VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY CCLONIE ;; TUESDAY MARCH 25

Business Was Brisk

Legislators Cease Talking and Succeed in Clearing the Order Paper.

Redistribution Bill Read a First Time, Second Reading Monday.

Ministers Subjected to a Volley of Questions on Various Subjects.

exact terms of the contract, which the government proposed to sign. Capt. Tatlow also supported the reso-lution. He also took a fling at the gov-ernment for their having negotiatings through Mr. Greenshields. Mr. Ourtis read from a speech of Hon. Col. Prior, in which he was reported to have stated that a contract had been signed. Legislative Chamber, March 20, 1902. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m

Rev. W. Leslie Clay offered prayer,

Mr. Curtis, rising to a question of privilege, took exception to an editorial in the Colonist of March 20, from which he read an extract, as follows:

Mr. Houston rose to a point of order. ¹ He said, pointing at Mr. Curtis, "That is the greatest frand who ever sat in the legislature of British Columbia." Honorable, Members-"Hear, hear," "We do not say that Mr. Curtis does not believe those charges, because no one has ever been able to discover, from

his actions or his words, what Mr. Curtis. in his inmost heart, does, or does not believe. But we do say, and we say it

adversely on the government. He in sisted that the papers should be brough

that the House was entitled to know the exact terms of the contract, which the

emphatically, that these charges were not introduced by Mr. Curtis because

he believed them to be true, but from a

he believed them to be true, but from a sinister motive, and with an ulterior pur-pose. The truth of that assertion is abundantly contained in the method of his actions. He knew full well that the members of the House were against him to a man. He knew that they would take the first open opportunity of re-pudiating his action in formulating and presenting such charges. He knew that the government had but to ask the House to crush him and his charges together, and that the House would do so, not with the normal government majority, but by an overwhelming vote. He was care-ful, therefore, to bring in his motion for a committee in such a form that it could-

rul, incretore, to bring in his motion for a committee in such a form that it could-not be accepted; and his purpose was to insinuate before the country that the government feated investigation, because the ordinary forms of parliamentary procedure prevented the investigation from being granted in the form he de-manded. If the form was amended, he

manded. If the form was amended, he was ready then to say that the gov-ernment had insisted upon a tribunal which its members knew beforehand would whitewash their proceedings. There is his trick, his serpentine policy, as plain as black ink on white paper can make it. Imagine his surprise con-sternation and chagrin when the mem-bers of the government demanded an bers of the government demanded an investigation, and that before the highest and most impartial judicial tribupal obtainable in the country." He strongly objected to the language of the article, and he declared he would

not stand such criticism. He also objected to a portion of the report of the proceedings in the Colonist, in which the following passage was re-ported to have a set of the passage was re-

"Mr. Curtis appealed to the Speaker. "Mr. Speaker called upon Hon. Mr. Eberts to withdraw the words vile and

"Hon. Mr. Eberts-"When he made those base and 'cowardly charges he lied.' "Mr. Curtis-forder.'

"Mr. Curtis—'Order.' "Hon. Mr. Eberts would bow to the ruling of the chair, but he declared he could not find words strong enough to express his indignation of the conduct of Mr. Curtis, who had struggled with the truth when he made the charges. "Mr. Curtis—'Order.'

could not find words strong enough to express his indignation of the conduct of Mr. Curtis, who had struggled with the truth when he made the charges. "Mr. Curtis—Order.' "Hon. Mr. Eberts—He would not say that Mr. Curtis was a liar, as that was unparliamentary, but he would use an expression made use of by Lord Salis-bury in the Imperial parliament the other day, and say that Mr. Curtis"

sisted that the papers should be brought down. Hon. Mr. Dunsmulr asked the honor Able member to cease talking and allow the business of the House to proceed. Mr. McPhillips supported the resolu-st tion. He argued that the House was hentilded to be put in possession of the instructions given to Mr. Greenshields in connection with the contract. Mr. Houston raised a point of order. The honorable member was proceeding to discuss a contract which was not before the House. Mr. McPhillips had talked more and wasted more time of the House than any other member. Mr. Speaker held that Mr. McPhillips was discussing the resolution. Mr. MePhillips continued his argu-ment, and was again interrupted by Mr. Houston, who declared Mr. McPhillips was talking to the galleries under the false impression that Victoria was the province. He would discover his error after the Redistribution Bill became law. Continuing, Mr. McPhillips insisted

