required.

\$118,000.

Motion agreed to.

RETURNS.

Hon. Col. BAKER presented a return

Company of interest on their deposit of

Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return

MR. KITCHEN, his resolutions for the

abolition of the office of the Agent-Gen-

eral in London and of the Provincial

Board of Health being called, asked that

companies act, and amendment acts; name of each company; the cap-

ital stock of each; the date of registra-

tion and the registered office of each

MR. Sword moved for a return show-

ing: (a) Total area of lands at present

under reserve in East Kootenay district;

(b) Date when reserved, area and loca-

Mr. Sword moved for a return show-

ing the grounds of appeal by the Bank

of British Columbia against the amount

such appeal by Mr. Mills, who acted as a

withdrawing the claim of the province.

COWICHAN RIVER.

Mr. HUFF asked: 1. Is the department of Lands and Works in possession

HANS PAUL BRENTZEN.

what action, if any, do they propose to

Hon. Mr. Turner-The land upon

COWICHAN RIVER.

tion, and reason why, of each such re-

company. Agreed to.

serve. Agreed to.

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take?

Commission to Take Evidence in Van conver in Regard to the Claim Against the "Strathnevis"

An Ocean Race Arranged-The "East Anglian" Meets with a Serious Misadventure

Promising Openings for Small Steam Craft-The "Queen City" Joins the Home Freet.

Miowera reaches Vancouver, witnesses from among her officers and crew will be examined by commission in regard be on hand to provide for the above to the claim of the Miowera for \$150,000 redits have been diverted."

What purposes the lands which should be is leviable being scaled by scalers." He said this would be redited by scalers. He said this would be scaled by scalers. in consequence of her attempt to tow that month the Miowera sighted the Strathnevis, which had been drifting helplessly with a broken shaft for 59 days, and next day took her in tow. In spite of the frightful storm then raging, the Miowera succeeded in towing the Strathnevis until the 23rd, when, the hawsers parting, the vessels became separated during the night, the Miowera was unable after fifteen hours' search to find the Strathnevis and had to abandon the attempt. The Mineola afterward picked up the Strathnevis and took her to Port Townsend. The Miowera and Mineola each claim \$150,000 salvage. The testimony in the Mineola case has already been taken, but it has been impossible, pending the return of the Miowera from Australia, to take the evidence in support of the claim of the Canadian-Australian liner. To expedite matters it has been arranged, as the Miowera will only remain a few days at Vancouver, to hold the examination there, and United States Commissioner A. C. Bowman will therefore have the evidence taken before him at the Terminal City. Mr. Ashton, of Tacoma, counsel for the Northern Pacific, will be present on behalf of the Strathnevis. OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEAMBOAT OWNERS.

A Surrey farmer writing to the Couin Victoria are contemplating putting a 15,000 acres of prairie bottom land, and is the only valley between Westminster and Portland that did not overflow during the high water of the summer of 1894. No crops have ever been lost there by water. It is, too, the most populous farming municipality in the province, and the farmers of the southern half of angley would ship their crops that way if a boat were put on. Messrs. Spratt & Macaulay were intending to develop the trade above referred to some months ago, but their attention has since been diverted to tugboat matters. They had intended placing a large freighter on the route. It is not yet known whether any other steamboat men have the trade in view, but if the business is a profitable one it will not be long till one or more

been given up as lost, and it is said that false economy is accountable for her disappearance. It is said to have been the custom with some captains coming into port in ballast to endeavor to save stevedores' charges by setting the crew to work throwing ballast overboard. If the wind holds favorable and a pilot is picked up in good season no harm results, but if, as in the case of the Cadzow Forest, the ship is forced to stand out to sea after being brought almost to the bar and a storm brews, disaster of some sort is almost certain to result.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE YUKON. The United States senate commerce committee has reported a bill providing that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated to enable the United States coast and geodetic survey by proper reconnaisance and survey to ascertain whether there is not a southern channel entrance to the Yukon river, Alaska, for sailing vessels, \$703.03. which would obviate the necessity for going as far north as Norton Sound, at which point freight and passengers are now transferred to the Yukon river steamer, and for the purpose of making a thorough survey of the mouth or mouths, if more than one, of said rivers

TO RACE ACROSS OCEANS. What promises to be an interesting ocean race is one upon which the British ship Ancaios, Captain Fulton, and the locally better known Candida, Captain Kee-which was here not many months ago-will enter this week, sail ing from Tacoma. Both have cargoe for Cape-town, South Africa, and having good reputations for speed, the result of the race will be awaited with much interest.

