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Some weeks ago J. J. Hill, the chief magnate of the Great Northern rail-may system, made a speech at Bismarek, N. D., in which he uttered certain wild untruths about the Canadian were more with a view of warning American farmers against emigrating to this country. He plotured its as a country will continue to the morth along the first search and to the canadian production. Brain in the mining feature with the carea and the production were more claim will not receive assent in Canadian production. Brain in the mining amunck, the state has shown an aggregate increase in wealth production. Even in the mining field, where the hindrance was directly felt, a small increase is apparent, and some camps, where conditions were more camps of it. Already the air is clearing and it is safe to say that Colorado during 1904 will not receive assent in Canadian production. Even in the mining field, where the hindrance was directly felt, a small increase is apparent, and some camps, where conditions were more camps with the care and the promises of the main artery to the main

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NEW CRE, Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the Northern Pacific shareholders, adjourned until today, was again held over until March 15th waste the decision of the United States supreme sourt in the Northern Securities ease, the court of appeals having enjoined the Northern Pacific company, which owns the majority of the Northern Pacific stock.



GOVERNMENT RETREATS

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Scandalous Work Done on Government House Contract.

VICTORIA, Jan. 28.-When the government announced the introduction of its bill to seat McDonald of Lillooet, the Times recalled the dismissal of Prior for failing to appreciate the meaning of the independence of parliament act, and suggested that as the cases were somewhat similar it was not unlikely that Governor Joly would vet the bill. McBride seems to have taken alarm, for he has now announced that this measure is to be dropped It is also stated that as soon as the days past session is over McDonald will resign, having made provision for some commercial venture in his riding, and that a bye-election will be pulled off. Me-Donald has not been voting in the railway in

house for some days.

Most of the afternoon today was such up to bills of little interest to British Columbians outside of Vanceuver island, which is more immediately affected by Hawthornthwaits' understood bill for the protection of deer. This measure reached the third reading after having its provisions extended for the protection of trout as well.

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Hawthornthwaite's hand is also seen in a measure introduced by the premier to secure to certain settlers in the E. & N. rallway belt their surface and undersurface rights. This revives the old squatters' rights question, which has been the subject of one eleminission and of numerous motions. The committee to inquire into the government kouse arbitration met this morning. Those who have seen the arbitrators' report say the arbitrators' report say the arbitrators delare their inability to understand the latitude which architect Rattenbury had from the department, and even the work which they performed for him. The arbitrators charge that is addition to the usual wastefulness and the resultant bill for extras, one of the marble mantels brought from Eng-land is also missing. This will illus-trate how effectual was the check prorefused for The committee re immigration act some Rossi

exonerating the government and de-ein doubtle claring that the officials have done bringing the their duty. The report is signed by all nite conclus the members of the committee.

Tre house will not conclude before
the first of next week, and possibly
not then.

TO LOOK AT **FINANCES**

The McBride Government Sends East For an Expert.

Premier's Course Discred its Him With His Own Followers.

VICTORIA, Jan. 29.—Today was subject to he tion, affected was no night sitting, and the discussion on bills was mainly a repetition of those in the committee surprise repeated on report. The supply committee finished its work, and the committee finished its work, and the committee finished its work, and the istimates are therefore practically out of the grip of the way.

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It now looks as though the house yould get through next week. A prominent government supporter today said there would be no railway legislation, to promised by the premier, the presentation being that the ministry is usable to reconcile the warring interests in this respect.

Sillison got back to the capital has right, and there was a caucus of government members this morning. The government it is said, has abandoned the enabling bill to seat McDonald, and is now bringing in about the seat for living the become vacant concurrently with progation. McDonald is intending retire anyway, and enter a compared a partnership with a brother-in-law of the premier, the firm getting the benefit of government contracts to inflict the seat of the premier of the pre

the benefit of government contracts in Edilocet district.

McBride is losing caste steadily, even with his own supporters. The latter are disgusted with his fulsome reference to the Socialists, whom he teclares he is proud to work with, and they say there is a heavy reckoning for him in the country when he cares another general election. Machine confidence and respect just as rapidly as his opponent is losing it. The commercial interests regard Macdonald as Miss Jean R. J. Millen R. J. Millen R.

The Socialists were unsuccessful to- J. Millen the secting the candidate's deposit reduced to \$50, and McNiven was also buque, masuccessful in his motion to substito the deposit a requisition signary of the deposit a requisition of the deposit and the deposit and

eute for the deposit a requisition signal of by fifteen per cent of electors where a candidate offers himself.

McNiven's model ballot was adopted by the house. It is black, excepting for the white circle for the cross, and the names are to be printed in white. The government announced white in committee of supply that they intend to retain Cross, who was in the amployment of the Ontario government. Of the Ontario government. employment of the Ontario gove.n-Greene, P.
ment in connection with the commission to ascertain whether there was
a surplus in that province, to serve
on the commission to inquire into Millen Rol

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