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Nothing But Routine in House Yesterday and Little of That.

Notices of Motion. More Bills Coming Down This Week.

Monday, February 27.
The House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after the reading of prayers by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the following was Petitions.

Mr. Munro presented a petition from J. H. Collinson and others opposing the bill to incorporate the Sumas Development Company.

A petition from J. F. Helliwell and others opposing the bill to incorporate the Institute of Accountants of British Columbia was received.

Bills Introduced. Dr. King introduced a bill to incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company; also a bill respecting the Kootenay & Cariboo & Pacific Railway

Company.

The Attorney-General introduced a bill to amend the Replevin Act.

Hon. Mr. Green introduced a bill to amend the Bridges Act.

Questions and Answers. Questions and Answers.

Mr. Evans asked: "Is it the intention of the government during the present session to introduce a bill dealing with the superannuation list, according to promise made last session?"

The Premier replied in the negative, explaining that the government was considering the advisability of introducing legislation dealing with the civil service generally.

County Court Act. The bill to amend the County Court Act was committed, Mr. Paterson in the chair.

Mr. Macgowan pointed out that under the section dealing with Rules of Court, power was given to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to make the scale of fees. He argued that the fees should be definitely stated in the bill.

Mr. Oliver ennunciated similar views. The point was noted by the Attorney-General, who was in charge of the bill.

Mr. Ross proposed to form a new county court district, to be known as East Kootenay, comprising the electoral districts of Fernie, Cranbrook and Columbia. This suggestion was adopted.

After considering a number of clauses of the bill the committee rose and 1c-ported progress. ported progress.

The bill to amend the Land Regis: y Act was committed, Mr. Cameron in the chair. Progress was reported.

Company Mortgages. The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the registration of companies mortgages. He explained that the measure was practically a copy of the English Act.

The House adjourned until 2 o'clock temographs.

Notices of Motion. Hon. Mr. Tatlow gives notice of a bill to amend the Farmers' Institutes and Co-operative Act; also a bill to aid the municipality of the City of Nelson.

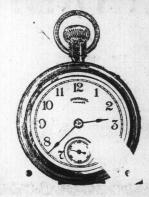
Mr. Tanner gives notice of a bill to regulate the manufacture, inspection and storage of explosives.

The Attorney-General gives notice of a bill to amend the Provincial Elections

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The Premier gives notice of a bill to carry out an agreement respecting the incorporation of the City of Pernie.

Hon. Mr. Green gives notice of a bill entitled the Dyking Assessment Act,

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Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday will ask:
"What authority had the government to convey lands in Burnaby to E. Pohlman in exchange for lands in Coquirlam?"; and on the same day he will move for a return of correspondence between the government and the municipality of Coquitlam in respect to taxes upon lands acquired by the government in connection with the establishment of a farm in connection with the Insane Asylum at New Westminster.

Gallery Notes.

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Hopes Held That Missing Tacome is One of the Vessels in ice-floes.

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will shut their doors. Torpedo boats 39 and 40 will be sold, presumably to the highest tenderer.

While many of the members of the commodore's staff and the time-expired members of the crews of the regional manning warships will go home via the C. P. R., Commodore Goodrich and Mrs. Goodrich intend passing through the United States, sightseeing, before consing the Atlantic. Lieut. Blackler, R. N., secretary to the commodore, will proceed via the C. P. R., intending to stop at a place where his brother medeath in a railway accident, and erect a monument to his brother's memory. Captain Torlesse, the new commander of the Bonaventure, has holsted his flag on the cruiser, and that vessel is being made ready to sail. It is expected that she will get away on Saturday.

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H. Rider Haggard, Now in America to Spend Some Time in This City.

MAY VISIT VICTORIA.

Private letters from England announce that Mr. H. Rider Haggard, who has just arrived in New York as a commissioner to inquire into the conditions and character of the agricultural and industrial settlements organized in America by the Salvation Army, will visit British Columbia before returning to England and if possible spend ten days or a fortnight in Victoria.

Mr. Rider Haggard's brother, Colonel Andrew C. P. Haggard, himself an author of note, will be remembered as having made quite an extensive stay here some years ago.

Mr. Rider Haggard, whose "She," "King Solomon's Mines," "Allan Quartermain," etc., achieved wide popularity, has been doing little fiction writing during the past decade, devoting himself instead to study of agricultural subjects and contributions thereupon to agricultural journals.

Leveson with a crew of 808 officers and men, as flagship of the Atlantic fleet, to the command of which Sir William May has been appointed in succession to Lord Charles Beresford. The new flagship is worthy of the august name she bears, being the largest British battleship afloat, and the most powerful. She has a displacement of 16,350 tons, has engines of 18,000 horse-power, Belfast-builk, which developed 19.2 knots per hour at her recent speed trials; carries a crew of 808 all told when commissioned as a flagship, and an armament of four 12-inch 50-ton wire guns, mounted in pairs in armored barbettes; four 9.2-inch guns in turrets; ten 6-inch guns in turrets; ten 6-inch guns in the main deck central battery; fourteen 12-pounders, fourteen 3-pounders, two Maxims and four 18-inch submarked to the submarked to t

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