was the total smount paid for the con-struction of said building? 5. In how many instalments was said amount paid? 6. On what date, and to whom, was each instalment paid? 7. If any instal-ment was assigned, by whom was such assignment made, and to whom? On what date? 8. When was said building taken over by the government? 9. By whom was it taken over? The Hon. Mr. Wells replied as fol-tows: "1. W. Irving, 2. James Ander-son and John H. Jackson. 3. \$3,460. 4. \$3,460. 5. Four, 6. 16th July, 26th full, 22nd August, 4th October. Cana-dian Bank of Commerce. 7. Each in-stalineut was paid to Canadian Bank of Commerce by order attached to each estimate signed by W. Irving, contractor, 8. 30th September, 1901. 9. Accepted by J. W. Murchison, clerk of works." In answer to Mr. Fulton, the Minister of Finance replied that no hoan has been arranged yet under the provisions of the Loan Act. It was deemed advisable to postpone negotiations on account of the unsettled state of the money mar In Members

Full Text of Redistribution Bill Brought Down Yesterday Afternoon.

The Legislature to Consist of 42 Ne ers instead of

Changes in Boundaries of the

Districts and New Divisions Formed,

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Redistribution Bill, presented in the House yesterday afternoon, which will the undermentioned boundaries, viz.: Commencing at a point on the east coast of Vancouver Island, being the northeast corner of Mountain district; thence westerly to the northwest cor-ner of Dunsmuir district; thence souther-ly along the eastern boundary of Alberni lectoral district as hereinafter defined. ome up for second reading on Monday next. The bill provides for four mem-

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Mr. Curtis then took up the question lution was in order, as it merely asked the government to consider the estab-lishment of smelters. Hon. Col. Prior said the government of the Royal commission, insisting that the members of the House should be the sole arbiters of the facts brought out in

Mr. Gilmour pointed out that the hon-

orable gentleman was out of order. Mr. Martin also objected to the mat-ter being discussed as a question of privi-

lege. Mr. Curtis allowed the subject to drop, but intimated that he would bring it up again in another way.

REDISTRIBUTION.

Hou. Col. Prior said the government were quite willing that the House should express an opinion on the subject, which was one of great importance, if Mr. Speaker ruled that such a course was in order. (Applause.) Mr. Green then moved the adjournment of the debate. On the motion of Mr. McBride, second-ed by Mr. Murphy: That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to cause to be laid before this House a return of all correspondence during 1901 between any member or members of the government and the Gold Commissioner at Atlin, with reference to the operations of the Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., to-gether with copies of all orders-in-coun-The Redistribution bill, the full text of which is given elsewhere, was brought in, referred to a committee of A bill to amend the Constitution Act was also read a first time. The amend-ment is rendered uscessary by the amend-ment is rendered uscessary by the amend-ment is rendered uscessary by the amendof the Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., to-gether with copies of all orders-in-conn-cil passed during the same period and relating to said company. Mr. McBride said his reason for ask-ing for these papers was that a good deal had been said in the newspapers about the action of the government with regard to the Pine Creek Power com-pany. The government, he was inform-ed, had acted arbitrarily in the matter in the representation of certain partles, and without due consideration of the facts. ment is rendered necessary by the redis-tribution act which provides for the elec-tion of 42 members.

NORTH VICTORIA.

Mr. McBride asked what action, if any, had been taken with regard to the election in North Victoria?

The Honorable the Premier, replied that no action had been taken. FIRST READING.

And without due consideration of the facts. Mr. Stables said that on his return to Atlin last fall, he found the supply of water had been cut off on Pine creek by order of the government, just at the An act to amend the Steam Boilers' Inspection Act was introduced by Hon. Mr. Wells, and read a first time.

