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control of the Breeders' Association of California, makes three stakes for which California-bred horses only are allowed to enter. The state makes an annual grant of \$5,000, and the owner of a mare is allowed to nominate her colt or prospective colt on a payment of \$5, with another payment every three or six months till the colt is a three-year-old, when it will be required to enter in the race for that year. From the time of the entry till the race the owner will have paid in about \$85. Payment in the meantime may be allowed to lapse, but in very few cases is the opportunity taken.

The purse is divided into four, while

If anything is to be done so that Victoria would have a good track for the fall races, the work should be commenced at once, as a great deal of time is necessary to put it in the best possible shape.

sible shape.
In closing the interview Mr. Harrison said it is "up to" the local society to say whether or not they are going to allow one of the biggest attractions, not only for this year but in years to come, to slide past for want of a little operation.

MR. BALFOUR'S SURRENDER. Favors Government Encourag- Unionist Party Hold Meeting Discuss Recent Move.

London, Feb. 15.—With former Premier Balfour's formal entry into the ranks of the "whole hoggers," as the Chamberlainites have dubbed the deal, public interest in today's meeting of Unionists at Lansdowne house was discounted and little was left for the assemblage to consider but questions of party organizations and a general plan of campaign. The presence of the Duke of Devonshire, former president of the council, however, with his free food followers, was considered in some quarters as giving promise of enlivening the proceedings.

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From five hundred to six hundred Unionists attended the meeting which lasted half an hour. No reporters were admitted, but it is known that the proceedings were amicable. The Duke of Devonshire, however, showed no disposition to yield his views on fiscal reform. To all other questions he will give willing support to the party. He regretted to read the correspondence between Mesrs. Balfour and Chamberlain, published this morning, indicating that they have substantially reached an agreement on this question. The Duke intimated that he would have to consult with the free fooders of the party as to their future action.

Mr. Chamberlain also spoke. He declared that if the Duke of Devoushire's views prevailed the majority of the Unionist party would have to submit to the minority.

A resolution expressing confidence in Mr. Relfour was passed.

Prospects of Amicable Settlement of Anthracite Controversy Are Bright.

## Committee

Kootenay Power and Light Co. and Cascade Water Power and Light Co.

8. S. Fowler M.E. Manager Gives Evidence in Chief for Appellants.

The Private Bills committee met in he Maple room at 10:30 and proceeded with the consideration of the West Kootenay Power Light Company's Bill. The first witness called was S. S. Fowler M. E., general manager of the Cascade company who deposed that the shortage of power referred to occurred in January; and February, 1905 and was exceptioned outlingly by yearing frost

in January; and February, 1905 and was occasioned entirely b ysevere frost preceded by lack of snow in the mountains. The conditions were unusual and beyond human control.

The Granby company were taking in November, 1644 H. P. to smelter and mine in December, 1721 H. P., in January 1380, in February 1358. In March after there was an abundant supply they only required 1313 H. P. show March after there was hn abundant supply they only required 1313 H. P. showing that the deprivation in January and February cannot have had any serious results, certainly not to the smelter. It had to be remembered that the Granby had a power of their own and only took their surplus requirements from the Cascade company.

The minimum quantity which the Granby company were obliged to take 700 H. P., they actually got nearly double their minimum. The British Columbia Cooper company took in November.

he their minimum. The British Columbia Copper company took in November. 261 H. P., in December, 279, in January 1905, 283, in February, 234, and in March, 341. This showed that they actually had more in January and February when the water was low than in November and December, when there was no shortage. Their present customers were the Granby company, the British Columbia company and the Greenwood City Lighting company. The only other customers in sight today were the Dominion Copper company, and possibly the city of Grand Forks. Any occasions on which they had asked their customers to "ease off" was on the occasion of low water. His contract with the British Columbia Copper company allowed him to reduce the load by arrangement with the customer and was not a hardship.

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Questions and Answers a Good Portion of Session.

Members Get Down to - Orders of the Given.