Mary Low, from Cardiff February 20, for Esquimalt, stranded off Penarth in a dense fog and lies in an exposed posi-tion. She cannot be floated before Thursday. Discharge of part of her the vessel may be wrecked.

OVERDUE COASTING CRAFT.

Messrs. Adams and Nicholson, owners of the big three-masted schooner Queen City, which now lies idle in James bay, being Victorians have registered their sealing or not still remains undetermin-187, and her gross, 207.

CEDAR FOR THE SOUND. Tug Hope left for Tacoma yesterday hops.

with another scow load of cedar lumber rom the Sayward mill. The demand n Washington for British Columbia edar continues to increase and the Hope now conveys considerable consignments of it to Tacoma.

THE DEFAULTING REGISTRARS.

in reference to the accounts of the de-faulting registrars Prevost and Falding were presented to the legislature yesterday, and show in detail how the already published totals of the defalcations were Prevost. made up. Mr. W. J. Goepel reported on Prevost's accounts, on the 14th September, 1895. He says: ucting from this amount the sum of \$2.744.50 at present in the provincial taxes are not paid. Agreed to. treasury, there appears to be a shortage

When the Canadian-Australian liner of \$23,596.15. The debit side of the balance sheet, which is more particularly referred to in the report, will show to what purposes the funds which should

The chief items on the credit side are: Reid v. Copeland, \$5,360.24; estate of the disabled steamship Strathnevis to Geo. Coxon, \$1,616.69; receiver Rhodes' not been carried out in all parts of the port in December last. On the 18th of estate, \$1,460.35; Wolley v. Harris, \$7, province.

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REGISTRAR FALDING.

as registrar of the Supreme and County courts of New Westminster. He says:
"So far as I could determine after an

examination occupying a period of seven days, from the the 24th to the 31st of August, I may express the opinion generally that up to October, 1893, there appeared to be a desire to keep the admit of an easy audit, but since that date carelessness on his part is quite aponist says the people there are pleased ledger account with the bank since to hear that a firm of steamboat owners October 19th, 1893. I had, therefore, to write up the account and compare it regular weekly steamer on the route with the entries in the bank pass books, from Victoria to the Serpentine and so that the same balances could be Nicomekel rivers. This valley contains struck in the office ledger as are shown

by the bank. This was done.
"I found considerable difficulty in the payments out. There was a lack of current account and the other in the

his authority, it was either an uncon-

County Court-Fong vs. Sam Hop Texas Lake Ice Co., \$19.40; Scott vs. heard with surprise that his government Rowland, balance, 20c.; Leek and Des- the 23rd August last an explanation of

Supreme Court-Major vs. Dupont, \$20.92; estate of Isaac Johns, \$1,214.39; total, \$1,235.31. Revenue Account-Probate duty, estate of Kilroy, \$308.70; in re Thomas, undertaken are quite distinct from any \$6.25; fines, Lem Lock et al., \$35; registration of partnership, \$66; total, \$415.95.

C. Warwick's Account-For law stamps, \$443.75. This makes a total of \$2,798.04, against which there was \$269.24 cash available, leaving the amount short \$2,628.80.

THE "MIOWERA" ARRIVES.

The Miowera of the Canadian-Australian line arrived here at 11 o'clock last place of all the fine promises made at night, having sailed from Sydney on the election time of a comprehensive survey THE "MARY LOW" ASHORE.

A special to the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, from London, say the British bark East Anglian, formerly the Mary Low. from Cardiff February 20.

