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present, so thanking you very much for your kind favor, I-remain yours sincerely, J. E. BEVERIDGE. Provincial Present address-91 Yates street, Victoria, Fritish Columbia. Later.—Since, writing the above I have received 80 more letters. I might say that **Guid Wife**

Abernethy need have no fear in sending dress and photograph. Now in consideration of the above torian Writes to Auld Scotia there is no reason why eligible young and Receives Nine Score men of Victoria should despair of entering the matrimonial state. The publica-

tion of this interesting correspondence should be as a beacon of hope to the Only Allows Cne, But There bachelor, and the Times believes that possibly it may result in the amelioration of his present forlorn condition. It is also a very fair advertisement of Vic-

It is to be hoped that the negotiations will end most satisfactorily and that if the writer of the above has been able to liscriminate in favor of one the 179 others will not despair, for "there's as good tish in B. C. creeks as have ever een caught."

SESSIONAL PRESS DINNER. Members of the Fourth Estate and

Members Dine Together. The Poodle Dog restaurant was the scene of a very enjoyable function last right, when the first sessional dinner of the B. C. Press Gallery was held. The project of a press dinner has been in con-templation for some time, and it took tangible form last night through the kindness of James Anderson, of the Simnd were an exemplification of rer rains but it pours." Their di-ilkameen Star, who became the host of the active members of the Fourth Esilkameen Star, who became the host of tate in the House.

The table was beautifully decorated with bouquets of cut flowers, roses and It was read a first time. cernations predominating, and the menu was of the most enticing character. A number of members of the House has Anderson's hospitality and the entire monpany was an exceedingly jony one. Hon. D. M. Eberts presided, having on his right the host, Mr. Anderson, and his right the nost, Mr. Anderson, and "Whereas these settlers have appealed "Whereas these settlers have appealed company was an exceedingly jolly one. Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway land belt Smith Curtis, representing the opposi-tion, while on his left were seated frequently to the Dominion and provin-Messrs. Garden and Green, M. P. P.'s. cial governments for redress; and The active members of the Gallery were D. B. Bogle and T. R. E. McInnes re- persons interested were represented by presented the Outside Press. in your valuable paper for a few will try to be as brief as possible,

justice to, the Attorney-General, who with the other members to the right of and with the other members to the right of the Speaker present was forced to retire early, owing to the caucus, offered a toast to the Gallery. He took occasion to compliment the members on the fair-son, jr., in 1900, to inquire into the matter, and the said Hon. Eli Harrison, n the last two or three years, to compliment the members on the fair-ot as yet found my ideal; and ness of the reports furnished by them

in some other parts of the world. journalistic fields for them, after a good deal of consideration, The toast was responded to ided to write thus, noping that iterson and charact that of the Government by Crown grants to the coal and base min-because I am a Scotchman, and Hon. D. M. Eberts; of the Legislature erals under their lands: fer a Scotch lassie to any other; by Messrs. Curtis, Garden and Green; of fer a Scotch lassie to my outer, by Messrs, Ourtis, Ganden and Orech, or opinion of this House the government and, because I would like her to the Outside Press by Messrs. Bogle and m near the place where I was McInnes; and of "The Recording should take immediate steps to grant the Angels," the stenographers, by Messrs, Weeks and Bennet. The speeches were At the request of Hon, all in the happiest vein, and contributed materially to the rounding off of the night's enjoyment.

carpenter and A tacit understanding was reached that the sessional dinner of the Gallery, so oman of the brunette type, with and eyes, rosy cheeks, and fairly auspiciously inaugurated, should become g; height from 5 feet to 5 feet 6 an annual feature, Mr. Curtis and the weight not over 140 mbs; age any other members expressing the hope that m 22 to 32 (27 or 28 preferred); it would lead to the cultivation of an esprit de corps among the members of dress; and as full of fun and mis- the profession in the province. The drinking of the health of His Mapublish this, and it should meet jesty the King, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the procee

description who would like to to a close at an early hour. STORY OF HARDSHIP.

