(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)

Rough Weather In the North.

Steamer Tees Arrives From the North With Chieftain In Tow.

Queen City Back From the West Coast—Wreckage Reported.

After a very boisterous trip the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Tees reached port yesterday from Skagway and way ports. She was a full day behind her schedule time, the delay being caused by a heavy head wind in Lynn Canal and by the fact that the Tees towed the steamer Chieftain from the Skeena river to Victoria, the little cannery steamer coming down for an overhauling. During the last two days the Alaskan liner and her tow were in a heavy hail storm, making the position of those on the Chieftain far from an envious one. There were but 15 passengers on the Tees, none of whom, however, were from Dawson. Among them was Sergeant Pennifather of the N. W. M. P., who is on his way to Vancouver to meet Mrs. Pennifather and take her back to Tagish, where he is stationed. The Sergeant came out from Tagish with a team of horses, and reports travelling good, Lake Bennett being frozen solid from end to end. The road from Tagish to White Horse is, however, very rough. The first team to leave Bennett for Dawson started on New Year's Day, and now all the companies are operating. The road to Atlin at last accounts was still blockaded, and the White Pass & Yukon railway company were having lots of trouble on their line, the snow being very deep and the snow-plough out of order. The passengers by the Tees were: R. W. Miller, Mrs. Greenberger, P. Pennifather, E. Thomas, J. Little, J. E. McMahon, F. Stoll, T. A. Bunter, N. O'Hara, W. Portagla and A. Morley, from Skagway; E. B. Williams and Capt. G. W. Swanson from Port Simpson; Mrs. George Cunningham, Port Essington; and S. A. Spencer and two sons, Alert Bay.

QUEEN CITY IN.

Rough Trip From West Coast—Wreckage Found.

Steamer Queen City arrived from West Coast ports at 1:30 yesterday afternoon after a very rough trip. She brought the following passengers: J. A. Jensen, C. J. Robertson, G. H. Kirpatrick, H. Newton, Rev. Ellison, H. G. Hayes, Wm. Lorimer, J. McHardy and R. Donaldson. Twenty-seven barrels of oil, consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., were brought down. News was brought by the Queen City that the sealing schooner Sadie Turpel is in trouble, having grounded when entering Ahousett, a bad leak resulting. Efforts were being made to repair her, but it is thought she will have to return here. The Enterprise was at Village island, the Triumph and Viva at Clayoquot, E. B. Marvin and Otto at Ahousett, and the Umbrina was at Ucluelet, ready for sea.

The Queen City reports the finding of a quantity of wreckage on the beach between Carmanah and Clayoose, lumber being strewn all along the beach, together with the hatch, made of beechwood, of a schooner. The news was reported by the Queen City to Mr. Daykin, who will see that a further search is made. The wreckage may be that of the schooner American Girl, which left San Francisco for Port Hadlock about three months ago, but there are no marks on the portions found which are useful for purposes of identification. The Queen City sails again for the West Coast to-morrow evening.

WRECK OF THE HERA.

Owners are Satisfied With Examination Just Made.

Among the passengers on the Queen City from the West Coast was Wm. Lorimer, who has been to Clayoquot with a diver to investigate the condition of the wrecked schooner Hera, which Mr. Lorimer purchased. An examination by the diver disclosed the fact that the fore part of the schooner is intact, though aft she is badly burnt and the cargo in that part destroyed. The examination made proves, however, that the purchase is sure to prove a good investment. Further work will be delayed until spring.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

First Meeting Held in the Centennial Methodist Church Last Evening.

The week of prayer opened last evening with a well attended meeting at the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge Road. The speakers were the Revs. J. F. Vichert and D. MacRae, and the subject, "Confession and Thanksgiving." The programme for the balance of the week follows:

Tuesday, 9 p.m.—Calvary Baptist church. Speakers, Revs. J. D. P. Knox and Dr. Campbell. Topic, "The Church Universal."

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—First Presbyterian church. Speakers, Revs. F. Payne and W. H. Barraclough. Topic, "Nations and Rulers."

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Victoria West Methodist church. Speakers, Revs. H. Hughes and W. L. Clay. Topic, "Families and Schools."

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Congregational church. Speakers, Revs. D. Wilson and A. B. Winchester. Topic, "Families and Schools."

Thursday, 8 p.m.—St. Colombo Presbyterian church. Speakers, Revs. Dr. Campbell and J. F. Vichert. Topic, "Families and Schools."

