The auditor-general's report is as

Public debt (see note below) .. \$ 522,00 Civil government (salaries) ... 260,56 listration of justice (salaries) ..... 

administration of justice (other than salaries) .....

Education .....

Public Works— Works and build-

House, Victoria. Roads, streets,

bridges and

\*New Westminster

bridge (author-

der "Public Debts":

Sinking fund invest-

benture No. 6.

Net expenditure

and are chargeable to-

Shuswap & Okanagan Ry., in ex-

Nakusp & Slocan Ry., in excess

Victoria & Sidney Ry., 2 p. c.

ments .....

Revenue services .....

ings .... \$142,291 40 Government

Surveys .... 5,191 31

ized by act) ... 470,743 30

Note-Less the following pay-

ments, which are included

in the above expenditure un-

Loan Act, 1897... 10,000 00

....\$157,443 38

\*The expenditure for New Westminster

bridge, \$470,743.30, having been authorized

and provided for by the Loan Acts, 1902

dinary receipts of revenue. The total ex-

penditure, as against revenue, would there-

fore be \$2,559,494.17, instead of \$3,030,237

Note-The following sums, although not

included in expenditure, have been paid out

of the ordinary revenue of the province,

guarantee of interest on bonds. 6,030 00

A comparative statement of the re-

30th June.

64,834 06

.....\$2,044,630 35 \$2,638,260 68

1.098 31

1902-1903.

1st July to

30th June.

ceipts and expenditure for the last fiscal

\$ 167,443 38

....\$28.242 88

30th June.

100,000 00

118,276 89

55,574 60

289,366 93

108,270 55

61,091 73

12,352 32

11.946 65

80,057 93

2.533 39

6,560 00

287,497 88

72,102 79

20 00

1,087 12

1,771 32

3,261 30

7,885 94

40,393 00

68.264 43

1.877 93

21,896 27

9,429 66

1st July to

\$ 346,003 54

8.577 22

5,762 78

21,856 42

5.639 40

10,000 00

3,614 99

-2.81196

103.787 43

415,358 43

3,811 78

406,612 92

470,743 30

29,133 84

258.050 00

143 00

3.811 78

### While Actual Deficit Exists, Balance is Shown Other Way by Book-Keeping Methods.

The public accounts presented to the House Thursday, according to the government, are supposed to show a surplus of revenue over expenditure, the first in the history of the province, extending over thirty-three years. It is more probable that a commission may have to be appointed to discover the surplus.

The statement of the receipts and expenditure shows that during the year ending June 30th, 1904, there was a net revenue of \$2,638,260.68. The net expenditure for the same time was \$2,862,-794.09. This shows a deficit of \$224,-The government, however, figures out

a surplus of probably \$78,766.51.

In order to show this it is necessary to deduct \$470,743.30, which was ex pended on the New Westminster bridge In explanation of why this should be deducted, it is set forth that this sum Loan Acts. 1902 and 1903, and that, and 1903, is not chargeable against the ortherefore, it is not chargeable against the ordinary receipts of revenue. The following sums, although not included in expenditure, have been paid out of the ordinary revenue of the province, and Note-The following the contract of the province o are chargable to: Shuswap & Okanagan railway, in excess of earnings, \$28,242.88; Nakusp & Stocan railway, in excess of earnings, \$16,786.68; Victoria & Sidney railway, 2 per cent. guarantee of interest on bonds, \$6,030. Total, \$51,059.56. This brings the surplus down to about

The receipts from the Dominion government under the Chinese Restriction Act was \$258,050 for the year ending June, 1904. In the year previous it was \$86,287.50. This year, however, there will be no income from this source so will be no income from this source so | year and the year preceeding is given as that additional revenue will have to be | follows:

REVENUE.

Annual payment of interest ......\$ 29,151 06 \$

Annual payment of subsidy ...... 35,000 00

Annual payment for lands conveyed ...... 100,000 00

Land revenues ...... 70,614 15

 Survey fees
 1,160 85

 Bents, exclusive of land
 198 00

Timber leases ...... 84,111 75

Annual payment of grant per capita.....

Land sales .....

Timber royalty and licenses .....

Free miners' certificates .....