Sole Survivor of a Party Who Reached Dawson After Terrible

A t, but scarcely expected such a of a party of six gold seekers in the making the returns applicable to fire as Copper river country comes from Daw- well as life insurance companies. This son, where the sole survivor of the little company arrived broken in body and int Kate:-As I promised to let mind.

the result of the letter I wrote According to this man's tale the treachhort time ago, I may say that I erous Valdes glacier claimed one of the party for its own. He disappeared in a fissure in the ice, descending with lightening like rapidity. The crevice nar-10wed down to a point where at a dis tance of 75 feet, the man became wedged between a wall of ice so firmly that he rering, and there are a few in found it impossible even to move. He at make out the addresses. As remained conscious and realizing peranswer all perhaps you will fectly that he was lost, gave final in- with amendm sh for the benefit of those who structions to his companions, who were ies that Victoria is con- powerless to assist him. In a short tim st and prettiest town to live he became numbed from the intense cold. telfic Coast. You can get a and his voice became weaker. His coma nearly all sides of it. To 13des remained near until no further the Juan de Fuca Straits, scund was heard, and after offering a ou can see the Olympian solemn prayer, marked the grave and

o at one time. Several rey inland. A raft was built for float-ring young girl ascended ing down a swift running mountain at one time, better a rey inland. A rait was built for hoar registranced ing down a swift running mountain star-gazer, and she is stream to the land of promise. On this second who had ever the party was tossed over a thundering this tax, and it was unfair to ask them a run of four miles we the party was tossed over a thundering to pay after reaching such an age. f this star-gazer, and she is In a run of four miles we ard and naval harbor 1spid, and the little craft was smashed to smithereens against the jagged rocks. The five men made a desperate fight for 60 years. He pointed out that a labore His Majesty's ships to smithereens against the jagged rocks. on lie. We have the The hve men made a desperate nght for 60 years. The pointed out that a labor-of the clies on this life in the cold and swirling eddies of ing man because of his avocation was. the two preceding sections if any per-the two preceding sections if any per-We have the forry to say Victoria is the mad waters. Three of them were regard to street never seen again. Two of them only he is beginning to pick reached shore; one severely injured inwe have too much of ternally and the other with a fractured The Chinese are about crm. They were bereft of all provision, have here. For years and being hundreds of miles from civiliz-have here. For years and being hundreds of the simulation of the si we have here. For years and being hundreds of lines from etries the formation of the member of the amend-the place of domestic ser-ation, were in deplorable circumstances. They had to subsist on scattered ber-ries and some bitter roots. After days of three years the people have get rid of them, and untold suffering the spark of life in the Mr. Turner on accepting it. There was and for girls. As reman injured internally was mercifully domestic servants, they extinguished. His lone partner for thir-0 to \$18 per month (a dollar is teen days wandered on without food. a girl that is a good cook can After that his life became a blank for Dressmakers and mil-\$1.25 to \$1.50 per day, and a period of twelve months, and when his in the absence of any such provision the senses came to him again he found himget as high as \$15 per week. other cities on the Coast celf among a friendly tribe of Indians, even better than here, with whom he remained for six months. Mr. Curtis's amendment carried. even better than here, He then continued his journey to Daw-son, and soon after his arrival there re-American side. Now, I

THE STREET TRUE TRUE AND A PARTY APRIL 23, 1990 VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1901.

Parliament

Old Men, With Limited Means, Exempted From Payment of Poll Tax.

Unpaid Taxes of Employees Not to Constitute Lien Against

Property.

Victoria, April 22nd. Prayers were read by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A. Petition

Capt. Tatlow presented a petition from the board of trade and bankers of Vancouver asking the House to endorse the amendments of J. B. Hobson to the Placer Mining Act.

Chief Commissioner's Report.

The Chief Commissioner presented the report of his department for the year ending December 31st.