Friday, 8 p.m.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Speakers, Revs. J. G. Hastings and A. Fraser. Topic, "Missions, Home and Foreign."

Between the ages of fifteen and forty-five the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years out of thirty! One-third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the form. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle. What a boon then to woman, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, dries up debilitating drains, heals ulceration, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate women organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do far woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

The Canadian-Australian liner Miowera left Brisbane on January 5th for Victoria.

LOCAL NEWS.

Assumed Command.—Major T. Benson, R.C.A., having arrived from the East, has assumed command of military district No. 11, vice Lt.-Col. Peters, transferred to district No. 2.

Serious Charge.—In his sermon at the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening, Rev. J. C. Speer stated that he had heard that a photograph of the Queen and the British flag had been torn down in a saloon and trampled on.

Alberni Mines.—Work has been suspended on a number of Alberni mines, the incessant rains making it impracticable to continue. Mr. Sydney Toy, manager of the Golden Eagle, is in the city and will remain until work is resumed.

Boy Found.—The nine-year old son of Mr. Bowden of the provincial reformatory who disappeared from his home in the Work Estate on Saturday afternoon, was found early yesterday morning on Government street by Constable Abbott. The little fellow said he had been kept out by an Indian.

Has Entered an Appeal.—The news is received from Dawson by the Tees that Editor D. W. Semple of the Gleanor has entered an appeal from the judgment of Judge Dugas, fining him $1,000 and costs for contempt in criticizing a pending case. The ground taken is that no opportunity was given for argument or defence.

Completed a Ticket.—The energetic suburbanites' committee of Victoria West held a meeting last evening and completed a ticket for the approaching municipal elections, which will be announced to a public meeting to be held at Semple's hall this evening. The ticket is headed by Ald. Hayward for the mayoralty.

Coming Home.—Capt. Haan and Harry Voss, two of the crew of the sloop Xora, which left Victoria for Paris some months ago, will be home on Saturday, having reached San Francisco yesterday. Mr. J. C. Voss returned home some time ago, leaving the sloop at a Mexican port, and Percy McCord, the other member of the crew, is remaining in California.

Natural History Society.—As was expected, the rooms of the Natural History Society were crowded last night to hear Dr. Newcombe's illustrated paper upon "Plants and Industries of the West Coast Indians." Many important points were touched upon by the lecturer, who by the aid of specially prepared slides and rare curios, personally collected, rendered the evening both intensely interesting and instructive to all present.

Officers Installed.—E. Bragg, D. D. G. M., accompanied by the following Grand Lodge officers—J. H. Meldram, G. W.; P. W. Dempster, G. Sec.; F. Taylor, G. Treas.; J. A. Graham, G. Sec. pro tem.; R. Drake, G. C., and D. Lindsay, G. G.—attended Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., last evening and installed the officers for the ensuing term as follows: F. Paine, N. G.; A. Graham, V. G.; F. Davey, Rec. and Fin. Sec.; C. Hayward, Treas.; R. Carne, W.; W. G. Owen, O.; R. Borthwick, I. G.; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.; A. McKeown, R. S. N. G.; E. Schafer, L. S. N. G.; F. Landsberg, R. S. V. G.; J. E. Sabine, L. S. V. G.

Long List Of Appeals.

January Session of the Full Court Opened Yesterday Morning.

Result of the Recent Examinations Announced by the Benchers.

The January session of the Full court opened yesterday, Chief Justice McColl and Justices Drake and Irving presiding. The full list of appeals follows:

Centre Star v. Iron Mask.

E. & N. Railway v. New Vancouver Coal Co.

Attorney-General v. E. & N. Railway Co.

Northern Counties Ltd. v. Nathan.

Union Colliery Co. v. McAllan.

Dunsmuir v. McAllen.

Rogers v. Reid.

Bank of British Columbia v. Oppenheimer.

Haley v. McLaren.

Sullivan v. Jackson.

The Centre Star v. Iron Mask appeal was adjourned by consent to come up on notice from either party, and Haley v. McLaren and Sullivan v. Jackson were ordered placed on the list. The only appeal heard was that in the Attorney-General v. the E. & N. Railway Company, the defendants appealing from the order of Mr. Justice Martin striking out the counter claim against the New Vancouver Coal Company. Judgment was reserved. Messrs. A. P. Luxton and E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., appeared for the defendants, appellants, and Mr. E. P. Davis for the Attorney-General.

