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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15. Consideration of the Provincial Elecions bill in committee constituted the hief feature of to-day's sitting of the gislature, several lively passages occurring and section 8 being under debate when the committee rose, reporting pro-A bmill to amend the Land act-Hon. Mr ess. Just before the adjournment of A bill to amend the Villages Fire Pro he house, four bills were presented by nessage from His Honor the Lieutenant tection act-Mr. Neill. PINE CREEK FLUME CO. overnor and ordered to be considered in ommittee to-morrow. These measures During the committee stage of this ill (Mr. Helgesen), Mr. Henderson be-To amend the Succession Duty act. bill (Mr. Heigesen), Mr. Henderson be-ing chairman, an amendment was intro-duced by Mr. Deane to this effect—the words being added as a new section: "No act of this legislature requiring the company, in case efficient means are devised for carrying telegraph, telephone or electric wires underground, to adopt such means, and abrogating the right given by this act to continue carrying amend the Revenue Tax act. To amend the assessment act. An act extending the rights of the own to prospect for minerals on railway lands to all free miners. Prayers were read by Rev. A. B. Win-PRIVATE BILL RECALLED. Mr. Higgins presented the twelfth re-fringemen this act." port from the private bills committee, asking that the recommendation con-tained in their eleventh report be rescind-d, and that the petition of the Atlin & Southern Railway Co. for incorporation be referred back to the committee, with seven days' additional time in which to report. The chairman of the committee to perimeters and the committee to perimeters and the seven days additional time in which to proport. The chairman of the committee to perimeters and the perimeters and th ort. The chairman of the committee blained that this petition had been re-ted to the house on a misconception ted to the house on a misconception ported to the house on a misconception that the required notice had been given the the railway promoters. The section proposed was auteu and also a provisions excluding Chinese and Japanese from all works of the company.

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PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST Macpherson, was in effect to make the Mr. Hall presented a petition from entry of the company's works in any on. J. S. Helmcken and other residents municipality subject to the consent of victoria City, protesting against any the municipality in question. mendment to the Municipal Clauses act y which the City of Victoria might be iven increased power for the taxation f real estate not enjoyed by other city or a division first of 11 to 7, and then orporations. The petition asked that on a second taking of the vote being the words "except the City of Victoria" be omitted from section 139. A similar amendment proposed

e omitted from section 139. The petition was received and ordered Hon. Mr. Martin making the power of JUBILEE HOSPITAL AFFAIRS. sent of the Chief commi Mr. Higgins moved, with Mr. Ralph Smith as seconder, for the appointment mittee without a division. a select committee to consist of

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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New Voters' Lists.

Legal Profession Opened to New

Arrivals-Mortgage Tax Repeal

-County Court Judges.

A select committee to counce, Bry-Messrs. Booth, R. Smith, Deane, Bry-complete with amendments. den and the mover, to visit the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, Victoria, to in-QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. quire into the working of that institu Mr. Kellie asked the Chief Commis sioner of Lands and Works: on, with power to send for persons and papers, take evidence and report the re-"1. What amount was voted last The member for Esquimalt briefly exsion to construct a wagon road from Revplained that this Jubilee hospital was re-

ving generous aid from the province, charge of expenditure? gold commissioner in and it was therefore the desire of every "3. Did the government take any step member of the house to see that to ascertain the value of work done after to ascertain the value of work done after the expenditure had been made? "4. If so, when was the examination pended, and the institution maintained in Ach a manner as to entitle it to support. Mr. Helmcken, as vice-president of the made, and by whom? hospital in question, welcomed the reso-lution now brought forward. The Jubi-"5. The amount of value rendered,

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Hon. Mr. Martin interjected that if M. Machen manual Mr. Raph asside the mathematical the map and the mathematical the map and the map an marked on the order paper as "not tute proceedings without consent of the Mr. Helmcken-Is that my bill you're talking about? Why that was printed any ex-employee was dissatisfied, he long ago. I move that the report be could obtain leave to sue the crown at No opposition was offered, and the moion was agreed to. "And that the bill be read a third