Inght, having salied from Sydney on the election time of a complementative survey. In the or a complementative survey is complementative survey. The order of a complementative survey. The order of survey is open to question, except perhaps in certain places where the current is every rapid and so really by auction. The house went into committee on the public school lands sale bill, Mr. Stod-dart in the chair. Mr. Forster and lots of ore bought and treated by smelhaps in certain places where the current is every rapid and places where the current by the shown to be advisable to shown to be on the same day. After discharging be shown to be advisable to shut out so that the buyers will know exactly mails, passengers and cargo, the yoyage certain sloughs and find deeper channels what they are getting and be led to pay mails, passengers and cargo, the yoyage from Suva was continued the day follow-She cannot be floated before ay. Discharge of part of her immediately recommended, or immediately recommended, or the 16th instant. Proceeding again from sive survey, which he noticed Mr. Sword lied to the very choicest lands. Mr. Ridges, C. B. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Petersen and family, the Misses Drinkwater, M. Nichols and D. M. Radcliffe. The cargo, which is of a general nature, is principally composed of wool, prehere, but whether she will go served meats, fresh fruit, coffee, tin ore, The Queen City's net tonnage is outward will more than fill the vessel, and comprises a heavy shipment of

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. ond Session of the Seventh Parliamen

EIGHTEENTH DAY,

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1896. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p. m. Hon. Mr. Eberts presented the report of the Deaths and wenty second annual The reports of the provincial auditors Registrar of Births, Marriages; the annual report of the Superintendent of Police; and the reports of the provincial auditors on the accounts of W. H. Falding and J. C.

MR. HUME moved for a return showing: (1) How many crown grants have been granted in Kootenay under the mineral "Accompanying the report will be found the balance sheet, which shows many crown granted claims have act up to 31st December, 1895. (2) How credits to the amount of \$26,340.65. Depaid taxes thereon, the amount so paid. and name of owners and amount when

LOG SCALING. MR. Sword moved: "That in the opinion of this house the government should insist on all logs on which rovalty scalers." He said this would be carrying out the spirit of the legislation of last session, which it seemed to him had

scalers. One object of the act of last session was to give protection to the leggers who claimed that in the past they had been habitually cheated. Unpay but for the above shortage, there is fortunately it was not so generally taken very little to say. The moneys repre- advantage of as expected and the fees for MR. KITCHEN said one reason why the official scalers are not called in is somewhere else.

MR. KENNEDY, though a lumberman nimself, said that unfortunately all lumbermen are not honest, and he feared Mr. J. McB. Smith reported on September 9, 1895, on the accounts of W. that under the present system a good H. Falding in connection with his office many more logs are taken off government lend than pay the royalty. ment land than pay the royalty. Motion agreed to, after further discus-

MR. SEMLIN moved for copies of any correspondence or reports in the lands and works department on the state of the road between Hope and Popcum, during 1895. He said there is a good accounts in such a manner as would deal of uneasiness as to the cost of the road and the state it is constantly in, but until he saw the correspondence he parent. No entry has been made in the would not be in a position to discuss the matter. Motion agreed to.

> FRASER RIVER FLOODS. MR. Sword moved: "That a re-Hon. Mr. Martin-1. Yes; corresspectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to send down to this house under consideration. copies of any correspondence with the Dominion government relating to the Mr. IRVING asked :- What action have the government taken relative to the petition of Hans Paul Brentzen presented at the last session of this house? If none,

tracing some payments in, as against proposed joint action of his government with that of the Dominion, as regarded system in not making the proper entry a survey of the Fraser river, as preliminary to a possible system of protection." in the cash book of all payments in or out. Although it appeared to be the He reviewed the circumstances leading general rule to pass cash transactions through the cash book, yet there were arising out of the flood of 1894, and several instances of payments in, of the promises made by the Provincial several instances of payments in, of court funds, which were not entered in the cash book, but directly deposited in the cash book are cash book as a cash book as a cash but directly deposited in the cash book are cash book as a cash but directly deposited in the cash book are cash book as a cash but directly deposited in the cash book are cash below the cash book are cash below the cash book are cash book. bank, either to the "Supreme court account," or comprehensive survey and its possible to them in 1861 in part settlement of to "W. H. Falding's private account." results. Below the Sumas river there their land claims in this province. It is results. Below the Sumas river there their land claims in this province. It is Of the last mentioned he had two divisions in the Bank of Montreal—one on to overflow even in ordinary years. Some ment to take any measures for the relies preliminary attempts have been made of Mr. Brentzen in respect to the land one it will not be long till one or more of the now idle craft enters the field. As yet no steamer has replaced the Mary Hare, which was burned, in the Island trade, and this, too, is regarded as a good opening.