The court will meet again this morning, the peremptory list for the day being:

Northern Counties Ltd. v. Nathan.

Rogers v. Reid.

Bank of British Columbia v. Oppenheimer.

Sullivan v. Jackson.

Haley v. McLaren.

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At a meeting of the benchers held yesterday morning the results of the recent examinations were announced. Messrs. E. M. Grant and J. P. H. Bole passed the preliminary examinations; Messrs. H. A. Bourne and F. C. Lawe the first intermediate; Messrs. H. L. Morley and J. K. Chatfield the second intermediate; and Messrs. W. G. E. McQuarrie and W. W. Walsh the final for call and admission. The last two were presented to the court by Mr. Davis.

The benchers also called and admitted and remitted the fees of Mr. Temple Cornwall, who is serving with the Canadian contingent in South Africa, and of Lieut T. E. Pooley, who has gone to England to ask to be sent to the front.

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The trial of Tagg v. the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company, an action for alleged wrongful dismissal, will come on to-day before judge and jury.

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Provincial Parliament.

The First Working Day Proves Deficient in Interesting Incident.

Want of Confidence Resolution Deferred — Plenty of Routine Business.

Contrary to the anticipations of the visitors who crowded the galleries, yesterday proved uneventful in the legislature—the house, by a division on Thursday, having negatived the government motion to take His Honor's speech into consideration before Tuesday; and Mr. Turner deciding to defer his want of confidence resolution until certain documents bearing on the question are available to him. The business of the introductory working day of the session was therefore confined largely to the adoption of resolutions in the hands of Messrs. Higgins and Helmcken, and the answering of questions put to the ministers by the senior member for Victoria City.

On the opening of the house with prayers by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay,

PETITIONS

were presented by:

Mr. Wells—For the incorporation of the East Kootenay Telephone Co., Ltd.

Mr. Green—From Major Pitts and others, residents of Sandon, asking for special legislation in their municipality, practically an enabling act to qualify the parties who have not now the necessary qualifications as to registered ownership of sufficient real estate.

Mr. Green—From H. B. Robertson and others, asking for a charter similar to and virtually covering the same ground as the Atlin Short Line charter of last session—which charter has lapsed.

Mr. Green—To amend the Municipal Clauses act.

Mr. Tisdall—From the City of Vancouver, seeking the amendment and consolidation of the city charter.

Col. Baker—From Robert Jaffray and others, to incorporate the Crow's Nest Pass Light & Power Co.

Mr. Kellie—To incorporate the North Kootenay Water, Power & Light Co.

Mr. Kellie—To incorporate a company empowered to construct and operate a railway from the northern boundary of the province at a point on the Dalton trail to tide water on Lynn Canal, to be known as the Chilcat Pass Railway & Navigation Co.

Mr. Helmsken—From the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway Co., seeking an extension of time for the construction of the several works provided for in their charter.

Mr. Helmcken—From R. Marpole and others, for the incorporation of a company to build and operate a railway from Vancouver to New Westminster.

It was during the presentation of these petitions—the majority of the government members having simply risen to "beg leave to present a petition"—that

MR. HIGGINS directed the attention of the Speaker to the fact that the practice of the house was being departed from, the rule of the past having been for the member entrusted with a petition to state the names of the petitioners, and briefly explain the nature of the petition itself.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

The presentation of petitions being disposed of,

MR. SPEAKER remarked that a want-of-confidence resolution appearing on the orders, the house, "according to custom," would permit this motion to take precedence over all other business, giving Mr. Turner (in whose name the motion stood) the floor.

The opposition leader questioned that there was anything in the rules of procedure giving the preference alleged to a want-of-confidence motion, and stated that he proposed to "pass" the resolution until another day, as he desired to secure certain information before initiating the debate.

HON. MR. SEMLIN objected to the suggested delay, urging that the presence of a want-of-confidence resolution on the orders was an inferential declaration to the country that the government had lost the confidence of the people. He held that it was improper to proceed to any other business until the position of the government had been determined—it having been challenged.

HON. MR. COTTON also opposed the holding over of the motion in question, and pointed the house to a parallel case in 1893, when, he said, he had had a similar notice on the paper and had wished to hold it over but was not permitted to do so. Hon. Mr. Davie, the then premier, contending that such a resolution should take precedence over all other business.

MR. TURNER replied briefly to the two ministers, citing cases of counter import; and explained that his desire in "passing" the motion was to secure fuller information in order to present his case.