Mining receipts, general .....

Probate fees .....

Registry fees .....

Sale of government property .....

Real property tax ......

Personal property tax .....

Incomé tax ..... .....

Royalty and tax on coal .....

Tax sale deeds .....

Commission and fees on sales for taxes .....

Bureau of mines ......

Interest .........

Deposits on account of tax sales' surplus (receipts) .... ..

Shuswap & Okanagan Railway receipts (Act, 1890) ......

Net revenue ...

Public Debt-

Public Works-

venue service refunds .....

Acreage tax on crown granted mineral claims ..... ....

Registered taxes (all denominations) ....... 109 00

Hospital for the insane ..... 11,211 70

Chinese restriction (Act, 1884, Dominion statutes) .... 86,287 50

Interest on investment of sinking fund ...... 35,218 30

Nakusp & Slocan Rallway receipts (Act, 1894) .... 6,976 37

EXPENDITURE.

\*Sinking funds (chargeable to investment account, as follows:

Trustees' account, Loan Act, 1877.....

Trustees' account, Loan Act, 1877...... Trustees' account, interest invested, Loan Act, 1877.

Trustees' account, Loan Acts, 1891, '95, '99, '02 ....

Discount and commission 373.215 10 Incidental expenses of negotiating loan, 1902 3,042 43

Administration of justice (salaries) ...... 119,319 96

 Bureau of mines
 3,670 96

 Hospitals and charities
 82,970 34

 Administration of justice (other than salaries)
 101,092 91

 Parameter
 70,002 91

 Education
 397,643 46

 Transport
 27,226 95

Works and buildings ...... 232,240 11

 Government House, Victoria
 2,648 05

 Roads, streets, bridges and wharves
 509,039 86

 Surveys
 12,444 94

 New Westminster bridge
 501,501 86

Miscellaneous ...... 161,522 20

Premium and exchange .....

Less amount of sinking fund as above, chargeable to in-

osits on account of suitors' fund (receipts) .... 49,804 34

Trustees' account, interest invested, Loan Act, 1877. 12,049 99

Trustees' account, interest invested, '93, '95, '99, '02. . 17,876 73

... .....\$ 396,127 82

s to	**Less redemption of debentures (loan, 1897), chargeable	N. M. W.
	against loan 10,000 00	10,000 0
fol-		
	Net expenditure\$3,393,182 25	\$2,862,794 0
7 22	Deposits on account of intestate estates (repaid) 59,738 49	68,242 7
6 28	Deposits on account of suitors' fund (repaid) 38,530 40	39,572 7
~ ~	Deposits on account of tax sales' surplus (repaid)	419 2
8 35	Shuswap & Okanagan Railway payments (Act, 1890) 50,816 94	50,139 1
9 50	Nakusp & Slocan Railway payments (Act, 1894) 26,050 18	26,216 3
88 88 75 01	The balance sheet of the province at shows the following condition the close of the year June 30th, 1904, treasury:	on of the
	ASSETS.	
37 43	Dominion government, section 2, Terms of Union	583,021 4
58 43	Sinking fund loan, 1877 (invested in London)	391,512 2
14 60	Sinking fund loan, 1887 (invested in London)	182,653 8

24,155 36 Sinking fund loans, 1891, '93, '95, '99 and '02 (invested in London) (In-Exhibit of gold at Paris exposition (in charge of Dom. Geological Survey, Canadian Bank of Commerce (account current) ...... 536,703 50 Canadian Bank of Commerce (gold bar deposit account) 810 30 Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., London ...... Island Mountain Quartz Mining Company (guarantee payment under 50 Victoria & Sidney Ry. Co. (amount paid for interest on company's bonds 70.035 00

Haddington Island stone quarry (balance due on purchase of mortgage, etc. Advance to farmers for seed in 1895 (re Fraser river floods) ...... Nakusp & Slocan Ry, mortgage account ..... ----\$1,028,650 71 Shuswap & Okanagan Ry. Co. (amount paid for interest on bonds, etc., in excess of Dominion subsidy and net earnings) .... ...... 181,915 70 security investment in B. C., 3 per cent. for B. C. Plate Glass Ins. Co... Cowichan Creamery Association (loan Dairy Associations Act) ......