First Readings. Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced a bill reported. Mr. Gilmour asked when night sesamending the Bills of Sale Act, and another to the act respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors. Both were read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Turner introduced a bill amending the Dairy Associations' Act. Sottlers Rights.

Mr. McInnes moved: "Whereas ceramber of memoers of the road Mr. Mr. Methics hoved upon govern-tain persons who settled upon government lands located within the present

"Whereas the Dominion government i represented by F. I. C. Clarke, of the Colonist; Otto F. Weeks, of the News-well, Esq., of Ottawa, to inquire fully Advertiser; Burce Bennet, of the World, into the matter, and the said T. G. Rothand John Nelson, of the Times, Messrs, well, after a full inquiry, at which all counsel, reported that the claims of the being accepted by the government. After the dinner had been done ample said settlers were just, and should be

after inquiry into the matter, but with amending the out the aid of any counsei, reported a first time. In the last found my ideal; and hess of the reports furnished by the source of the and of any counsel, reports a sare not so plentiful out here as and prophesied future fame in wider against the claims of the settlers; and "Whereas the claims of the said setn some other parts of the world. journalistic heids for them. fter a good deal of consideration. The toast was responded to by Messrs. The toast was responded to by Messrs. Whereas the claims of the said set-tlers are just, and the provincial gov-ernment should forthwith issue to them

At the request of Hon. Mr. Wells the olution stcod over.

Steam Boilers Inspection.

The report of the Steam Boilers In spection Bill was adopted and the bill read a third time. Assessment Bill.

The Assessment Bill was taken up in nmittee, with Mr. Hall in the chair. lapt. Tatlow moved that the clause requiring returns to be made by life in-surance companies to the provincial as-sessor at Victoria be struck out. Hon. Mr. Turner explained that this

was at the request of a large deputation of insurance men who wanted a comon centre to send their returns to Capt. Tatlow pressed his amendment, as he said he wanted Vancouver credited with all revenue collected there. His \$20 per annum, rental. terrible story of the fate motion, however, was lost. ' motion, however, was lost. ' Mr. Curtis then offered an amendment, former lease. No."

was carried. Mr. Helmcken asked what decision the Minister had come to in regard to a

reduction in the mining tax. Hon. Mr. Turner replied that he still had the matter under consideration, and ber for Nelson introduced an amendment its would come up in another form. The bill was reported complete with

amendments. Royal Columbian Hospital.

The House resumed in committee on

Mr. Curtis moved that all men be ex-

empt who are 60 years of age and have not an income of more than \$1,000 a

no doubt that a laboring man was unfit matters were more easily adjusted be- gratulated the House on having the Prefor work at sixty years of age. He hoped some day to see old age pensions, such as they had in New Zealand, but

An amendment by Mr. Oliver that can-nery managers be not made liable for

Mr. Gilmour offered an amendment whole question of the eight hour law, of the measure was not extended to providing for a reduction of twenty per cent. to those who paid the tax before March 1st. A long debate arose on this motion, Hon. Mr. Prentice holding that it dis-criminated against the poor man, who

was unable to pay at the beginning of the year. I be show that he was abreast Mr. Houston held that his amendment anticipating this demand. the year. Mr. Martin held this argument con-clusive, and wanted the provision for a reduction struck out in the section for

lecting off of his employees. The amend- too, held that eight hours was all that ment was lost, On motion of Mr. Curtis the section providing that the taxes of employees should constitute a lien against the carried. property of the employer was struck out. Mr. Neill introduced a motion relieving

the employer from responsibility until an employee shall have been in his employ two weeks. The motion was car-The bill was reported complete with amendment.

Protection Bill, Hon. Mr. Prentice said it was framed on similar statutes in On-tario and Manitoba, and provided to tario and Manitoba, and provided for orphans being cared for by charitable

eople. The bill passed its second reading, and was at once committed, with Mr. Munro in the chair. Progress was

ions would commence. The Premier-To-morrow night.