HON. MR. SEMLIN advised, in this event, that the motion be dropped and revived by notice in the customary way when Mr. Turner should be ready to proceed.

MR. HIGGINS at this juncture suggested that it would perhaps be best not to go into the matter until the resolution was reached in its regular order on the paper, when it might be dropped if the mover or the house desired. He challenged the position that there was any ruling of a British Columbia speaker giving such a resolution precedence over other business.

Mr. Speaker confessed that he had not been able to find anything in the rules giving precedence as stated, and thereupon passed to the business of the day in its order on the paper.

PRESS MISREPRESENTATION.

Addressing himself to a question of privilege,

MR. HIGGINS congratulated the house and the members of the press upon the completion during the recess of the long desired gallery, hoping that there would no longer be any complaints of misreporting, the excuse in the past having been that it was impossible to hear what was said by members on the floor of the chamber. At the same time he took occasion to complain of the garbled, fictitious and improper references to the proceedings of Thursday that had appeared in the press, having apparently been telegraphed all over the world. He referred particularly to a publication in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer which, though telegraphed from Vancouver, purported to be a report of the house proceedings. It devoted considerable attention to the method adopted by a certain honorable member in reaching the house (with which he would have nothing to do) and then proceeded:

"The regular Vancouver steamer would arrive shortly after six o'clock, with Wells and Prentice, two interior government members, on board, and if the debate by any means could be spun out to that time, it would be an easy matter to save the complications of a reverse vote on the first day of the session. The principal work of the fight was placed on Hon. A. Henderson of New Westminster, the successor to Mr. Martin. The first half of the efficient turn-down of the government was accomplished successfully, and there it stopped. Premier Semlin moved that the house adjourn till Monday, and with the help of Mr. Martin, the opposition triumphed. The motion was voted down. Then Mr. Turner, the leader of the opposition and the ex-premier, moved that the house adjourn until Tuesday. The last two words were superfluous, but they saved the government. A motion like that allowed debate which would not have been possible if it had been otherwise worded. Henderson promptly took advantage of it. He knew that Wells would reach the house very soon after six o'clock, and if he could keep up the debate until that time the opposition scheme would fail. Martin and Higgins, the ex-speaker, did all they could to get Henderson ruled out of order. They interrupted him scores of times on points of order, but Henderson was too clever for the pair. He beat them at their own game. In reply to their continual interruptions he made plain his right to be heard. The interruptions of the oppositions grew more vigorous as the time drew nearer for the arrival of the Vancouver steamer, and Henderson still held the fort at six o'clock. Half an hour more of the wrangling took place and Mr. Wells walked in, with the cheers of the government accompanying him."

The reading of this very fanciful version of what did not take place, was punctuated with frequent laughter, and Mr. Higgins next proceeded to quote the "Votes and Proceedings" in contradiction of the imaginary report he had been dealing with. The records said:

"Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Col. Baker, that the house, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock on Tuesday next.

"A point of order having arisen on the relevancy of the debate, and the Speaker having decided same to be in order, Mr. Higgins appealed from the chair.

"The chair was not sustained on the following division: Yeas—Messrs. Semlin, Cotton, Macpherson, R. Smith, J. M. Martin, Tisdall, Deane, Hume, McKechnie, Kellie, Kidd, Kinchant, Helgesen, Munro, Green, Neill and Henderson—17.

"Nays: Messrs.—Pooley, Booth, Dunsmuir, Hall, Robertson, Ellison, Clifford, McBride, Jos. Martin, Baker, Turner, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Bryden, Helmcken, McPhillips, Irving and Higgins—18.

"Mr. Speaker left the chair at six o'clock."

Continuing, Mr. Higgins observed that it was a peculiar thing that this publication, purporting to be a report of the house proceedings here in Victoria, should have been sent from Vancouver. He entered an emphatic protest against the press gallery being used for the dissemination of such garbled and fictitious misrepresentations.

Hon. Mr. Henderson was also rising, apparently with the intention of discussing the report complained of, but was ruled out of order by the Chair, Mr. Speaker insisting that no debate on a question of privilege could be made permissible.

CONTRACTS FOR STATIONERY.

Mr. Higgins moved, seconded by Mr. A. W. Smith, "for a return of all moneys paid, and to whom paid, on account of stationery for use in the public departments of the province, from the 1st of August, 1898, to the 31st of December, 1899, together with copies of all agreements, or contracts, with any person or persons whatsoever, for the supply of stationery, and the dates at which that class of goods was supplied to the government."