Comox Creamery Association (loan, Dairy Associations Act) ..... Salt Spring Island Creamery Association (loan, Dairy Associations Act).. Nanalmo Creamery Association (loan, Dairy Associations Act) .... Chilliwack district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act) .... Coquitlam district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act).... Maple Ridge district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act) . . Matsqui district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act) Pitt Meadows district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act). .

Sumas district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act) ...... Surrey district dyking lands (security under Public Dyking Act) Chilliwack district dyking lands, interest account (security under Public Maple Ridge district dyking lands, interest account (security under Public quitlam district dyking lands, interest account ((security under Public Dyking Act) .. 

Dyking Act) ... itt Meadows district dyking lands, interest account (security under Publie Dyking Act) ...... sumas district dyking lands, interest account (security under Public 

Advances to Departments, viz.: Hon. Provincial Secretary ...... \$ 100 00 of earnings ...... 16,786 68 Hon. Minister of Mines ...... 750 00 Hon. C. C. Lands and Works ...... 100 00 Surveyor of Taxes ...... 150 00 Superintendent of Police ...... 100 00 Agent-General, London .....

Balances Due by Agents, viz.:		
- Cowlchan	\$1,000	00
Revelstoke	2,600	00
New Westminster		
Vernon	1,500	00
Telegraph Creek	625	70
Nelson	2,000	00
Comox	928	98
Greenwood	2,500	00
Omineca	. 2,040	41
Rossland	1,000	00
Kamloops	. 1,500	00
Atlin	6,523	01
Alberni	1,000	00
Nanaimo	. 1,500	00
Golden	. 1,000	00
Port Simpson	. 1,177	89
Ashcroft		
Kaslo	5,000	00
Barkerville		
Clinton	4,836	51
Fairview	4,000	00
Ladysmith	800	00
A Stevenson (road superintendent)	2 000	00

	A. Stevenson (road superintendent) 2,000 00	414
Ì	s	46,546 62
1	Cash balance on hand at treasury	3,618 66
	Province of British Columbia (being balance of liabilities over assets)	8,764,412 09
1	LIABILITIES.	
	B. C. loan (Act, 1877), bearing 6 p. c. int., payable in London\$	462,690 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1887), bearing 41/2 p. c. int., payable in London	381,210 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1891), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in London	2,139,141 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1893), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in London	599,945 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1895), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in London	2,037,000 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1897), bearing 31/2 p. c. int., payable at Victoria	40,000 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1899), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in London	1,649,000 00
	B. C. loan (Act, 1902), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in London	3,496,850 00
į	B. C. loan (Act, 1903), bearing 3 p. c. int., payable in Victoria	1,000,000 00
I	B. C. loan (Dyking Debenture Acts, 1897, 1898 and 1899)	671,000 00
ļ	Railway guarantee bonds (Nakusp & Slocan Railway Aid Act. 1894)	647,072 00
ļ	Deposits (intestate estates, etc.)	103,784 20
l	Deposits (suitors' funds, Suitors' Fund Act)	38,370 45
ŀ	Deposits (surplus moneys from tax sales)	1,458 67
ĺ	Canadian Bank of Commerce (dyking account)	252,745 17
ŀ	Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Ry. Co. (security deposit)	5,000 00
l	British Columbia Plate Glass Insurance Co. (security deposit, section 3	0.00
ľ	of the Company's Incorporation Act)	970 00
	Premium on sale of dyking debentures (suspense account)	6,000 00
	Real estate mining claims (sec. 152, Placer Mining Act)	352 04
	Maple Ridge dyking district, sinking fund account	202 58
	Matsqui dyking district, sinking fund account	484 99
	Samos during district sinking fund assembly	

A NEW CLASSIC.

Chilliwack dyking district, sinking fund account .......

Sumas dyking district, sinking fund account ......

Registrar Supreme Court (sec. 89, Land Clauses Consolidation Act) .....

Gold bar account (bullion deposit from assay office) ......

