EASTERN PROVINCES

k Panic in Newfound-
Has Subsided—Confi-
dence Restored.

Legislature Will Con-
Remedial Legislation
This Week.

, May 7.—The Hudson Bay
rveyors started work to-day
near Portage la Prairie.
May 7.—Robert Forbes, aged
ed yesterday, was largely iden-
many local business interests.
d, May 7.—Edward W. H.
n, manager of the Massey-
rks here, died yesterday, aged
was formerly connected with
y-Harris Winnipeg branch.
, May 7.—Bush fire are rag-
n area of many miles east of
's mills, on the line of the
& Pembroke railway, and not
able timber is left.
May 7.—The factory of the
Art Works Company was bad-
d by fire yesterday. Loss,
sured.
May 7.—The aumentation
of the Presbyterian church
ast evening. A report was re-
owing the receipts up to date
436, which is considered satis-
It was decided to pay in full
to all ministers for the past
s. Among the claims passed
ed to be paid were: Calgary,
mloops, $125; New Westmin-
Victoria, $75.
, May 7.—Rev. William Hall,
f the French Methodist Insti-
est Mount (Cote St. Antoine),
suicide by shooting. He was
pressed owing to ill health. He
in the Methodist ministry for
rs and had been principal for

g, May 7.—Hon. Dudley Ma-
brother of Lady Aberdeen,
. Ferguson, Ottawa, arrived in
esterday afternoon and left for
to-day. They are going to
summer on Lord Aberdeen's
h in the Okanagan valley.
May 7.—At the annual meet-
e Hackney Horse Association
ing, among others, were elect-
esidents: Northwest Territor-
Bell-Irving, Cochrane, Alb.;
olumbia, S. F. Tolmie, Victoria.
tch from St Johns, Newfound-
ys: The panic which was
wing to the groundless rumors
ere, owing to the groundless ra-
nlated as to the solvency of the
cluding the Bank of Montreal,
to a run on the financial insti-
as ended by mid-day, when the
iscovered that the alarm was
many of them were anxious to
their money. All sections of
condemned the false report
the Bank of Montreal, which
e run, and showed that there
ossibility of loss to the note-
f Canadian banks. The bank
overpowered the political sen-
The executive council met this
nd prepared business to be sub-
the legislature on Thursday.
orters of the government party
to-morrow, when the terms of
tion will be submitted.
. May 7.—The Mail-Empire
What the Manitoba government
ith the school question is now
ll understood. When the case
to Winnipeg, the first impulse
r Greenway and his colleagues
st it promptly and abruptly in-
deral arena. Now it appears
Manitoba government is going
at it will take no action now;
hinks no legislation should be
t it cannot take full action, as
d and understood by Mr. Sif-
ing of the remedial proposition,
general election is held. We
word, to assume that the spirit
uest and the propositions it con-
rbid for the present action
herwise would have been will-
dertaken; but it is not so cer-
this position will be politically

eg, May 7.—Interest is increas-
as to the stand the Manitoba
e will take when the house re-
consider the Dominion remedi-
on schools. It is reported that
will adjourn without consider-
matter, but Premier Greenway
is. It is also said that Gover-
ltz will be heard from on the
efore the session is closed.
blic meeting on the school ques-
at Fort Ellice, in the constitu-
James Fisher, a resolution was
voring the adoption of the On-
ool act as a compromise in the
Manitoba dispute.

ut Ayer's at the World's Fair.
Sarsaparilla enjoys the extra-
distinction of having been the
od purifier allowed an exhibit
World's fair, Chicago. Manu-
of other sarsaparillas sought
means to obtain a showing of
ods, but they were all turned
der the application of the rule
g the entry of patent medicines
strums. The decision of the
fair authorities in favor of
Sarsaparilla was in effect as
"Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a
edicine. It does not belong to
of nostrums. It is here on its

ong," asked the young man, "do
the women's sleeves will continue
se?"
general rule," replied the bald-
hilosopher, "it is not within the
of the human intellect to foresee
e of fashion. But in this case I
is safe to predict that, as soon as
es get so high that it will be impos-
one woman to look over them to
the other woman has on, they will
wn."—Cincinnati Tribune.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Impediments to the Navigation of Victoria Harbor Should be Removed.

Gibson Says Half the Curran Bridge "Boodle" Would Destroy Brotchie Ledge.