Hon. Mr. Cotton suggested that the period to be covered might be made the fiscal year, which would possibly facilitate the preparation of the return, and this suggestion being accepted by the member for Esquimalt, the motion was so amended.

Hon. Mr. Semlin pointed out that the preparation of this return would involve a large amount of clerical work, and the return could not therefore be made within two or three weeks.

The resolution was agreed to.

TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS ACT

On the motion of Mr. Helmcken, a bill amending the Trustees' and Executors' act was introduced, and received first reading; being set for second reading at the next sitting of the house.

THAT PACIFIC CABLE OFFER.

Mr. Higgins, with Mr. Clifford seconding, next moved for a return of all correspondence passing between the Provincial government or any member thereof, and the Imperial and Dominion governments, or any member thereof, relative to the proffered provincial grant of one million dollars towards the cost of laying a trans-Pacific cable.

Elaborating his motion, Mr. Higgins expressed surprise that nothing should have been said in His Honor's speech on this highly important subject. He thought it strange that the government should have volunteered so large an amount of aid to any project without deeming it advisable to make reference to it in the address from the throne.

The motion prevailed, without discussion or division.

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Mr. Higgins, seconded by Col. Baker, moved for a return "of all correspondence between the government of British Columbia, or an ymember thereof, and the government of the Dominion of British Columbia, or any member thereof, all correspondence between the government of British Columbia and any person or persons, miners' or mine-owners' unions, relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899'."

This referred, Mr. Higgins explained, to the much discussed eight-hour law, in its operation in the metalliferous mines of the Kootenays. He had himself voted for the law in question and he was not yet prepared to say that he was sorry for having done so. At the same time no one could dispute the fact that its operation had been declared by certain of the large mine owners of the Slocan to have had a most injurious effect upon the development and progress of that portion of the province. He was again surprised to find—after the Minister of Finance had made what was described as a flying trip through the locality most interested—no reference to this very important question in His Honor's speech. It was a subject that was bound to come up—an issue that could not be evaded—and his object in asking for all possible information on the subject was in the direction of seeing if something might not be done toward reconciling the differences between the mine owners and the mine workers, who should work in mutual sympathy for the advantage of the country. He hoped later in the session, if permitted, to suggest legislation in the nature of adjusting the existent differences, in order that the business of the country particularly interested might go on as before.

Hon. Mr. Henderson asked for a fuller explanation of the proposed legislation to which Mr. Higgins referred.

Mr. Higgins replied that he could not at present speak in other than general terms. He hoped to see legislation adopted that would restore harmonious relations between the miners and the mine owners of the Slocan—and this was all that he thought he could say at the present juncture.

The resolution was agreed to.

LABOR REGULATION ACT.

Mr. Helmcken moved, Mr. Ralph Smith seconding, for a return "of all correspondence, memorials and documents between the Dominion government and the Provincial government, relative to the disallowance by the Dominion government of the 'Labor Regulation Act, 1899,' or legislation of a similar character since the return presented on the 18th January, 1899."

The house and country had seen the disallowance of this legislation, the senior member for Victoria commented, and also the adverse decision of the Privy Council on similar legislation. He therefore thought it would be well if the house were placed in possession of all the information available, in order that the exact position of affairs might be thoroughly understood.

Premier Semlin intimated that the government had no objection to the motion, and that the correspondence asked for was in such shape that it could be presented at a very early date.

The resolution was adopted.

COUNTY COURT JUDGES.

Mr. Helmcken moved, Mr. McBride seconding, "for all correspondence, memorials and papers between the county court judges of this province and the provincial government, or any member thereof, and between the Dominion government, or any member thereof, and the provincial government, or any member thereof, relative to the discontinuance of the salary as stipendiary magistrates heretofore paid by the province to each of the said county court judges."

These questions had been asked by him last year, Mr. Helmcken said, and the answer had been received from the gentleman then administering the attorney-general's department, and whose word was supposed to be law, that there had been no arrangement or agreement between the Dominion and Provincial governments for the payment of this portion of the salaries of the county court judges, in connection with the duties performed by them as stipendiary magistrates. He had then accepted the declaration made, but at the same time had held his own opinion, which opinion he believed to be shared by the Dominion government, that this stipend of $500 per annum should be paid by the province, as it always had been paid in the past. Such an agreement having been well understood and acted upon for years and years, he maintained that it was now too late in the day to question its existence or its force. There was evidently a strong difference of opinion on the subject between the late attorney-general and the Canadian minister of justice, and he asked that the correspondence dealt with in the resolution be laid before the house, in order that the matter at issue might be set right at the earliest possible date.