The house agreed and the bill was thus NEW LEGISLATION. The following new bills were introduc ed, read a first time, and each in turn set for second reading at the next sitting of the house:

of the house: A bill to amend the Companies act, 1897—Hon. Mr. Cotton. A bill to amend the County Court act Hon. Mr. Martin. A bill to amend the Legal Professions act—Hon. Mr. Martin. A bill to amend the Legal Professions A bill to amend the Legal Professing A bill to amend the Legal Professions A bill to amend the Lega salient reason for the Secret Ballot act Mr. Eberts and Mr. Pooley replied -to protect the employee in the right to

Mr. Turner thought that it was more ment employee. Col. Baker did not see why the emthan common law—it was established practice in British Columbia among all classes, and nothing more than fairness to the man employed. Col. Baker did not see why the em-ployee of a trader or a merchant or a manufacturer should be put on a superior

devised for carrying telegraph, telephone or electric wires underground, to adopt such means, and abrogating the right given by this act to continue carrying lines on poles shall be deemed an in-fringement of the privileges granted by this act." in England just as soon as the secret ballot had been adopted. As to the ex-planation attempted by the President of

debarred from the exercise of the fran-Mr. Neill, commenting upon Mr. Tur- the section as amended by the Attorney-By Mr. Henderson-To amend the ner's mention of the inconsistency of pronouncing a man drawing \$24.75 a General passed the committee. Section 8, sub-section (i), next excited month salary fit to vote while the man drawing \$25.00 was adjudged unfit, said

that this was no worse than the provis-ion placed in the elections act by the late government—a man living in the country 365 days had a right to vote—yet the man living here 364 days had not. (Govter of voters." This was vigorously opposed by Mr. ernment laughter.) The member for Alerai further maintained that the use of the ballot by soldiers or sailors in the voter interested. The collector was in voter interested. The collector was the position of being able to make Old Country was far from general-perhaps one would vote out of every thous-

haps one would vote out of every thous-and. Mr. Turner saw no argument in the member's attempted smartness the company to erect their works on crown lands conditional upon the con-Mr. McPhillips also failed to see any that it should not be possible for irgument in the member's remarks. collector to make changes as con-Length of residence was certainly no plated, without the knowledge of collector to make changes as contem obtained was also accepted by the com-The committee rose, reporting the bill

Length of residence was certainly no test of capacity for citizenship, while wage-earning ability could be regarded in no other light. And this was the in no other light. And this was the in no other light. And this was the naturally to be supposed that the man receiving a higher salary than \$25 per month was the more capable man or be who had said that no matter how well a was the more capable man, or he would not be better paid—yet the gov-ernment declared that this superior man was less capable of voting than the man of smaller pay. There was assuredly no more ridiculous prometion

more ridiculous proposition ever put forward. As to the qualification of soldiers and

lution now brought forward. The Jubi-lee hospital was an institution in which every member of the house should take an active interest, and an institution in every way worthy of the province of British Columbia. It was the only hos-pital in the province presenting each year te the government a full and detailed re-port. accounting for every dollar of its expenditure. He understood that the been always chave the Channel squad-tober. 1898, by A. D. Cumming." PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS ACT. Mr. Booth being called to the chair, the house went into committee upon the bill to amend the Provincial Elections been prompted by certain statements. The introductory two paragraphs well, let it go, that, said how the Provincial Elections soldiers were allowed to yote it would be made to him with refer were passed without comment being ex-were made to him with refer were passed without comment being ex-always be in the power of the command-rather let it drop than waste the time of house, is that which the Attorney-Gen-

har had been made to him with refer-nce to the admission of visitors after ours. Mr. Higgins corrected the honorable On this section Hon. Mr. Martin pro-Mr. Higgins corrected the honorable On this section Hon. Mr. Martin pro-trary. Robers on Elections, the stand-ard work in England, stated distinctly art work in England, stated distinctly art work in England.

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THURSDAY, February 16.

PRESENTED BY MESSAGE. Hon. Mr. Cotton presented four mes sages from His Honor the Lieut.-Gover nor, transmitting the following bills, which Mr. Speaker had determined should be so introduced to the house: Respecting the Succession Duty act. To amend the Assessment act. To amend the Revenue Tax act. Extending the right of the crown

prospect for minerals upon lands in railway grants, to all free miners. It was ordered that these measures i considered in committee of the house on Thursday, and the house then adjourned.