Mr. Garden asked permission to with draw the motion re timber duties, and a duty to the miners and this was the Mr. Neill asked for a belated return of scope of the bill. He acknowledged the Indian reserves on Vancouver Island. After Mr. Oliver had said that he naimo and for Nanaimo. They had would like to get home before haying, the also consulted the Nova Scotia act, but House rose

Victoria, April 23rd, 1901.

To-day was an eventful one in the louse. The government finally crossed the rubicon and brought down to the use a bill embodying their views on the railway question, which will be found in another column. Night sessions were inaugurated, and a considerable amount of routine business polished off the order paper. Late in the evening ssrs. Helmcken and McPhillips en tered a vigorous protest against the policy of the leader of the opposition

Afternoon Session. Prayers were read by Rev. W. H

Barraclough, B.A. First Reading.

Hon. Mr. McBride introduced a bill ending the Mineral Act. It was read

Questions. On reaching the question of Mr. Mc-Innes on the order paper, Hon. W. C. Wells asked that it stand two weeks. Mr. McInnes-Will the session last

that long ? Hon, Mr. Wells-Oh! I think so. The suggestion was adopted, it being inderstood that if the session does not last two weeks an answer will be forth-

Mr. Martin asked the government: (1.) Is the government reserve near Barkerville, better known as Steele's ranch, leased; and if so, to whom? If not, what is being done with said ranch? (2.) When said ranch was leased some ime ago, to whom was the same leased? Were tenders called for, and if so, what tenders were received? (3.) Was said lease renewed recently,

and if so, on what terms? Were any tenders asked for or received? Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "(1.) The government reserve near

Barkerville, which is known as Pleasant valley, is leased to Mr. S. A. Rogers. "(2.) To S. A. Rogers. Yes; tenders were received as follows: From S. A. Rogers, \$40 per annum, and Wm. Kelly

The Royal Columbian bill was read third time and finally passed.

Eight Hour Law Again. On Hon. Mr. McBride moving that the report of the bill amending the Metallifgovernment press to the "dangerous rous Mines Act be adopted, the memtrend of legislation" contemplated, and that capital could be twisted. But he as follows to strike out section and noticed that some members of the government couldn't trust capital and want-

substitute the following: "21a. Every person who, after the ed to secure part of the railway earnfirst day of January, A.D. 1902, being ings of the roads of the province. They The Royal Columbian Hospital Bin employed in cr about a metalliferous practically wanted to say how nine, in which mine the machinery here-The bill was reported complete amendments. Revenue Bill. eight hours in any twenty-four any direct acting, geared or indirect acting Demagogism was a bad thing. the Revenue Tax Bill, with Mr. Murphy in the chair,

Mr. Hayward moved that men of over 65 years of age should be exempt from poll tax. The Minister of Finance held that there were many men over that are a who ntains (in the state of Wash-se lofty peaks are crowned in the sourcection day. The next misadventure was after cross-11,100 feet in height, said to Were well able to pay the tax. The next misadventure was after cross-ing the high divide on the party's jour-Were well able to pay the tax. Mr. Hayward said there were more poor men over 65 years of age than in the next misadventure of the party's jour-were well able to pay the tax. Mr. Hayward said there were more poor men over 65 years of age than in the next misadventure of the party's jour-were well able to pay the tax. Mr. Hayward said there were more poor men over 65 years of age than in the next misadventure of the party is pour-the divide on the party's jour-were well able to pay the tax. Mr. Hayward said there were more poor men over 65 years of age than the next misadventure of the party is pour-the next misadventure of the party is pour-the divide on the party is jour-the next misadventure of the party is pour-the next misadventure of the party is pour-the next misadventure of the party is pour-poor men over 65 years of age than the next misadventure of the party is pour-the next misadventure of the party is pour-

older at 60 than a professional man at son operates any such machinery for son operates any such machinery for more than the period mentioned for the purpose of relieving another employee case of accident, sickness, or other though that offered by Mr. McInnes unforseen cause."

Mr. Houston said this made the bill ed Chinese from the working face. explicit and made the bill applicable to read the letter of the Premier to the Ot engineers of electrical hoists as well as to those of steam hoists.