Hon. Mr. Henderson had no objection to the production of the desired correspondence, and said that it would be laid before the house at the earliest possible date.

The resolution was accordingly agreed to.

In the same connection Mr. Helmcken asked the Attorney-General:

"(1.) When was the salary heretofore paid by the provincial government to the county court judges discontinued?

"(2.) Has any agreement been made relative to the payment of the salaries since such discontinuance?"

Hon. Mr. Henderson replied:

"(1.) 30th November, 1898."

"(2.) No."

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

Mr. Helmcken asked the Premier:

"(1.) Has any reply been received from the Dominion government relative to the resolution passed by the house on the 25th February last, having reference to the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve?

"(2.) If any, what was the nature of such reply?

"(3.) Has the government taken any step, and if so what step, towards effecting the removal of the Indians from such reserve?

"(4.) Was any notice, and if so, what, given to the provincial government by any person or party relative to the arbitration of the portion of land required for right-of-way purposes by the E. & N. Railway Co.?"

Hon. Mr. Semlin replied:

"To (1) and (2)—Yes, and the purport of such reply will be found in a minute dated the 9th of August, 1899, a copy of which is presented herewith."

The extract referred to is from a report of the committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 9th August, 1899, and reading as follows: "The committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a despatch hereto attached, dated the 13th of March, 1899, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, transmitting an approved minute of his executive council which embodies a resolution passed at the recent session of the legislative assembly of that province, representing the desirability of early consideration being given to the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve. The superintendent-general of Indian affairs, to whom the matter was referred, states that on the 13th July, 1898, there was transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia a copy of an approved minute of the Privy Council embodying the views of Your Excellency's government in regard to the proposed removal of the Indians. That minute summarized the negotiations between the provincial government and Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, who was commissioned by order-in-council of the 15th July, 1897, to confer with the provincial government on the subject of the removal of the Indians, and referred to the fact that on the 16th December, 1897, the superintendent-general of Indian affairs advised the Premier of British Columbia that he had concluded that the second proposal submitted by Mr. McKenna was the fairest that could be made, and provided the most effective means of removing the Indians, for, if accepted, it would admit of a speedy and satisfactory settlement of this long-standing question, without the province being called upon to relinquish any right or give up any asset, while at the same time properly protecting the rights of the Indians. The minister further states that the proposal referred to is embodied in a communication addressed by Mr. McKenna to the Hon. J. H. Turner, and dated at Victoria on the 18th September, 1897. It is as follows: 'On the provincial government passing an order-in-council concurring, without prejudice to the claims of either government to the Indian reserves in the province, in the disposal by the Dominion of the Songhees reserve, the Dominion government will agree to secure within two years from the date of the said order, the removal of the Indians, and to fund for their benefit, subject to the laws of the Dominion in respect to Indian trust funds, the proceeds derived from the sale of the land comprised in the Songhees reserve, less such an amount as may be expended in procuring a new location and effecting the removal and rehabilitation of the Indians, and in disposing of the land in the present reserve.' And in the same communication Mr. McKenna pointed out that the provincial government's claim to a reversionary right in the land should not stand in the way of acceptance of his proposal, as that government would have as good a claim to a reversionary right in the capitalized proceeds of the sale of the land as it could have in the land itself. The minister recommends that as he is convinced that Mr. McKenna's proposal is the fairest and most feasible that could be made, that the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia be advised in reply to his despatch of the 13th March, 1899, that Your Excellency's government is prepared to act upon it as soon as the government of British Columbia signifies its acceptance of the offer. The committee submit the same for Your Excellency's approval."

To the third and fourth questions Hon. Mr. Semlin replied:

"(3.) No.

"(4.) No such notice has been received."

A MINT IN CANADA.

Mr. Helmcken asked the Premier:

"Has any answer been received from the Dominion government relative to the resolution passed on the 17th February last, having reference to the establishment of a mint in Canada?

"If so, what was the nature of such answer?"

Hon. Mr. Semlin replied: "The receipt of a copy of the minute embodying the resolution referred to was acknowledged by the secretary of state, with an intimation that the same would be submitted to His Excellency in council."