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was not. Mr. McPhillips' amendment was then amend the Revelstoke Incorporation

Overholding Tenants act. LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

orposition. It read: "The collector may at any time correct any error in the spelling or initials of any name, or the occupation of any voter upon the regis-Members of both sides of the house are wondering what it is that prevents Mr. W. C. Wells taking his seat for North East Kootenay. Some one has Hon. Mr. Martin. Mr. Turner, followed by Mr. Bryden, last Friday he must be coming by very pointed out the extreme latitude here allowed to the collector, in the event o freight. It is expected by Mr. Neill, the mem

ber moving for an inquiry by select com-mittee into the dealings of the Toronto & British Columbia Lumber Co, with the cutors act-Hon. Mr. Martin. former government, that the papers in connection will be available from the lands and works department and the inquiry proceed on Friday. The members of the opposition have a held the

new name for the Provincial Ele th based on the soldiers and sailors paragraph, and which is not yet officially ecognized as the title of the bill. It is: An act to secure the return of D. W.

event of his securing a cabinet port-folio." ers. The bill to amend the Companies act.

1897, which Hon. Mr. Cotton introduced yesterday, provides for the substitution of the term "registrar-general of titles" for "registrar-general," wherever occurfor '

under the latter was that it was not properly at an advantage with white labor

ish Columbia. The resolution was adopted.

COMPENSATION TO CATTLE OWNERS. Mr. Kidd asked the Minister of Agri-

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Tailway committee, be rescinded, and the protected by giving it the first lien. benait of Kamioops. There was no use Your petitioners would therefore pray: dealing in generalities when the govern-That the present Mechanics' Lien act ment was not prepared to bring down ment was not prepared to bring down remediai legislation of the character deso as to give a lien for value of the improvements."

The motion for the six months' hoist was carried on a division of 28 to 7. VILLAGE FIRE PROTECTION.

Practically all of this afternoon's sit Mr. Neill, in moving the second readting of the legislature was devoted to the consideration in committee of the Pro-vincial Elections bill, it being after six o'clock when the committee rose. The ing of the bin to amend the vinage pire o'clock when the committee rose. The bill is without material change. Prayers were read by Rev. A. B. Winsmall towns, and for the purpose of les-sening the danger to small towns from fires.

ine second reading was unopposed.

REPORTED TO THE HOUSE. CORRESPONDENCE DESIRED. Mr. Higgins, chairman of the private oills committee presented the thirteent The assurance having been given that report of that committee, recommending there was no correspondence on the sub-ject, Mr. Heimcken asked that his resothe suspension of the rules to permit of the introduction of the petition for in iution in connection with the Placer Mincorporation of the Atlin & Southern Rail ing bill be struck from the order paper. The second resolution standing in his name, for a return of correspon the subject of the repeal desired by the Dominion of the Provincial Labor Regulation act, 1898, was agreed to.

MEASURES BY MESSAGE. The four pills transmitted by message on Wednesday afternoon were consider-

ed in committee and reported, being read a first time, and set for second reading at the next sitting of the house.

In the committee Mr. Pooley reminded the Finance Minister of the stand he had taken in such matters while in opposi-tion. He had then always maintained A bill to amend the Trustees and Exethat the government at this stage should cutors act—Hon. Mr. Martin. A bill to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages act—Hon. Mr. Cotton. A bill to amend the Inspection of Met-alliferous Mines act—Hon. Mr. Cotton. to explain these bills now. Or was he CORRESPONDENCE ORDERED. prepared to admit that the sued by the late government had been

On the motion of Mr. Munroe, second-ed by Mr. Kidd, a return was ordered ordered the proper one? the late Hon. Mr. Cotton, smiling, asserted ed by Mr. Klud, a return was outer of all correspondence between the late government and the late dyking commis-sion of Sumas, with reference to the liabilities incurred by these commission-

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS BILL.

UNSANITARY OHINESE. Committee was then resumed on the Mr. Deane moved, with Mr. Tisdall as seconder, that the attention of the gov-Mr. Deane moved, with Mr. Tisdall as ernment be directed to the urgency of to sub-section (j) of section 8 being takregulations laid en up. enforcing the sanitary

government had no other district in the matter than to see the lists correct. They were prepared to trust the collect-ors not to act dishonorably, even al-though they were employees of the late though they were employees of the late $\begin{array}{c} \text{As to the qualification of soldiers and by when was the examination by whom?} \\ \text{amount of value rendered, as first columbia proposition of soldiers and this was what he first columbia proposition of the resolution of the soldiers of the delaration of the resolution, the soldiers and the soldiers and this was what the supporters of that the supporters of the late government were suspicious of the event were suspicious of the event were suspicions of the soldiers and the soldiers and the government were suspicions of the soldiers of the constant the province. These contained the province the province the province the soldiers and t$ bill ers throughout the province. These conshould be adopted. ditions were a two-fold source of danger