Mr. Dickie opposed the motion. Such temporizing on the exclusion, and tween employer and employee. In em-bryo mines the engineers had an easy time, and this matter could be easily solved by the owners. In regard to troduced a bill. It was capable of present was a step in the right direc-tion. safety, mine owners were quite as cap-able as members of the House to judge workable. One of these amendment of what provisions were necessary for

of what provisions note the safety of a mine. Mr. Helmcken asked the Minister of all working below ground to have a knowledge of the English language. In knowledge of the English language. In any reason why a few of those at come out here, as I feel sure ceived information that his mother had do fetter than at home, and died from a broken heart over the sup-thaps stand a better chance of posed death of her son. The so full cound to fill our needs as a house-to the tax on their employees was defeat-the tax to \$5. The opposition and finally appealed to the chair. The Speaker sustained their objection, and a vote being taken on the section in-the tax on the section in-

creasing the tax it was carried, Messrs. matter had never been brought to his thought the measure should be effective. Garden and Tatlow voting with the op- attention Mr. Clifford said this involved the He asked, however, why the operation

Mr. Green opposed the adjournment of greater technical knowledge than a

reduction to a cannery man for col- in advanced properties. Medical men, not intend to do so. (Laughter.) an engineer in charge of such plants for representation on the board by the should be allowed to work. The motion to adjourn the debate was

Revenue Bill, On the report of the Revenue bill be ing considered, Hon. Mr. Turner and Mr. Gilmore offered a number of amendments, and the consideration of the bill

was laid over until to-morrow. Children's Protection

Hon, Mr. McBride moved the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Act Amendment Act. In doing so he said he did not think it was necessary to explain the necessity for such a measure after the eloquent speech on the subject which had been delivered by the

assistance of the members for North Nathe present bill went somewhat further than it. The examination clause was only fair. It was sought to determine that those who worked in the dangerous portions of the mine should be aware of those dangers. The bill was bound to relound to the protection of the miners Rules and regulations would have to be provided, and he would see that these facilitated the working of the bill. E. C. Smith expressed the great in erest he felt in the measure, troduce such a measure last session. He had asked the assistance of Ralph

nith, but that gentleman had told him the session was an emergency one and that there was no time to pass it. The accident which had since taken place at umberland made him feel responsible for that omission. Mr. Smith then referred to the efforts to shut Chinese out of the mines and to the fact that the Empress of China

was now on the high seas loaded down with Chinese. He would have preferred the bill introuced by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He believed in protecting both capital and abor, but his opinion was that capital was amply protected at present. He had

een a wage earner and an employer, and he believed good pay, good men, and good work usually went together. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said the Minister had shown a disposition to meet the demands of laborers by the presentation of the measure now before the House. Personally he was in a peculiar the House which suited his constituents and coal miners generally. In some re-

perfect right to voice the wishes of their

hurled across the chamber at them such

as "demagogues," "playing to the gal-

Reference had also been made by the

Demagogism was a bad thing.

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onstituents without having epithets

accept the compromise.

ries," etc.

A New Member.

different mines.

The division bell had just rung when Mr. McPhillips entered and took his seat, his first appearance since the extension of his paternal responsibilities. There was a volley of applause in the midst of which Mr. Helmcken asked when the member would be introduced.

Mr. Neill also supported the measure.

son why a coal miner should possess

show that he was abreast of his time by

Mr. Helmcken thought the provision

miners and the owners was a proper

one as it contemplated representation of

both parties to the matter. He also ask-ed that the Minister bring the bill

abreast of the times by providing for a

test of the powders best adapted for the

In Committee. The bill was then committed with Mr. Kidd in the chair. Progress was reported. The Railway Bill.

The Attorney-General presented a ssage from His Honor the Administrator, recommending the passage of a bill to authorize a loan of \$5,000,000 for the construction of railways and other important public works. The bill was committed, reported and adopted. The bill then received its first reading. Poison Bill.