The clever verses which appeared in he Times a few weeks ago apropos of the sittings and evidence adduced before the royal commission, entitled "The Taxes of Venice-A Tragedy," touched a popular chord, and there has been such a demand for them from all over the province that they have been struck off

Times Will Publish a Localized and

Patriotic Edition of Evangeline.

them even among those who as support- Maxwell Smith could not be Readers of the Times will be pleased lar writer for the Saturday edition. His in the first instance. irst contribution appeared on Saturday last, and dealt with the recent competition for the office of librarian of the poses. This was referred to the inspector city. His corner, "The Den," will in for report. future be one of the departments of the

Saturday Times, which it is predicted will be eagerly awaited.

To-morrow's "Den" will have a the department of education to banish Evangeline" from the curriculum of the public schools. The writer submits modern, patriotic and local edition of "Evangeline," entitled "Tillikum—A Song of the Songhees," which, in view excite widespread interest.

Bruin. The edition will be of interest to sportsmen in other respects, as it will include snapshots of some of the finest quarry of the province by Guide Manson, one of the famous hunters of the Lillooet country.

The mining, theatrical and other departments, together with the usual new

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BOARD OF HORTICULTURE

features, go to make up a very interest-

ing number.

on slips and sent to numbers of public The Board of Horticulture at its last men throughout British Columbia. Their meeting decided to make inquiries at Ottasatirical force has created a demand for | wa to ascertain whether an assistant to ers of the present government are it was felt that the Dominion inspector had apologists for the Assessment Act, too large a territory to cover at present. too large a territory to cover at present. The case of a carload of fruit being eo to learn that the author of these clever | demned at Cranbrook after being passed at nes, who has been a valued occasional the first inspection was brought up. The contributor to the columns of this pa- board affirmed its right to reinspect fruit, per for years, will henceforth be a regu- as the infection might not manifest itself

> Growers of fruit at Juanita asked for the erection of a building for inspection pur-Thos. Cunningham, inspector of fruit

pests, called attention to certain cases arising in connection with the inspection of California nursery stock. The board inwhimsical treatment of the lecision of structed him that in such cases the deportation of the entire consignment would by calling at Messrs. Sea & Gowen's be the best method to pursue.

LIKE TEARING THE HEART STRINGS. -"It is not within the conception of man of the agitation over the reserve, will to measure my great sufferings from heart disease. For years I endured almost con-

ENJOYABLE FUNCTION IN ASSEMBLY HALL

More Than Four Hundred Danced to Delightful Music - The Arrangements Were Perfect.

"The best yet" is a platitude worm threadbare by a use that has been con 15,525 33 stant since the Anglo-Saxon tongue came 647,072 00 | into being. The liberal employment of superlatives saves a world of work, es-970 00 adequately describe so successful a func-2,000 00 But if the four hundred or more people 400 00 present were organized into a committee 1,500 00 and the matter referred to them for re-1,500 00 port, it is a dead safe hazard that the 279,727 84 verdict would express the absolute suc-148,955 48 cess of this latest venture of the local 217,048 33 society into the realm of social enter tainment. There have been so many dances of

considerable magnitude in this city with-in the past few years, that it has been freely admitted of late that it would be difficult for human ingenuity to achieve anything new or strikingly novel. The most artistic elaboration in the decorative display would have much that was stale, and to attempt to improve upon effects by dashing a few more streaks of color on the almost perfect pictures presented in the past, would have required an amount of labor and an expenditure of money wholly unneces-

204.289 97

The Native Sons were content to leave unrivalled the decorative triumphs of energy and funds to two requisites that are of immeasurably greater importance than decorations. These are the music and supper arrangements. People cannot dance to spectacular effect, no mat-ter how much they may desire to, and social and economic conditions have not yet reached the stage when a supper on evergreens and bunting is necessary. The hall was neatly, if not extravagantly, adorned. Chief Watson, of the fire department, and his able assistants, being particularly anxious to produce a picture which would not provoke the reproach that it was, a "chaos of color." But in lighting an altogether new and novel effect was presented. It was what might be called a "ray" light, an arrangement representing the diffusive, varicolored rays of Old King Sol as he wanders off ehind the Sooke hills. This was a pleasing feature, and enhanced the appearance of the hall to a striking extent. Over the entrance to the dancing area was a Union Jack in incandescent lights, arranged as to convey the impression that the flag was fanned by the breeze. The supper room was beautifully illuminated, a soft, red glow bathing the nt, which in itself is spacious enough for an ordinary ballroom.