REGISTERS OF VOTERS.

"Mr. Helmcken asked the Provincial Secretary:

"(1.) Why were not the registers of voters for the Vancouver City electoral district and Nanaimo City electoral district included in the notice dated 6th September, 1899, cancelling the registers of voters for the electoral districts of Victoria City and New Westminster City?

"(2.) Why was the said notice not made applicable to the registers of said electoral districts of Vancouver City and Nanaimo City?

"(3.) Why was longer notice not given of such cancellation?

"(4.) Was the government aware that when the said notice was so published by the provincial secretary, the collector of Victoria City electoral district had given notice of the revision of the register of the said district?"

Hon. Mr. Semlin replied:

"(1.) Not considered desirable.

"(2.) Not considered desirable.

"(3.) Notice given was considered sufficient.

"(4.) The British Columbia Gazette of August 31, 1899, first published the notice of the court of revision, and in the following week's issue the notice of the cancellation of the Victoria City electoral register of voters appeared."

The house adjourned until Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT.

By Mr. Turner—"Has the government appointed anyone to the position of government agent at Quesnelle Forks? If so, who is appointed?

By Mr. Helmcken—"Is it a fact that an order-in-council has been passed remitting a fine or a portion thereof imposed upon Mr. Galbraith, of Duncan, for an infraction of the Game act? What official position does the said Mr. Galbraith occupy? What is the date of (a) the imposition of the fine; (b) the date of the remission thereof? What was the amount of the fine, and what was the amount remitted? Why was the fine remitted?"

By Mr. McPhillips: "What revenue was derived from the taking out of new free miners' certificates or renewals of the same where, were it not for the passage of the Mineral Act Amendment act, 1899, free miners' certificates in such cases would have been extended beyond the 31st of May, 1899?"

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Turner—For a return of correspondence in connection with the dismissal of Mr. William Stephenson from the position of government agent at Quesnelle Forks.

Mr. Turner—For a return of correspondence in connection with the dismissal of Joseph H. St. Laurent from the position of road superintendent, Cariboo road.

Mr. Turner—For a return of all correspondence in connection with the floating of the loan of 1899 in London, including a copy of the prospectus of the loan; copy of instructions to agents, and of the applications for allotment, and letters of underwriters.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—To introduce a bill amending the Evidence act.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—To introduce a bill amending the County Courts act.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—To introduce a bill amending the Coal Mines Regulation act.

Mr. McPhillips—For a return in detail of all moneys paid, and to whom paid, for legal services rendered to the government or any of the public departments, and the nature of such services, during 1899.

Mr. Higgins—For the appointment of a select committee consisting of Messrs. McBride, Prentice, Macpherson, R. Smith and the mover, to inquire into the condition of advancement of the lunatic asylum at New Westminster, and report thereon to the house.

Mr. Helmcken — To move that "Whereas resolutions have at various times been passed by this house for the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve; and whereas the maintenance of such reserve is a detriment to the city of Victoria; and whereas lately an arbitration has been held for ascertaining the price to be paid by the E. & N. Railway Co. for the acquisition of the right-of-way through such reserve: Be it therefore resolved that this house respectfully urge upon the government the desirability of this matter receiving early consideration, and such steps be taken by the provincial government as will ensure the removal of the said Indians from the said reserve."

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

Installation of Officers of the Victoria Lodge Held Last Evening.

There was quite a number of Sons of St. George assembled at their rooms last evening, the main feature of the evening being the discussion of the action of the Medical Association in boycotting the friendly and benevolent societies in Victoria. It was decided that every means be adopted to secure the services of an outside medical man, and to act in unison with the other societies of Victoria in the selection of one or two men. It was suggested that with the members of their families half the population of Victoria would come within the reach of the lodge physicians' practice, great regret was expressed at the action of the Medical Association in this matter.

After the subject had been thoroughly discussed, the delegates were appointed to represent the society at the meeting tonight in the A. O. U. W. hall. The delegates are Messrs. W. H. Price and J. C. Richards.

The installation of officers then took place, the officers being installed by District Deputy S. Greenhalgh. The new officers: P. P., A. Ward; W. P., H. Hallam; secretary, G. Penkerb; V. P., F. Jeeves; G. M., S. Heald; W. treasurer, H. Rines; trustees, J. T. Jones and J. Renouf; inside sentinel, Bro. Williams; outside sentinel, Bro. Levy; chaplain, W. Charlesworth; assistant messenger, Bro. Greasley.