Ottawa, May 3.—The premier made a statement concerning aid to the Hudson Bay railway. He said there was no subsidy of $10,000 a mile. He described the effect of the order-in-council as a re-arrangement of the liabilities of Canada. The government had offered a loan of $10,000 a mile for a certain length of time, for which the company surrenders or rather gives in security the $80,000 per annum and the 6400 acres per mile.

Ottawa, May 7.—The finance minister said in the Commons yesterday that the imports for the first quarter of the year were $80,987,079, as against $94,341,482 for the same quarter last year; a decrease of over $13,000,000.

Ouimet admitted the authorship of the telegram to La Presse promising remedial legislation, and said his speech at Vercheres correctly defined the government's policy.

A debate arose on the proposal by Mills (Annapolis) to disfranchise the provincial employes in federal elections, and was adjourned.

The debate of Smith of Ontario for the inspection of Canadian cattle herds by British veterinary surgeons was also adjourned on the motion of Montague, who gave the proposition no encouragement.

Shultz's letter, which he received from Bourinot as to the school question, appears in the press to-day. Bourinot says the letter was given to Schultz for his own personal use and guidance and not to be used as a political document.

In the house to-day Tupper introduced a bill to permit of removing patients from penitentiaries to asylums and for the amalgamation of the offices of inspector and accountant at headquarters.

In answer to Prior, Costigan said that no answer had been received from the imperial government relative to the payment of $425,000, claims of the sealers.

Ottawa, May 8.—In the house last night Hon. J. Haggart read extracts from speeches made by Hon. Mr. Laurier in Victoria, Vancouver and other points, where he referred to the necessity of improvements and public works. To all of Mr. Haggart's extracts Hon. Mr. Laurier said, "Hear, hear," amid opposition cheers. Hon. Mr. Davies said the Liberals never opposed necessary public works but did oppose jobs like the Curran Bridge and the Tay Canal

Hon. Mr. Haggart also referred to Mr. Gibson saying that impediments to navigation should be removed from Victoria harbor. The latter replied that he said so because he saw a valuable steamer on the rocks there and one-half of the money that was wasted on the Curran bridge would remove the rocks. Hon. Mr. Laurier does not say one thing in British Columbia, as the Tories do, and another at Ottawa.

There is nothing in the estimates for these works which the Liberal leaders say are necessary in the interests of the province of British Columbia. The B. C. members were silent.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association to-day. The president, Col Gibson, occupied the chair and Lord Aberdeen was present. The annual report was adopted. Replying to a vote of thanks Lord Aberdeen said he always took an interest in rifle shooting Hon. Mr. Dickey, minister of militia, said the Martini-Metford rifle was not satisfactory but the Dominion ought to stand by its bargain if the Imperial government said so; they would have to make the best of a bad bargain. He did not expect any war with the United States, although we ought to be ready to prevent trouble from Indians on the other side of the border. The Snider rifle was a poor weapon to stand before an enemy with modern arms. The old officers were re-elected.

The usual meeting of the members of parliament favorable to prohibition and the representatives of the Dominion Alliance took place in the parliamentary committee room to-day. Senator Vidal presided. The question discussed was as to whether or not they should adopt Flint's (Liberal) prohibition resolution now before the house. An amendment was moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a more satisfactory resolution. The amendment was lost by 18 to 21, and the resolution will therefore be gone on with when it is reached in the house.

The budget debate was resumed by Sir Richard Cartwright yesterday afternoon in a vigorous speech lasting two hours. He moved an amendment affirming the principle of a tariff for revenue only. Hon. Mr. Haggart replied at the evening session, after which Mr. Paterson (Brant) spoke and the debate was adjourned.

The American anglers on the St. Lawrence wish the government to do away with fishermen's licenses.

Inspector Constantine has arrived here to receive instructions respecting the detachment of police for the Yukon country. Twenty men will be sent to Fort Cudahy this summer.

Joseph Marmette, assistant archivist, died suddenly to-day.

The agricultural committee will ask the opinion of the cheese makers on Mr. McLennan's bill for branding the date of the manufacture on cheese.

The Dominion Grange have sent in a petition against the Australian steamship subsidy.

The annual report of the militia department was issued yesterday. General Herbert gives his valedictory report, and in it praises the Martini-Metford rifles, which Hon. Mr. Patterson condemned, but blames the ammunition as not satisfactory. The report of Col. Peters says a new drill hall at Westminster is urgently required. The range is reported as not available for gun practice. There are no guns for drill at Vancouver or Westminster.