But undoubtedly the triumph of the ball was the music. In this article it has already been stated that the Nativ Sons devoted special attention to this most important requisite. They secured the services of P. H. Nason, Mus. Doc., of Chicago, who exercise the most perfect control over his musicians, furnishing a programme of dance music that none could resist. Ancore after encore was demanded and given, and the committee in charge of the orchestral arrangements have every reason to feel gratified at the splendid success attend-

ant upon this feature. The floor could not be surpassed, while same degree of e ized the other essentials. All heartily objects of the company are as follows:
To carry on the business of fishing by other essentials. All heartily end that the society had directed its means of seines, traps and all other law energies. The supper likewise reflected ful methods; to carry on the business of the attention bestowed upon it, and the manner in which the good things pro-vided faded away, was an everlasting smoking or otherwise, preserving and premaring for the market salmon, halitribute to the excellence of this feature and the scrupulous interest manifested buy, sell and deal in fresh or preserve by the presiding genius, John Smith, in the comfort and convenience of his facture, import, export and deal in all guests. During the time the orchestra kinds of material, apparatus, substances were engaged in the delights of the supper room the music was capably looked after by Miss Thain and Edgar Fawcett. The programme was as follows:

Extra Waltz	The World Is Mine
	Smart Set
	Uncle Sammy
	Composia
	Entre Acte
	Troubadours
	Hearts Courageous
	Sultan of Sulu
	. A Dream of Heaven
	St. Louis
	Ida
	Blue Bell
Two-Step	Belle of New York
Barn	Burgomaster
	Love Land
	I've a Feelin' for You
	King Dodo
	Sweet Dreams
Following were t	ne committees:

ley; secretary, A. E. Haynes; treasurer,

and Frank Higgins.
Printing—Frank Higgins and G. T. Hall and Decorations-Chief Thomas

Watson and general committee. Invitation-W. H. Langley. A number of articles of jewellery, etc. were found after the dance was over, These may be obtained by their owners store, Government street.

STRIKE OVER. German Coal Miners Have Decided to Return to Work.

this afternoon to return to work.

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## pecially when a seripe is attempting to adequately describe so successful a function as the Native Sons' ball on Friday. Sevilla Bitter Oranges For Marmalade

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LEAVES FERNIE.

"The British Columbia Telephone Company, whose headquarters are in Vancouver, has sold out to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company," says Wed-

"'Yes, our interests at Fernie have been purchased by the coal company,' said General Superintendent H. W. Kent this morning. 'We will not install a service there now. There is no room for two telephone companies in Fernie, or any other city in the world for that matter. The whole affair is settled now anyway.'

"This is the official ending of the fight service. which occurred between the British Columbia Telephone Company and the city of Fernie. The settlement is hailed with delight at Fernie. "Chief Engineer White, of the Crow's

Nest Pass Coal Company, yesterday received a wire from the directors in Toronto intimating that the company had purchased the British Columbia Tele-phone Company's partially built plant "It is understood that the settlement

guarantees the city against damages 98 Government Street, Near Yates Street, from the British Columbia Telephone VICTORIA B. C. Company, and it probably settles the question of law costs in the case so far as taken. The coal company's thus far is not wasted, as care was taken to confine its building operations to portions of the city apart from the British Columbia Telephone Company's operations."

LAST WEEK'S NOTICES.

The current issue of the Provincial Gazette contains the following appoint-James Ford Garden, M. P. P., John Joseph Banfield and Percy Neville Smith, of. Vancouver, to be members of the board of directors of the Vancouver Gen-

eral hospital for the year 1905. Fred Harold Godfrey, of Vancouver o be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia.

