

THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND.

Hon. Mr. Turner and his colleagues have now been furnished with the most complete evidence that their railway scheme is highly unsatisfactory to a large majority of the people of the coast districts.

THE TWO CASES.

Of the company who propose to build a Coast-Kootenay road with government assistance the government organ says: "The trouble is that their case breaks down at a vital point."

"THE GOVERNMENT IS STRONG."

The following excerpt from the report of the public meeting at New Westminster shows how the Turner is gathering strength: "Mr. Theo. Wilson said that, as one who had been a government supporter, he wished to say he cordially endorsed both resolutions."

Of the Laurier government's superannuation proposals the Monetary Times says: "Mr. Mulock's superannuation bill modifies largely and partly suspends that now in operation."

of five per cent. per annum, of which the government will be custodian, and on which it will pay interest at the rate of five per cent. compounded half-yearly.

Mr. Rithet can hardly justify his antagonism to the Kootenay railway by stating that Victoria is not mentioned in the charter. He can hardly have forgotten the persistent fight made by the leader of the opposition to get Victoria mentioned in Mr. Rithet's original Canadian Western railway charter.

Since the West Kootenay Light and Power Company is found to be so good an institution, we beg to move that it be given power to operate over the rest of the province. Is the amendment in order, Mr. Speaker?

The Turner government is exceedingly strong among its hired men. Montreal Herald.—It will have been noticed that Sir Charles Tupper is not very full of fight. He thinks that a government should go to the people after a change in the franchise and he does not want the Laurier government to press their franchise bill this session.

The Colonist says that "the government stands to-day more firmly entrenched than ever in the confidence of its supporters."

"CONSISTENCY THOU ART A JEWEL."

To the Editor: I have just received a copy of the Colonist with a distorted account of the railway public meeting in the city hall in your city on Thursday evening, in which they plastered fatty all over Mr. R. P. Bithet. I will deal with Mr. Rithet first. His only ground of opposition to this railway, he says, is that its terminus is not mentioned specifically as the city of Victoria.

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part of so many of Nanaimo's best citizens to Mr. and Mrs. McGreggor, and now that he has ten supporters of his favorable to the Coast-Kootenay railway to one for the British Pacific as per its original route. This railway is, one to benefit by the present superannuation act, the other to be excluded from its benefits, as is near to exact equity as is attainable, the only exception being where the line of exclusion is drawn at ten years.

The proper railway policy is to give a through line of railway to the mainland, and have large amounts on the coast in Vancouver and Victoria. The C. P. R. and Okanagan railway will never be able to keep up with the traffic of the very best of the Victoria-Vancouver and Eastern Railway company one year to eighteen months to build their line, but have them build the Boundary-Penticon section first so as to give the desired connection with the Shuswap & Okanagan railway.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The annual report of Mr. Tom Kains, surveyor-general, was presented to the house yesterday. Mr. Kains states that there has been a great demand for provincial maps, and in many cases it has been necessary to issue second editions.

Regarding surveys he says: "Owing to the importance of the mineral interests now being rapidly developed in this province, the activities displayed in the survey of mineral sections, it was considered expedient to adopt such regulations as would enable the department to prepare, from time to time, comprehensive maps of the various districts within the province, including the general topographical features of the country, accurately show the relative positions of all surveyed sections to each other."

The report includes a resume of the work of the U. S. Geological Survey in the Lillooet district; Mr. J. H. Macgregor, in the vicinity of Rosland; Mr. W. S. Dreury, in Alinawath and Sloan divisions; Mr. J. A. Corvell, in the Kettle River country; Mr. C. de R. Green, on Boundary Mountain; and Mr. W. D. Mackay, on Texada Island.

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DEFINITE PROPOSAL

Memorandum Asking Aid for the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern.

Premier Turner Promises to Give the Delegation an Answer on Tuesday.

At the second conference between the representatives of the coast cities, the promoters of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway, the ministers, held last evening, a definite proposition was laid before the government.

To the Hon. J. H. Turner and Members of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia:

Gentlemen: The undersigned delegates, representing the city councils of the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, and the boards of trade thereof, having had the opportunity of discussing with you this morning the proposition of the railway aid bill, and having partially ascertained the views of the executive thereon, hereby beg to submit for your consideration the proposal made verbally concerning the aid to be asked in aid of a direct line from the coast, that is, with a ferry to be operated from English Bluff, on the Mainland, as will secure the city of Victoria what practically will be the Western terminus of what is known as the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway.