At the forthcoming meeting of the Royal Society Sir William Dawson will give a paper on fossil plants from the vicinity of Vancouver.

TIMBER SHIPMENTS

Increasing Between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie.

Montreal, May 7.—C. W. Spencer, general superintendent of the Eastern division of the C. P. R., returned to this city from annual tour of inspection of lines east of Port Arthur. He expressed himself as delighted with the outlook for the coming season. "We shall have an increased shipment of over 120,000,000 feet of lumber over last year in the district between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. They are spending a million dollors in Kenabuch in erecting a saw mill, and houses are springing up fast.

ARMENIAN ATROCITIES

Still Being Perpetrated by the Turkish Soldiery.

London, May 7.—The Daily News today publishes advices received from its correspondent at Kars, saying that 800 refugees of the massacre in Armenia, who returned to their homes under the promise of protection form the Turks, are being daily persecuted and tortured at the bands of Turkish officials, supported by the gendarmes. For two months, it is added, the officials have tried to force the refugees to sign an address of thanks to the Sultan, stating that they met with only kindness at the hands of the troops, that all the troubles were caused by Kurdish raiders, and that the Sultan's troops took no part in the slaughter. Those refusing to sign the address are beaten, placed in chains and suspended for hours by their feet. Women were outraged and the soldiers forced the women and children to sign the address.

MANITOBA.

The Remedial Order—Erection of Elevators—Railway Extension.

Winnipeg, May 6.—The Tribune tonight says: "Premier Greenway spent several hours this morning with His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. Many surmises are hazarded as to the object of this conference, but it is the general impression that the subject of compromise in connection with the school question was broached."

Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh and Senator Lougheed passed through the city to-day for the West. The Lieut.-Governor said that Lord Aberdeen had promised to come West to open the Regina exhibition in July. Being interviewed regarding the grant to the Hudson Bay railway, Senator Lougheed said he doubted very much whether the proposed grant would pass the Senate, let alone the house.

Orders were not received here from Ottawa, as previously telegraphed, to hold troops in readiness to proceed to the North Dakota boundary to protect the settlers from marauding Indians. Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. A. G., was only taking precautionary measures so that the troops would be ready in very short order if required. The arrest of the ringleaders in North Dakota yesterday has dispelled any fears of an uprising in the Turtle Mountains.

All the journeymen plumbers of the city, except those under contract, quit work on April 30 in consequence of the refusal of the employers to increase their wages to $4.50 a day and reduce the number of working hours from ten to nine hours. They have been working ten hours a day and were paid at the rate of 40 cents per hour or $4.00 a day, so that the proposal over which the trouble has occurred means in increase of 90 cents a day. The employers say they will not agree to any such arrangement, and unless the men return to work they will make the walkout a lockout and bring in new men.

Three train loads of cattle were shipped East to-day, making a total of over 10,000 exported already this year.

There is still no trace of Mohl, the hotel porter who disappeared just after coming into possession of a small fortune.

Hon. R. Watson, minister of public works, has returned from Toronto.

Winnipeg, May 7.—There is every prospect that the large elevator, over which there was considerable discussion last year, will be erected in the C. P. R. yards this season. The Northern Elevator Company are interesting themselves in the matter. Besides this the Northern Elevator Company will erect five others in different parts of the province, which will make thirty elevators to be erected this year in Manitoba.

A report comes from Deer River, the western terminus of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway, that the railroad company is preparing to build extensive side tracks there. As there could be no other use for them, says the Duluth papers, it is believed to presage the early extension of the road. The new tracks are being used for handling the building material.

The Manitoba legislature reassembles on Thursday, and already much interest is being manifested in the government's answer to the Dominion government's order to restore separate schools. Much secrecy is observed in government circles, but it is understood the premier will propose the summary rejection of the order. This may be followed by a slight amendment to the school law which is necessitated by the changing circumstances of the country. There is likely to be some relaxation of the provisions of the law touching religious exercises.

—The sealing schooner Kilmeny returned to port yesterday with but fifteen skins. Her Indian crew refused to work.

TO-DAY'S CABLE DISPATCHES

Wilde Released—Lord Douglas and Rev. Stewart Headlam Become Securities.

Narrow Escape of the King and Queen of Italy—Their Train Derailed.

London, May 6.—The steamer Tartar Prince from Buenos Ayres arrived at Southampton last night with Jabez Spencer Balfour, ex-M. P., whose extradition from the Argentine Republic was obtained after great delay on the charge of fraud in connection with the collapse of the Liberator Building Society.