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The British ship Cadzow Forest has long the region of the interest on the debentures the deverties of the deverti savings department, thus making four to protect these overflowed prairies by a in question. ment account, and drawing therefrom, not only cheques in payment of suitors' claims, but also for his own use, it claims, but also for his own use, also have a clearly indicates that in thus exercising before them is worthy of assistance, while as only the interest is guaranteed

scious error or a disregard of the ordinary rules in respect to the banking of trust funds." The details of the transactions follow, and show the amounts still due to claimants on Falding's account to be:

| All the value of the bonds is not very greatindividual or company was power given to clear the Cowichan river of obstructions or otherwise make by the judges of the Supreme court as a saks, shall be maintained at the average level of the past five result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the result of the result of the request made by the deputation of the bar on Monday: "From the result of the result o steps would be taken to secure more ex-tensive protection and that an ef-fort would be made to secure the co-by a company or individual? 3. Was a before a judge will not be taken or heard bility, if accepted, must fall upon these Lee, \$2.10; Houston vs. Kinmond, fort would be made to secure the co-\$53.25; Docksteader vs. Robertson, operation of the Dominion government. lease or charter granted to any company in private chambers, but the judge sit-tions of the conference go they bind the \$13.93; Victoria Canning Co. vs. Alex- When Sir Mackenzie Bowell was out or individual for such purpose, and on ander, \$10; McIntosh vs. Raith and here last year the settlers on the Fraser what terms and under what obligations? Stevenson and Corporation of New had refrained from expending any Improvement Company were authorised court motions, including probate cases, lay down the lines on which the postal Westminster, \$21.85; Fagan vs. Ching money at the request of the provincial to remove obstructions from the Cow- immediately after the ordinary chamber representatives of the different colonies Nye and Jim, balance, \$62.30; Byrne vs. authorities. He read from the World of ichan river under the provisions of the work is over. The registrar is directed have been able to agree." rosiers vs. Cook, \$433; Mills vs. Cosens, the action of the provincial government, joined is a statement showing amount of for which they are set down, which list \$75; McCorrie vs. Bonson, \$12. Total, intended he said as a defence of their expenditures on Cowichan river and bay is to be posted up outside his office." course in persuading the Dominion gov- made by that company (total \$10,049.34 ernment not to take any steps to secure 3. A lease or charter was not granted, a survey, but he held that the explana- merely an authorization to proceed with cates of competency is to be held during day next. tion was altogether unsatisfactory. He argued that the dyking works already provided by the act.

ISLAND RAILWAY RESERVE. be separately undertaken, while the position of the lands thus protected—
running back into the high lands—is
the "Settlement act," and prior to the position of the lands thus protectedsuch that the dykes for their protection Island railway reserve to the E. & N. cannot materially raise the level of the river in other places, and therefore do R. R. Co., were any crown grants (in accordance with the land laws then not interfere with general dyking operain force) for any portion of these retions. The position of the government as outlined in the article he had read served lands given to any person; and if practically was that the scheme of such crown grants have been given, to an eminently practical one, the candiguaranteeing interest is to take the place of all the fine promises made at Hon.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN-No.

SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS. to which the water might be diverted. | a fair price for them, instead of selling

in preventing overflows by dredging the

for, as he felt that it will show the posi- were being put on the market a few tims.

tion of the provincial government to be years ago the unsold lands were pointed to as valuable security

MR. KITCHEN argued to show the ad-HON. COL. BAKER asked what would vantage that would have followed a sur-vey such as had been proposed, and unsold lands bringing in no revenue, or which would have shown to the farmers lands which having been sold are subject which would have shown to the lathers which whether or not they can have any relief from the flooding consequent on the hydraulic mining operations that have caused the channel to silt up. He looked for no help from the Dominion governor off now and turned into revenue.

ment, for they have repeatedly held that Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Williams they are not responsible for the over-flowing of the river, but only for pre-nate blocks should be reserved by the serving the channel for navigation. As government.

to the tugboat proposition, there is already a snag boat, but it is tied up half the time and cannot be got to work when proposed to be sold to lands west of the Fraser river, north of the 53rd parallel. and not within ten miles of salt water. Hon. Mr. Turner, near six o'clock moved "that the committee rise and report progress"-the formal motion, to an order of the house containing the though no progress whatever had been correspondence with respect to the pay-ment to the Nakusp & Slocan Railway

fact, and protested against obstructive tactics such as had been pursued all afternoon. respecting the receipts for log scaling in Motion agreed to and the house ad-

journed at 5:55 p.m.

THE CITY.

A SAMPLE piece of ore from the Nest they stand over until the estimates are Egg mine, Trail Creek, is on view in the office window of the Colonist. It vantage that it will save something like presented.
MR. HUME moved for a return showing the number of provincial and foreign joint stock companies registered under the

THE first of a series of dances to be given in the next two months by Capi- to Bundaberg as was formerly proposed tal L.O.L. 1667 took place last night in Alhambra hall. Fully sixty-five couples other Australian colonies. Another were present and a general good time point of considerable importance which was enjoyed. Refreshments were provided by the members of the lodge.

PRESIDENT James Hill, his son, Lewis Hill, General Manager Warren, Control-ler Farrington and Chief Engineer Stevens, of the Great Northern railway, made a special trip over the road on contributions to the cost of the cable Saturday to Brownsville from Seattle, assessed against them by the provincial assessor; any report or judgment on and spent Sunday in Westminster, tion to each colony, and not on a popula-Messrs. Alex. Ewen, John Hendry and tion basis, as was at one time much fav-D. J. Munn were Mr. Hill's guests from ored, especially by the smaller colonies. court of revision, and the reasons on Seattle. The object of the trip was to inspect the British Columbia branch. which the Finance Minister acted in

REV. W. W. BAER'S lecture on "Rambles Through British Columbia" attracted a large audience at the Metro-politan church school room last night. colonies well, all are now so agreed as to the desirableness of a secof any correspondence in relation to The lecturer's eloquent descriptions were ond cable that in the main the the improvement of the Cowichan river illustrated by handsomely colored stere- result of the conference was a foreor protection of the banks thereof? 2. opticon views, embracing scenes of the gone conclusion. There are points Is it the intention of the government to coaling, fishing, farming, lumbering and of detail as to the route to be introduce legislation at the present session on the subject.

gold mining industries of the province, together with the choicest scenery along terests to be observed, which might have the C. P. R. Admission was free, but a produced more friction, but the amicable pondence with Major Mutter and others. | collection was taken for the Ladies' Aid | acceptance of the resolutions by the Con-2. The government have the matter society of the church.

> Lawrie took place yesterday in the presence of a large number of sympathizing Dr. Cockburn's resolution seems to offer friends. Rev. S. Cleaver, assisted by Rev. T. J. McCrossan, officiated at the "South Australia will find in the new Metropolitan Methodist church and at service a strong competitor with her the grave. At Ross Bay the impressive own transcontinental line, established burial rites of the A.O.U.W. were also conducted by Master Workman H. C. enterprise was a notable public service Edwards and Past Master Workman D. to the whole of Australia. Without Fulton of Vancouver lodge No. 5. The wishing to discount the value of that pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Critchley, service no one would claim that it should W. H. Turpel, J. Gwennap, J. Moar, J. shut the way for all time against any Mallett and C. Steers.

