident, when asked if his name was Reinekke, replied:
"The police of Helsingfors know me,
my motive, and the governor's record."

London, March 20.—A despatch to a news agency from Copenhagen says the name off the assailant of the governor of Viborg is Matti Hjalmar, and that he has confessed he is an agenchist Viborg is Matti Hjalmar, and that he has confessed he is an anarchist.

Lithuania, the last of the non-Russian provinces to formulate demands for the restoration of its ancient privileges, asks equality with the Russian inhabitants in the purchase and leasing of land, freedom of religion, recognition of the Lithuanian language in all public business, and in the court, and that knowledge of the language be made obligatory on all Russian officers coming in contact with the Lithuanian population.

TELEGRAPHERS NEXT.

Operators on Siberian Railway Are Out

Chita, Eastern Siberia, March 20.—Although the railroadmen's strike on the section of the Siberian line east of Lake Baikal has ceased, the telegraph operators have now stopped work, demanding an increase of wages. Policemen and other state employees are being engaged to replace the strikers.

GREEN AND GAYNOR.

Suit Against U. S. Government Sus-pended by Order for Appearance. Washington, March 20 .- The suit of Greene and Gayuor, in the name of the Atlantic Contracting Co., to recover about \$710,000 from the government for work done and because of contracts in

Latest Despatches From Manchuria

St. Petersburg, March 21.—(2:15 a. m.)—The latest despatches from Manchuria indicate that the retreat of the Russian army is being conducted uneventfully. The last few days were unmarked by fighting of a serious nature. The Russians are neglecting no precautions to avoid pursuit and hamper the construction of permanent Invaries lives. construction of permanent Japanese lines of supplies.

Despatches received yesterday announce that a cannonade had been heard south of Tie Pass is apparently n error.

M. Tussekoff, an Associated Press cor-

respondent who had been accompanying Gen. Rennenkampff's corps of the eastern army, and whose despatches suddenly ceased with the beginning of the retreat, has arrived at Gunshu Pass, laving been wounded in the early stages of the retirement.

According to an Associated Press despatch from Guishu Pass, the appointment of Gen. Linevitch has made a good

ment of Gen. Linevitch has made a good impression with the army, the new commander enjoying the affection and confidence of the troops almost in the same measure as Gen. Kuropatkin. Both are fighters and not careless. RUSSIA DOGGEDLY OBSTINATE. Preparations for Bitter War Continue

St. Petersburg, March 20.-The story that Gen. Kuropatkin remained at the front in command of Gen. Linevitch's old First Army is untrue. He is proceeding to Irkutsk, where he may stop a short time to recuperate before returning to St. Petersburg. His nerves are said to be badly shattered. It is again being positively affirmed that Kuropatkin requested the Emperor to relieve him. A despatch from Gunshu Pass, dated today, says that since this morning artillery fire has been going on about seven miles south of Tie Pass. Figure or Nicotas is almost daily in conference with Gen. Dragomiroff, Minister of War Sakharoff and others on the situation, and the general staff is ing to Irkutsk, where he may stop a

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Rev. J. F. Vichert, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, gave evidence that Finance Minister Kokovsoff have had a Heava had come to him to pay a debt. Y. M. C. A. circles, but he carried bogus checks in his Bible.

Rev. J. F. Vichert, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, gave evidence that Haase had come to him to pay a debt of \$12. He had tendered a check for \$33 signed by James Leigh & Sons and drawn in his favor. The pastor cashed it and gave Haase \$21 in change.

J. T. Legg gave evidence of cashing a check for Haase at the Marviand a check for Haase at the Marviand garding its intention to pretrality.

FIRE AT BEAVERTON.

Beaverton, Ont.. March 20.—Fire last night damaged Dobson's flour mill to the extent of \$40,000; insurance, \$14,000. An overheated journal of the electric light plant caused the fire.

MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Fonda, N. Y., March 20.—Frank Knight of Fultonville was shot and probabily fatally wounded here today by Deputy Sheriff Sager wkile resisting ar-

Sealing Sch Have Good (

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Hyades is Due Or cess May Arrive Skagway

(From Tuesday's Local sealing schoon well this season, accord received by the Victoria pany. Yesterday a teles Francisco reported that City of San Diego and C had been sighted off the The Carlotta G. Cox, in The Carlotta G. Cox, in tain Christensen, had seals, and the City of

by the Examiner recen Japanese schooners whi Hotchkiss guns at the prey on Russian rooke schooners needed arms raid the Russian rooke have got guns in Japan cross the Pacific in ord again to seek the Russi It has been well know for some time past tha schooner Kinsu Maru, C was hunting off the Cal She was despatched from Mr. King, of King & I off this southern coast of the coast season she Victoria to refit and m a cruise in Behring Sea. a number of Japanese gone into Behring Sea. as Japan is not a party vivendi enforcing many pelagic sealing, use firear pay any attention to limit—three marine lea limit. The Victoria sea main sixty miles from t firearms are tabooed; taken in Behring Sea w THE HYADES

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boat line, is due today and the ports of Chin bringing general cargo The Hyades, in comma Wright, sailed from January 4. She is to disc of general freight, most Japanese merchandise, Japanese merchandise, docks. Steamer Kanag the Nippon Yusen Kais lowing the Hyades to Vi expected to reach port the week. Steamer Empof the C. P. R. fleet, is from Yokohama to Victed from Yokohama on due at this port on Tue THE GJOA'S MI

The consul for Norwa has been informed of an i expedition, the issue of watched with interest by scientists the world ove in the frozen north the whaling sloop Gjoa is fig in the effort to find the sage. This tiny vessel, smallest that ever sailed Pole expedition, has not since August, 1903, wh cached at the foot of the

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