Friday, February T two o'clock p.m. th A T two o'clock p.m. the and after prayers by t L. Clay, 'Mr. J. A. asked the Premier view of the adverse vote yi intended to adopt the co-course and resign.

Hon. R. McBride said he tention of taking any notice tention of taking any notice cident. It was an error, as the adverse vote was the result count and if the vote had leagain the result would have the Mr. J. A. Macdonald said

have been no mistake as the taken twice. Mr. J. H. Hawthomthwai Mr. Hawthornthwaite—I a
have that official reply from
of the opposition.
Mr. Oliver moved the follow

Iution:
That an humble address be to His Honor the Lieutenant praying that he will cause co orders in council passed sine day of July, 1903, to be pr this House forthwith. Orders-in-Council

Mr. Oliver, in speaking to said there had been some order cil passed from time to time heen kept secret, such for heen kept secret, such for in hxing taxation on land, that previous government. Some were contrary to the statute h province. Another illegal of that affecting the Columbia a ern lands, the Burnaby and t Island. But those in his mind ern lands, the Burnady and tisland. But those in his mind ticularly in reference to rece affecting Columbia and West recently advertised for sale in Gazette, page 344. This adve seemed to indicate that some's had been made between the go and the railway company which you the power of the governme ther if any of these lands are be within the reserve the pre will have to deal with the raily pany, an illegal proceeding as could be acquired by the railw pany until they were survey wished the Chief Commissione plain what agreement had bee He and others had asked perm see the orders in council on we cancellation in based and they refused that permission. Today way company were offering sale which they did not posse this government came into posse this government came into posse the correct of the received by which they have been agreed into posse the correct of the received by which the possession of the control of the received by which the possession of the property of the refered into possession of the property informed that a secret agreet been entered into by which the ment guaranteed certain legis the railway company without first submitted to the House.

Hon. R. McBride said go would be impossible if by specithe department was to be ran order to make trouble. Much had of necessity to be kept prin ordinary business. As logovernment held office only the council had a right to see the in council. The Statute proorders of council being laid on but not all. Unfinished busine ally, on grounds of public police. nlly, on grounds of nu not be divulged. Th served to themselves the ri duce or refuse to produce sur the doing so was their own bility. With regard to the lands public opinion had end course pursued by the governm to Kaien Island, that was un-

to Kaien Island, that was und tigation and he did not fear that the matter came before the Horoner manner the governmen deal with it.

Mr. J. R. Brown was sur hear the Premier speak of council as private. They were ed in accordance with the Stawhen passed became statutory, was anything in the argumen was anything in the argume Premier as to unfinished busine Premier as to unfinished busines have no pertinence to complet actions. Previous investiga which the member for Delta had nothing to do with the ca Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwait hardly think the opposition wer est in view of the fact that nal leader '-' left his seat. I ber for Delta was spending hi hunting up scandal and now h to to no another fishing expedigovernment would surely not such a proposal. In their own government would have to britheir orders in council, but it 'preropartive to choose the tin member for Delta may have r Prior government; he could this. He was a veritble Holmes.

Hon. C. Wilson said the me Delta was founding his motion occurrences. Even if wrongd harmened in the past that was ment in favor of the present lunder our system of govern government were the King's not the people's trustees. The s government by orders in con one of evolution and had gr veloped of late years. He dithis, but it was a fact. The many such orders which shoult he light of day until the go saw fit. The offer of the Prea fair one if the member for Deformulate a specific request it carefully considered, the reque hon, member as preferred wastitutional.

Mr. Oliver was disappointe

Mr. Oliver was disappointe attitude of the Government. I his application on the fact that been refused permission by the cial Secretary to see specific council giving number and dat was why he appealed to the Ho Attorney-General had placed hance first to the King and afte the neople; he objected to that, there by the will of the people first duty was to them. He me that now was the "accepted disclose the agreement. He decloday the railway company we ling for sale lands which the have acquired in violation of the have acquired in violation of the law of the province. Was not to cient reason for asking how the ed this right. The result of his