INFORMATION WANTED. Mr. McBride asked if the govern-ment would have a large map prepared, showing the new electoral divisions ment would have a large may divisions showing the new electoral divisions created by the Redistribution Bill? Hon. Mr. Eberts said his object in the consideration of the bill delaying the consideration of the bill till Monday was that he might have

such a map or maps prepared for the convenience of members. MOTIONS.

by order of the government, just at the time that the miners were preparing for their yearly clean-up. He had seen the Gold Commissioner and communicated with the government asking that the water be turned on. There was some delay in acting upon his request, and by the time the water was turned on several of the miners had left the dis-trict in disgust, while those who re-mained had only time to make a partial clean up. The matter was still unsettled and if it was not attended to at once it would work a great hardship to the miners. The Sunset Mining company would be unable to work during this season, and 400 or 500 men would be thrown out of employment. He called upon the government to take immediate action and remedy the harm which had been done. Mr. Helmcken moved for copies of the instructions given to Mr. Greenshields, K. C., the accredited agent of the prov-insial government, in connection with (a) the contract for the construction in British Columbia of the Canadian Northern; (b) in connection with obtaining the signature of the responsible parties been done. Mr. Curtis also supported the resolu-

he signature of the responsible parado to the contract for its construction. Hon. Mr. Wells said the government had a decided objection to bringing down these papers. He thought the ex-Hon. Col. Prior said Mr. Stables had

down these papers. He thought the ex-planations given yesterday should be sufficient. He might say that certain modifications of the contract were under consideration, and a conference was ar-ranged between the government and rep-resentatives of the Canadian Northern. He hoped the honorable member would withdraw his resolution. Mr. McBride warmly supported the resolution. He again brought up the Todd-McQuade-Munsie letter, and insist-ed that the House had a right to see the papers submitted to those gentlemen. Mon. Mr. Wells said the government could not show a contract which had not come into their possession. If the gentlemen had been shown a contract it was shown by some person outside of the government.

tion. Hon. Col. Prior said Mr. Stables had not spoken to him on the subject. Mr. Stables explained that his appli-action had been made to Mr. Eberts, acting minister of mines. Hon. Mr. Eberts said he had done all in his power to arrange this difficult matter. Two Mydraulic claims had been staked on the creek, and each had ap-plied for and were granted water to work the claims, from Surprise lake. Neither of them, however, had used any water on their claims, upon which the style. Individual miners staked a mum-ber of claims on the creek, and they asked the hydraulic claims owners to divert the water so as to supply their catims. This arrangement was contrary to the provisions of the Mining Act, but they were advised to secure power un-der the Water Clauses Act to sell water. He had advised them to apply for proper water records, which would enable them to deal in supplying water as a power company, and would place them in full proposing to operate their right to sell water they might be attacked success-till by any person who chose to protest. He was most anxious to have the matter settled, and was prepared to do all in his power to facilitate a settlement. Mr. McBride insisted that the goverriment had been grossly negligent. He Was shown by some person outside of the government. Mr. McBride continued to criticise the government and Hon. Col. Prior, whom he accused of securing his election under false pretences, in having stated that a contract hed been signed between the Canadian Northern and the government. Hon. Col. Prior emphatically denied that he had ever made such a statement. Mr. McBride reiterated his charge, and was called to order. He then arres Mr. McBride reiterated his charge, and was called to order. He then enter-ed upon a discussion of Mr. Greenshields' connection with the Canadian Northern negotiations, accusing that gentleman with acting at the same time for both partice to the contractor grave back parties to the contract-a grave breach of professional duty, which reflected most

The only occasion when the least alarm for the Prince's safety was felt was when a member of the party saw a man enter the Prince's car at one end while Prince Henry was on the plat-form at the other end, bowing to the crowd. This man was ordered out of the car. He hesitated and then withdrew. A for minutes later he was can working "Be it therefore. Resolved. That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to communicate with the Rt. Hon. the Prem-ler of Canada, asking him at such confer-ence to bring to the attention of the Col-onial Premiers the necessity, from an Im-perial as well as provincial standpoint, of steps being taken at once to check the em-ployment and immigration of Chiese and Japanese, the circumstances attending the passing and disallowing of the legislation of this House upon the subject, and to whereby suitable legislation by the Domin-ion government and this House may be allowed to go into effect without Imperial Mr. McBride moved the adjourneed

Interference," Mr. McBride moved the adjournment have time to consider Mr. McInnes' amendment. Mr. McInnes moved:

amendment. Mr. McIanes moved: That the government take immediate steps to gather all available data re-lating to the legislation of other coun-tries-passed for the purpose of— (a) Fixing the minimum wages to be paid wage earners: workmen at the stock yards might create a disturbance. Mr. Wilkie explained the reason of his change of programme to the owner of the packing house, and it was intended they should visit them privately. It was later found inconvenient to do so.