Mark Lane reports: Cargoes off coast, wheat dull, corn quiet; on passage wheat rather easier, corn firm; English country markets partly dearer. French country markets firm.

The parliamentary secretary of the Colonial office, Mr. Sydney Buxton, in the House of Commons this afternoon, replying to a question on the subject, said no request had been received from Canada to call a conference of the different British colonies in order to discuss the details of the laying of the proposed Pacific cable.

John Burns, M. P. and labor leader, during the course of his speech during the Labor Day demonstration in Hyde Park, was greeted with groans and cries of "Why didn't you support Kier Hardie." "Traitor." Replying to the outbreak of disapproval Burns said: "If you don't want to hear me, I will go home." This was followed by cries of "Go home," "You are no workingman."

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone in a letter to Mr. Francis Seymour Stevenson, chairman of the Anglo-Armenian Association, says the conduct of the Sultan and the Turkish government in the Armenian question is worse than their conduct regarding Bulgaria in 1870.

The death of Mrs. Leslie Stephen, wife of Leslie Stephen, M. A., the well known author and editor of "Dictionary of National Biography," is announced.

London, May 7.—In the court to-day Oscar Wilde was released on bail after furnishing his personal bond for $12,500 and two sureties of $6,250 each. The sureties were Lord Douglas and Rev. Stewart Headlam. The latter is a graduate of Cambridge university, and resides at Hyde Park.

Advices received here to-day from Algiers announce that hopes of the recovery of Sir Frederick Leighton, president of the royal academy, have been abandoned.

Gen. Von Pape died at Berlin to-day.

Constantinople dispatches state that the foreign members of the Armenian commission have left Mosh on a visit to the villages in Sassoun district.

A dispatch from Paris says the press generally speaking are satisfied with the course Japan has adopted with regard to the remonstrances of the powers as to the terms of the treaty of peace with China.

A dispatch from Dudley says: At the Primitive Methodist conference held today a resolution was passed to the effect that "considering the character of Rev. J. Bell's crime, and the shame which it brings to us and sorrow to our hearts at the terrible facts, the conference cannot accept his resignation, but expels him from the ministry and its connection."

The whereabouts of Bell, who disappeared from Blackheath shortly after the death of his victim, Miss Hall, at Detroit, Mich., became known, is still unknown to the police.

Rome advices announce that King Humbert and Queen Margaret had a narrow escape from death to-day. They were on their way by a special train from Florence to that city, attended by suites. Suddenly, near Incisa lake, a violent shock occurred. One of the carriages was derailed and everybody on the train received more or less concussions. An obstruction of some description it appears either fell across the track or was placed there by evil-minded persons. Several members of the royal suite sustained slight injuries, but the King and Queen escaped with nothing more serious than a bad shaking up.

The Times to-day says it is reported that in consideration of Japan's abandonment of the Liao Tung peninsula she will receive an additional indemnity of £10,000,000 ($50,000,000).

The Dowager Duchess of Roxburgh, widow of the sixth Duke of Roxburgh, is dead. She was a lady-in-waiting on the Queen.

The Queen arrived in London to-day in order to attend the drawing room which will be held to-morrow at Buckingham palace. Enormous crowds of people lined the road from Paddington station to the palace. Her Majesty walked to the carriage, assisted by an Indian servant.

The suit of John Rogers for divorce from his wife, Minnie Palmer, the actress, came up for hearing to-day before Justice Jeune, who, being still suspicious of collusion, again adjourned the case. Mr. Geo. Lewis, who was Sir William Rose's attorney when Rogers brought a previous suit against his wife and made Sir William co-respondent, testified that Rogers demanded £10,000 damages.

A Berlin dispatch says the reichstag to-day definitely passed the Baltic and North Sea festivity credit of 17,000,000 marks, the Social Democrats alone opposing it.

Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, in answer to a question by the Right Hon. James Lowther, said Rear-Admiral Stephenson left Corinto on the receipt of the letter from the Nicaraguan government promising to pay the indemnity within a fortnight and accepting the other terms of the British ultimatum.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, parliamentary secretary, replying to Sir Charles Dilke, said the colonial office had not received any report regarding the amount of money disbursed for the relief of the distressed inhabitants in Newfoundland. The only report received states that the government commissioner is establishing works of general utility.