The following apology, a copy of which has been received by Mr. Walter Morison, President of the Federation of British Columbia, would seem to close up the C. Wood incident:

"I, Charles Wood, hereby apologize for having published statements relating to the salmon canning industry in British Columbia, and I undertake to refrain from further publishing any matter or things connected with such industry."

In the Manchester Evening Mail of March 26 appears the following report of the police court case of which this is the outcome:

At the City Police Court this afternoon, before Mr. Headlam, Charles Wood, of middle age, residing in Kirkmanshulme Lane, Longsight, was charged with actually publishing a libel against Mr. Philip Wymann, the chairman of this finance board, the charge justified if he might afterwards be charged with actually publishing a libel against Mr. Philip Wymann, the chairman of this finance board.

Mr. Wymann also gave him a large amount, with a letter of introduction to the above-named company. Later the defendant returned from Canada with a consignment of salmon, and was allowed further opportunities in this city of carrying on his experiment as a salmon curer as a servant of the company, but again unsuccessful. Ultimately the defendant left the service of the company, receiving, besides his wages, a bonus of £25, but later he told Mr. Hodgkinson that he would ruin the company and "the quits" repeating the threat on another occasion.

M. Sarsault, a hotelkeeper at Alberni, lately ended his life on Friday last by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been drinking quite heavily for two weeks, and while partly under the influence of liquor had made two ugly dashes before the bar-tender could knock the razor from his hand. Dr. Watson and Pybus were immediately called in and he died of the loss of blood. It is thought that Sarsault will recover. He was an important witness for the British side at the Belling Sea Commission, which sat recently in Victoria.

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C. WOOD COLLAPSES. The Labelled Company Proceeds Against Him in Manchester Police Court. He Tenders an Apology and Undertakes to Refrain From Further Libel.

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FOR THE YUKON. Moran Bros. of Seattle, To Build a Steamer for a Chicago Company. Seattle, Wn., April 12.—Moran Bros. Company, of this city, have secured a contract from the North American Trading and Transportation Company, of Chicago, for the construction of a stern wheel steamer, 100 feet long, for use on the Yukon river, Alaska.

ONE HONEST MAN. Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed envelope the name of the person who is guilty of any crime, health and many straight after years of suffering from weakness, vigor, and natural decay, and lack of development.

FROM THE CAPITAL. Some Appointments Gleaned from Political Notes. Ottawa, April 10.—The following appointments are gazetted to-day: Alexander Mackintosh Burgess, Minister of Dominion Lands and Forests; H. H. Smith, placed a retired list.

RUINOUS WORK OF THE FLOODS

The Streets of Cairo, Illinois, The Heavy Rains Still Continue. Iron Bridges in South Dakota Away—Stairing Rumor Prevalent. The River Reported Still Rises Now Reached the Flood Mark.

Cairo, Ill., April 9.—The heavy Cairo has flooded. The heavy the last few days have raised until it first filled the gutters down town business streets, it flowed the sidewalks and small the floors of several business is still rising. For the last six weeks the stops have been in excess of high water. The water on the sidewalks on both Washington avenues. The pay around the customs house is inches deep in the water. The trial street railway tracks are inches under water on Walnut Street.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The people of the submerged district of the North have to the government aid voted to congress on Wednesday. We did call to the Red River of a million dollars' worth of property destroyed at Fargo, N.D., and of fertile territory abandoned. It was made to congress the mayor of Fargo. Yesterday prospect along the Red River North were brighter and this representative Johnson received glowing telegrams from the mayor of Fargo.

Jackson, Miss., April 9.—This all communit Greenville, Miss., during last the wife ran over the Georg road to Winona and from there Orleans via Jackson and the these wires have stood the flood and their loss at this time is not significant. It is reported, storms visited the delta last till communication is established flooded district cannot be head.

The Yukon river fell 2 1/2 inches place during the past twelve from a Medicine Creek watershed lake is going through Coshoim into the Sunflower river, and tion of country is completely cleared. The Southern railway nearly all submerged through the Jackson, Miss., April 9.—The day all wire connection with G. Miss, was lost. It may be S. The city for days has been Starbuck by the Mississippi. Telegraphs from Tall morning reported all levees far the construction of a stern wheel steamer, 100 feet long, for use on the Yukon river, Alaska.

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