IN FINANCIAL GRAND OPERA

minister Asks For Fair Play and Excuses Deficits—Motion Made For Select Committee to Inquire into Election Laws,

Ottawa, March 13.— (Special.)—The house was less industrious to-day. When Hon, John Haggart was in the midst of his indictment against the Liberal administration of the Intercolonial Railway, the house adjourned till to-morrow. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways and canals, insisted this afternoon that he had laid upon the table his annual report last night, but copies were not distributed to the members

and as to the intention of the government to establish the same in Canada.

Mr. Roche (Marquette) at the same time will inquire as to the legal status of the district of Keewatin, and Mr. Merin as to the number of employes on the Intercolonial from 1899 to 1905 inclusive.

Mr. Fitzpatrick will move on Thursday for a select committee, composed of Messrs. Aylesworth, Greenway, Stockton, Ingram and Fitzpatrick, to inquire into the election laws and into the practice and procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the practice and procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the practice and procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what changes are desirable therein, with the procedure in regard to election petitions, and to consider what the procedure in regard to election petitions. repared to reply to the statement that Mr. Emmerson was about to make conerning the Intercolonial Railway. 'The tion was therefore agreed to, upon understanding that the opposition Moscow Fears Another Strike and hould have the privilege of dicussing

The minister found his annual task embarassing than ever. The Inonial deficit for the year ending 30, 1905, is \$1,725,303, as against amounted to more than \$4,000,000. The and resigned in a body. The name of revenue, however, meanwhile had in- the regiment is not given. creased by \$450,000. He was satisfied ma modest way that his management was all that could be desired. He admitted that for a time after his appointment that he had been engrossed in politics, but last July he had returned to Ottawa determined to make the Intercolonial a success. He related how he had made a tour of inspection. He had talked with managers, superintendents, and also with the humblest employes, trying to enlist their sympathetic co-operation. He waived aside the practical suggestion made by W. F. Maclean, that he might have taken a short-cut

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Following a Precedent.

Mr. Emmerson admitted that the deficit was appalling, but personally he had no apologies to make. The road was under the same manager and officered and operated by the same men who had operated it for years. He demanded fair play not only from the house but from the press of the country in regard to this deficit in 1905, and the unusual but unavoidable cause that contributed to it. He defended the practice of charging betterments to capital account, and read a letter from Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, explaining the practice of the C.P.R., and contended, amid many interruptions from the Conservative, side, that the government followed precisely similar system in charging up betterments on the Intercolonial. It was the system followed by every important railroad in the United States.

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benefited the commerce of Canada.

True, it had cost a great deal, but
the canals of Canada had cost more.
Vast sums had been given to roads
owned by private corporations. The
C.P.R., G.T.R. and others had received from Canada, all told, one hundred
and twenty-one million dollars in
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land, now worth from five to ten dolmoney, and fifty-six million acres of land, now worth from five to ten dollars per acre. The total cost, including all deficits, of the Intercolonial and the Prince Edward County Island Railway combined, total only ninety-four million dollars.

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Mr. Emmerson attributed the failure of the Intercolonial to its long and itortorous course, to the sharp competition it suffered from American railroads, and from water routes, both in Canada and the United States. Besides the road had been a "pack horse" in canada and the United States. Be-sides the road had been a "pack horse" for the government. It carried freight and did many things for which it did not receive a dollar. This service was

still hoped that the road could and would pay its way soon. The government had never considered any pro-position involving the sale of the road. Hon. John Haggart, ex-minister of Hon. John Haggart, ex-minister of railways and canals, in replying to Mr. Emmerson, called attention to the fact that the burden of loss from the Intercolonial had grown twenty-four million dollars since the Laurier government came into power. He ridiculed the excuses made by the minister for the deficit. He had spoken of the road carrying coal at a loss from the Maritime Provinces to the farmers of the Northwest. God help the past year it had carried, all told, but \$600 to the farmers is the will.

New York. March 13.—According to definite Workers of America, called in response to the request of President Roosevelt to make efforts to avert a strike of all coal miners in the Unit-trade operator, makes a bequest of \$20,000 to provide a home for his pet fox terrier, Bill, and \$300 to care for his riding horse, King.