byterian church a most enjoyable concert was given last evening, in Semple's hall, Victoria West. The hall was well named colony has reaped the advantage Mr. J. G. Brown; recitation, Miss John-pensation is a fair one. The revenue from MAJOR MUTTER asked: 1. To what son; song, Miss Clark; song, Mr. Muir. the transcontinental line, the re-

ting in the chamber court will on Mon- tions of the conference go they bind the days, Wednesdays and Fridays of each respective colonial governments, Eng-HON. MR. MARTIN-1. The Cowichan | week, hold sittings for the disposal of land and Canada to nothing; they simply 'Rivers and streams act, 1890." 2. Sub- to enter all motions on a list for the day

the last week of April at the government assay office in this city, when the majority of the experts of the province are ex-DR. WALKEM asked: Subsequent to the pected to present themselves for the test. The examination is not obligatory, but it is Professor Carlyle's opinion that as government certificates are to be issued each should represent that the holder has at least a good knowledge of the work he professes to do, and hence this examination will require of him more than the mere ability to make simple fire assays. The examination will be dates being asked to make such determinations by dry and wet methods as considered necessary, and such deter-THE small boy whose favorite toy is

is his play when these weapons are his playthings. Fresh examples are continually brought to notice, the latest case that port on the same day, foggy weather samitted was not advisable, it being Graham thought the effect of the bill in point being recorded on Wednesday was encountered which has considerably found that the area of the lands to be would be to place the land in the hands last when a stone from a sling struck A San Francisco press despatch says delayed the arrival of the vessel some anxiety is felt for the safety of the states and one days from Guaymas for the Sound. Europe arrived by the steamer: R. The states are such comprehensive scheme. Their to-tal area he placed at 60,000 acres. Belong the states and one days from Guaymas for the Sound. Europe arrived by the steamer: R. The states are such considered that speculators got the states and one days from Guaymas for the Sound. Europe arrived by the steamer: R. The states the first of the states the first of the states and the states of the states are such considered that speculators. On the other hand Mr. Duke Moss of Erie street, cutting of speculators. On the other hand Mr. Duke Moss of Erie street, cutting out his eye so that it hung upon his cheek by the merve. Nor did the mission of the states are many settlers who would cheek by the stone had been arrived by the stone h schooner J. B. Leeds, now out thirtyone days from Guaymas for the Sound.
The vessel may come in all right, but
she is a good many days overdue. The
Leeds is a craft of 217 tons. The missing
barkentine Discovery has not yet been
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the discovery has not yet been introduced years ago. A very gentions are now in progress with the Dominion covernment to have them assist
the framany settlers who would chief end ners, for the stone nad been
through the discovery which with a great force that on the
gladly buy more land if they get the
through the provincial government had done
the discovery has not yet been introduced years ago.

The discovery has not the vertical end of the provincial government had done
th Hon. Mr. Turner dealt with the ar- vouched for by witnesses whose word is river and by employing a tug to haul gument advanced that the province pro-away the trees which otherwise would lodge and help to accumulate obstacles, means of this bill, and he pointed out affair and hopes to save his eyesight, If the Dominion government can be per-that the only way to convert the lands although Mr. Moss will be unable to suaded to guarantee the interest on the into assets is to sell them so that they escape permanent facial disfigurement. bonds for dyking the remainder of the may become contributors to the revenue The careless youngster who was responlands, he thought a satisfactory settlement could be effected. He was glad Mr. Corron stated that when the on the street with his sling yesterday, sible for the distressing injury was again wheat and a considerable quantity of that the correspondence has been moved bonds of the Nakusp & Slocan railway apparently on the lookout for other vic-

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Conclusion of the Intercolonial Conference With Satisfaction to All Concerned.

The Route of the Proposed Line as Finally Determined-Proportionate Contributions.