The Poison Act Amendment bill received its second reading. It confers power to inspect druggists' books with view to ascertaining who have bought

Births, Marriages and Deaths. The Births, Marriages and Deaths Act

terest he felt in the measure, having Amendment bill, providing that the re-been asked by the miners of Fernie to turns be made to the registrar general nstead of the Provincial Secretary, received its second reading. Land Grants to Volunteers.

The Chief Commissioner moved the econd reading of the bill respecting land grants to British Columbia volunserving in South Africa. The to the way in which the volunteers had acquitted themselves, saying that they had earned faithfully and well such recognition. These lands might be taken up in any part of the province where up in any part of the province where they saw fit.

Commissioner on the step he had taken. He pointed out that the term "British Phillips) was going to act independent Columbian" might be interpreted to mean a native of the province and not one who went from here to the front. The bill was then committed, and progress reported.

Supreme Court Bill. Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced an amend-

pellant sittings, five of which are now held in Vancouver and five in Victoria. spects this bill was a better one, and It curtailed the total sittings to four for some common sense. The province was in others a worse one than his own. In the two places, with power for the not unrepresented at Ottawa. Although the present measure provision was made judges to have an extra sitting at each he was not in accord with the party in

ter. They could hire or reject a man af-ter he had passed the examination. Still vided for additional sittings for civil the province. He pronounced the he was a reasonable man, and represent-ed reasonable men, and he was willing to each in Vancouver and Victoria.

able to cut down the number of courts

to four. He saw no reason, however, for departing from the rules which allowed of alternate sittings in Vancouver and Victoria. He held that the provisions of the bill sought to divert legal business from Vancouver to Victoria.

was a wise one, as it was much more im- maxium one only. portant that these expensive suits should be disposed of than it at there should be plentiful appeal facilities in Victoria or vince's interests with joy. He a

portunity to refer to the need for a the portunity to refer to the need for a the competency of the province to pass emedy of court abuses throughout the such legislation as the present, and he Kootenavs.

The Minister of Mines regarded the bill as a great improvement on the old two provinces through which the same regretted the attempt on the line part of the leader of the opposition to raise a sectional issue. He pointed out that the arrangement was absolutely Mr. Garden epitomizing the false pofair to both cities. He wanted to see facilities provided for the Boundary country in the way of Supreme court sittings, as the growth of the section warranted. The principle of the bill had ly the amendment of the Attorney-Gen een endorsed by the bar of Vancouver. Mr. Green said he was glad that the Minister of Mines had visited the Kootenay and had recognized that most of the business came from there. He would like to take each of the men ers on an educational trip through

The Speaker then saw six o'clock. EVENING SESSION.

Small Debts.

A bill amending the Small Debts B'll eccived its second reading, and was committed with Mr. Hawthornthwaite in the chair. It was reported complete. Bills of Sale.

me up for second reading. The de- ment." ate was adjourned.

Dairy Association.

committed, with A. W. Smith in the chair. The bill was reported

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Assessment Bill. The report of the Assessment Bill was adopted.

· Petitions. Mr. Garden presented a petition from eitizens of Vancouver with reference to government ownership of railways. Mr. Gilmour presented two petitions of the same tenor.

Railway Bills.

On the third reading of the Chilkat & Kleahini Railway Bill. Hon. Mr. Eberts offered the following amendment: "That the following be added as new

'The company shall, before the railway is opened for the carriage of freight and passengers, give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council

" (1.) That the Lieutenant-Governorin-Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and pass enger, traffic.