(a) withing the minimum wages to be paid wage earners: (b) Settling labor disputes by arbitra-Emperor William received a wireless telegraph message at 4 o'clock yester-day afternoon at Cuxbaven, from which it seemed the Deutschand was 90 miles away, while, as a matter of fact, she was only 20 miles distant. The Emperor tion, and the operation of such legisla-tion; and that such information be compiled and issued to the members of this House before next session. The resolution was adopted. Mr. McIanes said he favored legisla-tion in the disc. and his staff then sat down to dinner, be-lieving that they had sufficient time be-fore the arrival of the steamer. About tion in the directions indicated in his re-solution, but he deemed it would be unsolution, but he deemed it would be un-wise to attempt to pass such laws until the members of the House were posses-sed of all the information possible, through which they might be guided to legislate wisely. Accounts received from New Zealand and other countries which had tried the operation of laws regulating wages, arbitration, etc., were conflicting, and it was very desirable that the House should be put in posses-sion of reliable data. Mr. Helmcken supported the resolu-tion.

half-way through the menu, news was brought that the Deutschland was sight-ed. Emperor William then stopped the dinner and hurried to the quay. Here he had a long wait until the steamer was docked.

ELECTRIC CLOCKS.

Exact System in Vogue on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

ESQUIMALT ELECTORAL DIS-TRICT. TRICT.

ESQUIMALT ELECTORAL DIS-TRICT. (3.) That tract of land comprised with-in the following boundaries, viz.: Commencing at a point on the west accord Saanich late, being the south-esst corner of Shawigan district; there the sore line of the sweet coast of Yau-rocuver Island; thence in an easterly di-rotuver Island; thence in an easterly di-said island to Maclaughlin Point, at the following the said western boundary of Saanich electoral district to its intersection with Tod creek; Finnera ong the mencement, shall constitute one electoring the the set of Tod creek; Finnera ong the mencement, shall constitute one electoring the the set of the point of commencing at the northeast corner timuation thereof to its intersection with the shore line of the sweet coast of the said island to Maclaughlin Point, at the stite one electorial district, thence dense the following the said western boundary of Saanich electoral district to its intersection the shore line of Tod creek, Finnera ong the the the the said constitute one electoring the the bala constitute one electoring at the northeast corner timuation thereof to its intersection the add island to Maclaughlin Point, at the stitue one electorial district, thence of had contained within the following the said western boundary of Saanich electoral district to its intersection the the shore line of Tod creek, Finnerason the the bala constitute one electorial district; thence defined; thence toring with Tod creek, Finnerason the the constitute one electorial district; thene due west along stitue one district; thene the add constitute one electorial district; thene the designated "Esquimati the constitute one electorial district; thene due west along stitue one electorial district; thene the add constitute one electorial district; thene due west along stitue one electorial district; thene the add constitute one electorial district; thene due west along stitue one electorial district; thene the add constitute one electorial distri

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SAANICH ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
(2.) All those tracts of land other than and except Victoria city electoral district, hereinbefore mentioned, comprised within the Victoria, Lake and South Saanich districts, as defined on the Official District," and return one member.
South Saanich districts, as defined on the Official Control of Contr South Saanich districts, as defined on the official maps of those districts now de-posited in the Land office, Victoria, and which maps are designated respectively, "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Lake District," South Saanich Official Map, 1859," shall constitute one electoral district, to be designated "Saanich Elec-toral District," and return one member. ESQUIMALT ELECTORAL DIS-TRUCT Westminster district, and the

(16.) That tract of land comprised within the following boundaries, viz.:

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