Advices received from Belgrade indicate that Servia is going bankrupt. The populace is said to be clearly in favor of repudiation and the government is spending lavishly. The Skupts-China yesterday evening granted an annual pension of 15,000 pounds to ex-King Milan, and court balls, dinners, and all kinds of festivities on a scale unknown for years are in progress. The town is profusely decorated for the triumphal reception of ex-Queen Natalie.

London, May 7.—The St. James' Gazette says the differences of opinion in the cabinet are due to Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt desiring to have the local option bill brought up for second reading, because several Liberals will vote against the bill, and it is consequently expected that the government will be defeated in the division. Even the most sanguine supporters of the measure count upon a majority of only eight.

A dispatch from Bir, capital of the Khanate of that name, situated some 45 miles south of Chitral, says that Umra Khan is, with many of his followers, at Asma, some 50 miles southwest of Bir. The report that he was a prisoner at Jalabad, Afghanistan, is false.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, May 4, says: A semi-official statement has been issued here, dealing at length with the situation of affairs in the far East. It declares that the maintenance of the status quo on the Chinese mainland is a political necessity. Whatever the issue of the present struggle, a realization of Japanese claims would entirely abolish the fictitious independence of the Coreans and place in Japan's hands the key to China's capital. Moreover, Russia and France would be compelled in their own interest to ward off their frontiers any cause for permanent uneasiness or serious crisis. The statement says Germany has her commerce in those regions too much at heart to see without misgivings German commercial houses exposed to continual disturbance. These three powers, which have communicated their views to Tokio, and know how to enforce respect for them, do not intend to deprive Japan of the fruits of her victory, but her civilizing progress will sooner or later be menaced with destruction unless it is based upon the principles on which rest the concord of civilized nations.

A portion of the German press comment on the warfare on the Standard Oil Company, because of its successful manipulations in raising the price of petroleum, which has risen 50 per cent. within three months, and is now 15 cents a quart at retail. The Kreuz Zeitung and other papers call upon the government to take steps to prevent such proceedings.

The British minister to China, M. N. R. Connell, has gone to Pekin to make an attempt to recover from the Chinese government arrears of pay due foreigners serving in the Chinese army before the outbreak of hostilities. It is reported that the Tien-tzin-German syndicate which took up the indemnity, failed in its negotiations with China and the Hong Kong and Shanghai banks in making arrangements for the loan.

Seattle, May 4.—R. J. Kirby, a merchant of Tokio, Japan, who arrived in this city on Thursday, after a residence of 26 years in Japan, says the people are very much elated over their great victories, and now that they have won that for which they have fought so hard, will not allow any interference from an outside country with the treaty settlement with China. Should Germany, France or Russia attempt to interfere, Mr. Kirby believes that Japan will quickly show fight. The Japanese, he says, were shocked and humiliated by the shooting of Li Hung Chang, who, they think, is the only good Chinaman in all China.

London, May 8.—With bright sunshine and a cool breeze, which raised a cloud of dust, the approaches to Buckingham palace were thronged to-day, long before the hour fixed for the opening of the drawing room, by a treble file of carriages along the wall waiting to take the occupants to the event which has appeared the most brilliant royal display of the season. The procession to the throne room included the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne, Duchess of Albany, Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Saxe-Weimar. It is a long time since there has been such an assemblage of royalty in London. The Queen Regent of Holland and the little Queen went to the palace, but they did not attend the actual drawing room ceremony. The Queen sent a special carriage to Brown's hotel to bring them to Buckingham palace so as to enable the young Queen to see Her Majesty arrayed in her robes of state. The United States ambassador and Mrs and Miss Bayard, accompanied by Commander W. S. Cowles, United States naval attache, attended the drawing room. The widow of Senator Hearst of California was presented in the diplomatic circle. Misses Grace and Bertha Potter, daughters of Howard Potter, Miss Roby, of New York, and Mrs. Walter Winans were presented.

A Berlin dispatch states that the Reichstag to-day by vote of 13 to 12 rejected the motion made by Count von Schwerin, Conservative, approving of the principle of Count von Knatiz's motion in favor of government monopoly for grain, etc.

OCEAN TO PRAIRIE.

Halifax to Winnipeg on a Bicycle—Living on Charity.

Belleville, May 7.—P. J. Reid, who is riding a wheel from Halifax to Winnipeg and living on charity by the way, arrived here yesterday and left in the evening for Toronto. He is nine days ahead of his time.