An income of \$50 a month goes to his brother-in-law. John T. Spafford, and \$3000 a year to Wm. K. Gore, who is made executor to carry out the provisions of the will.

The Watts estate is valued at \$100,000.

Battery Zincs, all kinds. The Canada Metal Co, time Provinces to the farmers of the Northwest. God help the farmers if they had to rely upon the Intercolonial for fuel. During the past year it had carried, all told, but 6000 tons of coal. The past ten years had been years of great prosperity, but the Intercolonial seemed unable to gets its share. Between Montreal and Halifax it paralleled the C.P.R., and had the shortest and best route. It ran the same number of trains and should have secured the bul kof the trade. Yet out of eighteen thousand passengers carried the minister's own report showed that his road had secured but fifteen hundred. Utter inconpetency had marked his administration.

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The speaker was not surprised the Mr. Emmerson preferred to talk about something else. One good thing he had done, however, by rambling from the subject. He had refuted the absulute statement recently made by Sir Richard Cartwright that Sir John was on proved to confederation.

EMMERSON ON DEFENCE

Troops Are Massing---Czar Addresses Deputation.

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THE WESTERN MOVEMENT

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An experienced mixer of delightful peverages was asked the other day what he thought of Tona-Cola. He said he had never tasted a "soft drink" that had so much merit in it as Tona-Cola. It is delicious to the taste, and has a positively beneficial tonic and stimulating effect. Sold at soda fountains and hotels.

DEAN SMITH IS STRICKEN DURING LENTEN SERVICE

Rector of St. George's, Kingston, Seized With Paralysis--No Hope Held for His Recovery.

in the Cathedral this evening. Canon

Dean Smith came here from Sher-brooke about twenty years ago to be

The very Rev. Buxton Birbeck Smith is the son of the late Rev. J. Smith, for many years rector of Sutton. He was born at Chambly Que., Oct. 19, 1946, was educated at Bishop's College, Lemnoxville, and ordained deacon in 1869 and priest in 1871. He was appointed rector of Sherbrooke, Que., in 1885, and shortly afterwards became rector of St. George's Cathedral.

He was first appointed a canon in the cathedral and a year later, in 1893, became Dean of Ontario.

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ing His Own Attitude in the

Prepared to Stand a Long Siege.

During Lent, York Springs Beverages are superior to all others.

Privas. Department of Ardecne, Ottawa. March 12—(Special.)—In the France. March 13—The population of senate to-day Hon. Mr. Scott replied to the Steamer Sierre have arrived her from of Couccuron, about fits Sir Mackenzie Bowell and was folmiles from here, is determined to de lowed by Hon. Mr. Miller, who desist the taking of inventory of the sired to explain his position. He had notified Mr. Borden that he felt so strong-church under the church and state its on certain measures passed last. separation law.

The doors are heavily barricaded and session that he desired to withdraw strong gratings have been fastened from his allegiance to the Conservative party as represented by the leader-party as represented by the leader-provisioned for a long slege, are installed inside the building.

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Georgian Bay Fisheries Commission,
Queen's Hotel, 2.
Presbyterian W. M. Society of Bloorstreet Church, 2.30.
Industrial School Board, 5.
Queen's Own Rifles, parade, armories, 8.
Mystic Shriners' banquet, Tempie, 8.
Princess—"The Shepherd King," 2, 8.
Grand—"Pretty Peggy," 2, 8.
Majestic—"Tracked Round the
World," 2, 8.

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NEW CABINET'S POLICY.

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destroyed, including Malaola, where berg, were removed to-day from the was located the finest cocoa plantation State Prison in Boise to the Canyon provisioned for a long siege, are installed inside the building.

BISHOPS' DEFIANCE.

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Chef, by Quick Wit and Work, Prevented Fire Adding to Horror-Woman Thrown 49 Feet Into Field-Toronto Man

Sudbury. March 13.—(Special.)—Particulars of yesterday's wreck on the Soobranch of the Canadian Pacific Railway are gradually leaking out, and it turns out that the accident was one of the worst that have occurred in this sec-