'(2.) That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion government to the promoters herein for a line of railway over or parallel to the coute proposed in this act, the foregoing conditions shall be assumed and carried out by the company so incorported, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon' An amendment to the amendment was moved by Mr. Martin as follows: "That all the words after the word

'sections' be struck out, and the follow ing substituted therefor: " 'This act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the company

shall give security to the amount of one thousand dollars per mile of the rallway, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenernor-in-Council: '(1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor-

in-Council shall have the right to fix maximum rates for freight and passen ger traffic, and the company shall not charge rates higher than those so fixed: " (2.) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this railway company under the exclusive jurisdiction of parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be carried out by the npany so incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon. Mr. Eberts said he would accept the

amendment if the \$1,000 provision was stricken out. To this Mr. Martin consented. Mr. Helmcken protested against being

asked to support a measure which seem-ed to emanate not from the Attorney-General but from the leader of Her Ma-Chief Commissioner in doing so referred jesty's loyal opposition. He wanted to give his support to the government, but he was not prepared to follow the dictum of the leader of the opposition.

red his pro that the hey saw fit. Mr. Helmcken complimented the Chief to foist his views upon the dominant ly in the matter. He would not go back on all that he had stood for when he was before his constituents. He was a Canadian, and he stamped as disloyal the present proposal. The moment a road was declared to be one for the general advantage of Canada it was removed from provincial authority House. Personally he was in a peculiar ment to the Supreme Court Act. The had the opinion of Hon. David Mills on position. He had a bill himself before object of the bill was to reduce the apnot be the popular course. But he hoped he was sent to the assembly to exercise the present measure provision was made place. for representation of the mine owners place. It had been the course to have civil see what they had to do with the mat-see what they had power at Ottawa, they had taken the pro-Was the The bill also conferred power to gar-benches? To admit his policy on statute accept the compromise. There was a matter he wished to men-tion. The bill when introduced had been met with some heat. There was no rea-ton whetever for this. Members had a party for some motive, which was not apparent, could go back on their own policy. He for one was independent, and would never vote for something that would thwart the authority of the Do-

> Hon. Mr. Eberts said the legislature Mr. Helmcken held the complaint of ba ladder of the control of the ladder of the control of the source of the control of the source of the sou the leader of the opposition to be per-the rates. He had endeavored to do that. feetly groundless. He himself had heard He went further, and sought to make the learned judges state that there was no necessity for more than four sittings. Dominion charter was obtained. The Mr. Murphy, as an up-country prac- leader of the opposition thought he could titioner, was glad to see that some of improve on that by making the contract the sittings of the Supreme court were with the province a binding one. To to be cut out. The provision for hear- avoid clashing he made section 1 read ing cases promptly in the up-country that they could make the rate the

> Mr. Curtis hailed the decision of the him, however, to introduce the provision He failed to see the point in the criticism of the leader of the opposition that Vancouver was to be discriminated that Vancouver was to be discriminated would apply to railways which optimised and the point in the ed charters last session, but which had not yet turned a sod. He was inclined the point in the point in the ed charters last session, but which had not yet turned a sod. He was inclined He failed to see the point in the in the General Railway Act, s illustrated his meaning by showing the conflict which might arise between of railway ran.

A division being taken on the different sition in which a number of government supporters found themselves by the remark. "I vote with the leader opposition; he's the government." Finaleral was allowed to stand part of the bill.

Mr. Curtis then moved as follows: That the bill be referred back to the mmittee of the whole to insert in each the following as a new section:

"The plans, specifications and condi-tions of any proposed contract for the construction of the railway shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; and that the contracts shall be submitted to public ten-der and competition under such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in incil shall approve; and no contract shall be awarded, or work or material thereunder accepted, without the like approval; and no mortgage charge shall put against the line of railway be-The Bills of Sale Act amendment Bill youd the fair cost of same and its equip

Also to add a new section as follows: That no aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction, un-The Dairy Association Act Amendment Bill received its second reading and was



much the railways should earn. If this was There was only one thing more hateful in the eyes of God and man, and that was as "demagogue" on one hand, and "bloated capitalist" on the other. If the government would accept sev-

) eral amendments which he proposed to offer in committee he would support the The present measure had left out fire would have done so. His merely exclud He Dunsmuir said public sentiment would stand no

mier's support in the matter. Mr. McInnes also expressed his pleaworkable. One of these amendments should require certificates for all employ-