Mr. McPhillips thought it would per-haps be well to make the list open until to the public, in that they jeopardized the public health, and the cheap living he date of nomination, instead of as he of the Chinese enabled them to compete had proposed, until the date of the issue of the writ. Mr. Helgesen supported the resolution, with a reference to the Chinese as the

Mr. McPhillips' amendment was de and feated, and the section as altered by the filthiest. dirtiest. most dangerous most repulsive race represented in Brit-Attorney-General adopted.

In passing, Mr. McPhillips directed at tention to the fact that it was proposed to so amend the law as to make it pos sible for a return to be made to the Lieutenant-Governor at some other

way Company. The report was received and adopted. NEW LEGISLATION. The following bills were introduced, read a first time, and set for second read-ing at the next sitting of the house: A bill to amend the Municipal Clauses act-Hon. Mr. Martin. A bill to repeal certain of the provin-Hon. Mr. Martin. A bill to amend the Public Dyking act, 1898—Hon, Mr. Semlin, A bill to provide for special surveys— Hon. Mr. Martin.

charge being made that a disposition had wording that the exclusion from the ex- that no commanding officer under the Mr. Helmcken accepted the correction Mr. Helmcken accepted the correction Mr. Balaries of \$300 per annum and upwards been refused admittance except on the authority of the medical officers deem authority of the medical officers deem apply to ministers of the crown or public fing such proposed patient unfit for hospital deep initiate the initiation of the exclusion from voting of solutions of contents as allows or officers of the members statement in this connection. As for himself, he heartily disapproved to receite facts and figures in proceeded to receite facts and figures in the basis of the consequence. Such and watch has been no notice given in the subsequently placed in consequence. Such answ and wr. Heimcken vigorously interesting, but held that they were defined by the general lad or time the they did not touch upon the required form it would be in order in the teresting. But held that they were defined form it would be in order in the required form it would be in order in the teresting. a constraint of and mixing weight for the section error of a section section section section a section sectio whereas the man living here 364 days
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the contry 182 days would have at vote, which hereards the state of the source of the sou and these would at once be placed in the possession of the proposed committee. Mr. Kellie held that an inquiry of this nature had been proven necessary in the case of the Jubilee hospital. He had himself applied for the admission of a poor patient from Kamloops, who had, in receipt of a salary of \$24.75 per in the country 182 days would have a how no classe in a salary of \$24.75 per in the country 182 days would have a At the law now presented, and what in the employ of the government should be entitled to vote if he were poor patient from Kamloops, who had, in receipt of a salary of \$24.75 per in the country 182 days would have a Attorne ever, been refused on the score that month, but that his fellow employee at he was suffering from an infectious or he was suffering from an infectious or contagious disease. If, when the gov-ernment was giving something like that the man is receipt of the better tranchise. The natural conclusion would be that the man is receipt of the better tote, while the man invite for the members on the government side laugh at this? Led by Hon. Mr. Martin, several of son contagious disease. It is something like be that the man is receipt of the better \$40,000 or \$50,000 per annum to the hos-pitals, such patients were to be refused perior ability or intelligence, and thereing su-the members on the right chuckled there-obediently. care and treatment, he thought that he fore more to be entrusted with the voting care and treatment, he thought that is powers. The attitude of the government powers attitude of the government on this subject was perhaps not more Such grants altogether. Mr. Helmcken explained that there Mr. Helmcken explained that there had been some misunderstanding with regard to the case Mr. Kellie had re-ferred to. This patient had been re-fused admittance to the hospital at and the construction of the properties of the properties

To the first question Hon. Mr. Cotton Hon. Mr. Martin did not think that

unification would be received with teeth. Briefly reviewing all the circum-qualification would be received with teeth. Briefly reviewing all the circum-

ince, Mr. Eberts directed attention to the many disadvantages operating in this northern district, making such a course

any portion of the province would go in-to mourning over the location of the resi-

dence of the Lieutenant-Governor. He

did not, however, answer the question. In connection with the proposal that the election in Cassiar he held on the

same date as in other parts of the prov-