The following companies have been in-British Pacific Fishing & Canning Co., Ltd., capital \$200,000. A few canning, drying, evaporating, salting, preparing for the market salmon but, cod, herring and any other fish; to fish of all kinds: to purchase, sell, many and things used or capable of being used in connection with the aforesaid businesses; to purchase or otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, foreshore rights, water rights, easements, machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, steamboats, sailing vessels, tugboats, scows, rowboats, and

all real and personal property, rights, licenses and privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for purpose of its business; to construct, improve, maintain, work, manage, carry out or control any roads, ways, tramways, railways, water courses, refrigerators, sawmills, electric works, shops, stores and other works and conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the company's interests; to enter into any agreements with the governments, authorities or corporations, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's nterests or any of them, and to obtain from any such government authority or corporation any rights, privileges concessions, grants or aids which the company may think it desirable to ob-

S. Sea, jr.

Supper—J. A. McTavish, Chas. F.

Gardiner, Arnot Ker, W. A. Lawson and

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Power Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; Western Produce & Commission.

Co., Ltd., capital \$25,000; What-\$250,000.

The following extra provincial companies have been registered: Eagle River Lumber Co., capital \$300,000; headquarters city of Bradford, Pennsylvania; provincial head office Revelstoke; attorney, George Smith Mc- the effect that in the east drift the pay

headquarters Bradford, Penn.; provin- naturally very much elated over the good cial head office, Revelstoke; attorney, G. news. The continuation of such a vein Smith McCarter.

stcians no longer consider it catering to slope is now in one hundred feet, and the "quackery" in recommending in practice so meritorious a remedy for Indigestion, feet. s3,555,450 93 \$3,080,237 47

There will also be an illustrated write up of the new species of bear. "Ursus Kermodei," around which sch a discussion has raged. The dilustrations will show the pelt and tusks of this newest and tusks of this newest.

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There will also be an illustrated write up of delegates representing the strikers of the entire Rhemish-west and tearing and Nervousness as South American heart cutting and tearing palas about the will also be an illustrated write and tearing palas about the will cutting and tearing palas about the will also be an illustrated write and tearing palas about the will also be an illu

## BOWES SAYS:

town make his store your Headquarters."

Our telephone and directory are at your Leave your parcels at our store, we will

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Chatham Incubators

**Brooders** 

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The Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia

The annual meeting of the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association of British Columbia will be held in the Agricultural Department of the Parliament Buildings, at Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, March 2nd, at 10 a. m., for general business and election of officers for the present year.

It is expected that Professor Ruddick, Chief Commissioner, Ottawa, and T. A. F. Wilancks, a graduate of Ontario Agricultural College, and Chief Inspector of Dairying, Guelph, will give papers on different subjects.

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GOOD ORE SHOWING.

Wide Vein Struck in the Mine of the Vancouver Island Development Syndicate.

The Vancouver Island Development Syndicate, in which several Victorians are deeply interested, is meeting with continued success in its mine near Ladyment of Mr. Cecil, has shown pher al richness, the ore running about \$40 to the ton. The latest news from it is to Carter.

Munday Lumber Co., capital \$50,000; streak had widened out until it is now 15 inches wide. Those interested are of high grade ore will assure those in WHERE DOCTORS DO AGREE!—Phyeastern drift has been run in about thirty

propositions on Vancouver Island.

\$1.00

VOL. 35. PARLIAMENT

GREAT INTERES

Usual Ceremony Ma Speech From London, Feb. 14.terest attached to

parliament by His 1 the belief is practic will be the last ses parliament. Even sh escape defeat, it is the Balfour will voiunts ment in the autumn ion of the country of questions now agitat Good weather fa ant, which followe former occasions. about from an early assembling of the tr brief route from Bu the House. The shown in the time-h vaults beneath the by the Yeoman of t nterns and halber Between this cere ance of the royal pr

stream of carriages peeresses in their rol cials in brilliant uni somewhat tedious w The royal proces as last year, that Princess of Wales House consisting of an escort of housel was followed by Queen Alexandra Palace. Five state six horses bearing s ed the royal coach drawn by eight cr overian horses, which the state procession Household cavalry a while in pursuance detachment of Yeor marched alongside The scene in the n

ingham Palace was mated. Large crowd whence to view the the sovereigns issued the palace they we great burst of enthu ly spread the whole new processional roa site of the Victoria Horse Guards' para

At the royal enran oria tower of the King was received of state and passed robing room. Then the Queen, His Maj House of Lords, prand other regalia, hereditary bearers nouncing the approx

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