—As the strength of a building depends on the solidity of its foundation, so health depends upon the condition of the blood. To expel impurities and cause the vital fluid to become vigorous and life giving, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful and effective medicine in use.

THE CONCLUSION OF PEACE

Ratifications of the Treaty of Peace Were Exchanged To-Day at Chefoo.

Additional Indemnity to be Paid Japan—European Press Comments.

Shanghai, May 8.—It is stated here that the ratifications of the treaty of peace between China and Japan were exchanged to-day at Chefoo. It is reported that Sir Robert Hart, inspector-general of Chinese customs, guaranteed the payment of the additional indemnity demanded by Japan as a result of relinquishing her claim to the Liao Tung peninsula in compliance with the views of Russia, France and Germany. Sir Robert Hart, however, makes his guarantee conditional on the financing of the total indemnity being left in his hands.

A dispatch from Paris says the Figaro this morning, commenting upon the attitude of the United States toward Japan, says: "What prevented the United States from joining England at the time of the intervention of the three powers in the East was not indifference toward Japan, which has now become a great power, but a desire to remain faithful to her traditional policy. The United States would not raise an objection to Japan's taking the Gulf of Pechili. This attitude cleared the political horizon when the three powers did not recognize the treaty of Shimonoseki."

The Matin remarks: "A change has occurred in the world outside of Europe. England no longer lays down the law. If chestnuts are to be taken out of the fire there will also be large pieces taken out of certain mouths, and this is only the beginning."

ANOTHER BANK SCARE.

Rumored Suspension of the Bank of Montreal Causes a Panic.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 7.—Another banking scare occurred here last night. A story was circulated that the Bank of Montreal had suspended. This was traced to a number of anti-confederation fanatics who are constantly starting damaging reports, but the people here were so badly bitten in the late banking disaster that the rumor was eagerly swallowed, and this morning there is a run on every bank in the city, causing great excitement. Crowds of people surround each banking institution, where the officials are paying out gold as fast as demanded. All the banks have large reserves of gold as, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs here, during the past few months, most people refuse to handle notes, but convert them into gold immediately they are obtained. There is no apprehension of danger to any of the banks. The managers all say they have an abundance of gold to meet any possible call, and it is expected that the panic will have subsided by evening.

The run is the heaviest on the government savings bank, which is supplied by the Bank of Montreal, though there was also a run on the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Merchants' Bank. Each bank stood by the others, not hesitating to redeem each other's notes and by their air of confidence and liberal display of heaps of gold coin, the panic was allayed so that there was no crush about the tellers' windows when the bank closed for the day. Business people took no part in the run; it was confined to the poorer classes, who were the most credulous.

DRY DOCK CHARGES.

The Government Makes One Concession to the Marine Interest.

Ever since the Esquimalt dry dock was opened the charges for dockage have been very excessive, in some instances fully twice as much as the fees imposed by the government for dockage in the Levis, Que., dock. The effect of the exorbitant fees has been to drive vessels away from Esquimalt, and in one instance at least extensive repairs to a ship were made at Hongkong instead of Esquimalt because of the lower charges prevailing at the former place. As a consequence our dry dock has not been used as much as it would have been had reasonable fees been exacted, to the great loss and injury of our ship carpenters, a numerous and most desirable class of artizans. But for once energetic protests have accomplished something, and the dock charges have been made similar to those at Levis, as follows:

For vessels up to 1000 tons—first day, $300, and 5 cents per ton per day thereafter.

For all vessels between 1000 and 2000 tons—first day, $350, and 4 1-2 cents per ton per day thereafter.

For all vessels above 2000 tons—first day, $400, and 4 1-2 cents per ton per day up to 2000 and 2 cents per ton per day on all above 2000 tons.

These charges took effect on the 6th instant, the Norwegian steamer now in dock being the first to experience the benefit of the more sensible policy. It is not often that the authorities at Ottawa can be congratulated on doing the right thing, but in this instance the Times does so most cheerfully. The change, it is true, should have been made years ago, but "better late than never."

ACCIDENT AT KAMLOOPS.

A Brakeman Struck by the Express—He May Die.

Kamloops, May 6.—What may prove a fatal accident occurred here this morning. John Madigan, a C. P. R. brakeman, was standing on the station platform as the east-bound overland train arrived. He was afterwards found in a ditch in an unconscious condition with both jaws broken, eight teeth knocked out and injured about the head. How the accident occurred is a mystery, as no one saw it.