In response to the request of the supreme lodge it was passed unanimously in the lodge that $50 be donated to the St. George's Transvaal contingent fund. Subscriptions will be taken from every member of the order; and it is intended that all the lodges in British Columbia will act in unison with Victoria lodges.

An appeal has been sent out by the supreme lodge for subscriptions to the Mansion House fund, and has been very liberally responded to by members of the order in the United States and Canada. The members of the Chicago lodge, according to the London Times, subscribed $50,000.

HUGH JOHN'S CABINET.

For Present Will Include Only Three Salaried Ministers—To Take Office To-day.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—(Special)—It was rumored in political circles that the Lieutenant-Governor insisted on Hon. Mr. Macdonald taking five ministers back for re-election. Mr. Macdonald was asked by a reporter as to the report and he replied that it was not true. He further said that his Honor had agreed to his taking three ministers back for re-election. The new ministers will be sworn in to-morrow and it is expected the dates of the bye-elections will be announced at once.

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Service of The Vict

Council of the Board Have a Conference Mr. Dodwell

Promises to Remove ances Which Are S Complained C

The council of the Briti Board of Trade yesterday i ence with Mr. F. Dodwell J. Maxwell, in regard to i steamboat service between the Sound. There were p meeting, Mr. L. G. McQua dent, in the chair; Messrs. Shallcross, Hartnagle, T man, Hardie, Simon Leiser C. E. F. Todd and Captain Co The chairman stated the meeting and called on the read the following letters, board's invitation to Mes & Co. for a conference; M reply and President War plaining the grievances. I

Msesrs. Dodwell & Co., Taco

Gentlemen: Your steamshi this city is the cause of seri and amongst others may be n of meals and berths, inconv curing berths, total unfitness for the service and fear of u of the Victorian. This ma taken up time and again by the citizens of Victoria hav mined that a great improve made. I am therefore to ask or to make it convenient to r cil of this board for the pu taining what can be done to ing the service. I may me council can meet you at a receipt of twenty-four hours

Yours faithfully,
F. ELW

Tacoma, Wash., I

F. Elworthy, Esq., Sec. Bri Board of Trade, Victoria,

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of Dec. 21st regarding the se this company between Victori Seattle.

The writer will be in Vic January and will be glad t board and explain any matte to require explanation.

We shall telegraph our y and arrange meeting with y body. In the meantime glad to have you explain mo is meant by the "inconveni ing berths?" At present it the people of Victoria to buy at the offices of the Great Northern Pacific railways a own office, during the ope route by the Puget Sound Steamship Company, our p was only possible to buy ti offices, and it seems to us veniences in this line have increased since we took the to

The remaining portions of y probably be explained in pers by correspondence.

I might add in closing that fortunate loss of the City of have made the very best po ments, and that in the quick fact may not be appreciated who are not acquainted wit ties of securing a suitable s is nevertheless true, as you asking some competent shipp

Yours faithfully,
DODWELL & CO., L
F. DODW

Victoria, B.C., I

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretar of Trade, Victoria, B.C.:

Dear Sir: I note what Mes Company write regarding which they have experience suitable boat to take the pla of Kingston, but I think it to everybody that they hav one, and that there are a n able vessels about New Yor and elsewhere which woul run. It is quite true what well say regarding the purc in Victoria, but there is no over the system which was late people, seeing that we secure tickets from Mr. Bla difficulty, and then we co the steamer was going to from. At the present time it business to inform the pu steamer is going from, and tice boards outside Dodwel here, you can get no inf.rma at least the information the regarding the sailing is su opposite what is the case member Mr. McCandless cross both pointing out the this connection, and I th well to impress this upon 'Then regarding the inconv ing berths; the difficulty especially referring was I they declined to give me, number of other people, be ing on board and securing purser. This was the case was running. Mr. Thom when I gave my name to office, said he would see t reserved for me and that reserved on the Yesler do after I had heard no less told they could not get a steamer arrived. There we as to when the steamer a

All these matters requi and I think it would be gr if Mr. Dodwell would in as possible when he is cause his letter states e and I take it the board posed to have any procr matter.

W. A

Mr. Dodwell being in the letters stated if that had to complain of, the never have been called other complaints he wo them. Those so far pr vial.

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Mr. J. J. Shallcross complaints of the unsa supplied by the Victor ing of the Utopia on th Victorian was off. He of the charges for mea

Mr. Simon Leiser c