The steamer Miowera, which arrived from the South Seas late last night, brings full reports of the deliberations of the intercolonial cable conference which completed its labors on the 18th of January, "having," to quote the MR. HUNTER drew attention to this Sydney Morning Herald, "served well the purpose it was expected to further." Briefly summarized the conference decided that the route of the projected cable shall be from Vancouver to Fanning island, thence by way of Fiji to Norfolk island, where it will bifurcate, one branch running direct to Brisbane and the other to some point in the northern portion of the North island of weighs about fifty pounds and is solid 1,000 miles of cable, will give each of the colonies a direct connection, and being taken to Brisbane on one side instead of will make a saving of distance to the was decided was that there should be only two Australasian commissioners. and the gentlemen nominated were Sin Saul Samuel, agent-general for New South Wales, and Mr. Duncan Gillies, who holds a similar position in London in respect to Victoria. The terms of the have been decided as an equal propor-Commenting editorially on the outcome of the conference, the Herald savs:

"Although the Eastern Extension Telference shows that they are not insuperable. The bifurcation of the route at Nor-THE funeral of the late Nicholas folkisland to touch Queensland and New

telegraphic operations. Had South Aus-In aid of the funds of St. Paul's Pres- tralia not done the work Queensland,

A PARTY of fifteen Norwegian families from Minnesota is expected to leave for Bella Coola to join the colony there, An examination of assavers for cirtifi- by the steamer Danube, sailing on Mon-



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The Losses Ashore Half a Million Ste from Hot

The last week of Jar will long be remembe the Australian coloni fact that it witnessed gales and floods over Queensland coast, v time the people of were dying in scores fr heat. A large number wrecked and entire the damage ashore alor at half a million pour loss of property at sea as that ashore, but the incidental marine greater. Townsville northeast coast of Qu to be the centre of the damage was done to shipping there, not a or a vessel in the harb Island a short distanflooded and many lives tempts to reach the small boats. The dame hurricane in Townsville assessed at £250,000, the age to waterfront prog The storm first put

on Saturday, January abate its fury until day. In Townsville th most devastating effe blown off and tossed like big sheets of paper dows were stove in, blown right off their cases, into the hark were drowned. The ra storm lasted was trem erous places were ent In nine hours on Mond fell. On Ross Island swept away from their Ross Island, too, the a rescue boat, and M infant, Mrs. Guniman, the elder Miss Rowe Willy Wallage were dr maid in Judge Chub wading towards a punt her feet by the curren Sandy Walker was trying to cross Victor there was six feet of wa At Cluden the grand sta sheds were washed away lines have been blown o tions, and in all parts of lief funds for the num

have been started. The Townsville Bullet lish on Monday and T the violence of the weat the employes from reac On Wednesday only a fe paper were issued. Man overdue at different coast and it was feare been wrecked. The list ping disasters, compiled of the storm, follows: Alexander, steamer,

Adelaide, a small wood tons, sunk at Townsville Ellen, lighter, on the Star of Hope, steam at Townsville. Florence Elliott, lighte Nebo, lighter, sunk.

Heather Bell, steamer er, stranded inside the the rocks. Nautilus, government tons, owned by the Quee ment, wrecked inside

on the rocks. Steam hopper owned 1 ment also sunk. Presto, iron bark, lost, Ada Dent, steam lighte

Leura, passenger stear The passenger steamers

tons, Guthrie, 2,300 tons, and Helen, 1,809 tons, all b the Helen still being pile Steamer Lavinia wreck all hands.

Three weeks before this hurricane visited the Ha in Lifuka and the nei nouses were blown down. to the cocoanut trees was it will take the island from years to recover as a co district. Shipping suffered Norwegian bark West A the German bark Wo the German bark ing at Lifuka, were both and abandoned, the form tween 400 and 500 tons of d The German schooner wrecked.

During the torrid term thermometer stood at 110, shade for one full week, rate in the city and sub alarming proportions. The that immediately after t high temperatures the more than doubled, decrea ward the close of the we than 250 deaths were rethe week within a short city the number exceeding period since the time of t influenza of five years ago. corpses were interred at Ro the number of funerals on the city and suburbs reach So great was the demand f the managers of several of were compelled to enga temporary hands, while th the permanent men were utmost. The great bulk recorded were those of in aged persons, but there wa ber of deaths in the prime ing from apoplexy and s least 120 of the deaths in directly attributable to the Notwithstanding the fa wheat crop in many parts

last season, there are evid Brisbane Courier, that th by no means discouraged larger area than ever will planted this year. Informs by the department of agree to the belief that had the been a favorable one, ne