mals were being adapted, called out excitedly:

"I don't believe you own a single steer or ever did in all your life!"

For a moment the doctor sat petrified; then he rose and with evident emotion appealed to the Calgary spell-binder to withdraw those dreadful words; but Bennett was obdurate. Then the doctor appealed to the committee, but the committee with the best of good will was unable to deal with the situation. Bennett hinted

with the situation. Bennett hinted darkly at some burst of confidence on the part of the doctor in days gone by which accounted for his being so posi-

tive on the subject. The doctor denied that publicly or privately he had ever confessed himself to be a steerless

Col. Currie of Simcoe thought that railway construction was more needed in Ontario than in the boundless west.

He declared, amid vehement cries of dissent from the western members present, that the railways in the west were in advance of settlement; that

were in advance of settlement; that you could ride on a western train for fifty miles at a time without seeing a human habitation. Indeed he intimated that the farmer sold out and moved as soon as he saw a railway headed in his direction and went back 20 or 30 miles to locate cheap land and begin demanding better transportation facilities. Every grain grower in Western Canada, according to the colonel, was demanding that the government build an elevator upon his farm and supply him with three transcontinental railways.

Hon H. R. Emmerson suggested that it might be as well to cease chartering railway companies by act of parlia-

railway companies by act of parlia-ment. In the United States, he said

the charters were issued under the General Companies Act, and the sys-

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station. When my crop is ready I make it walk to the train." Dr. Clark by his speeches in and out of parliament has made his steers familiar figures in current Canadian history. They wind their way not slowly o'er the lea, but by fast freight over the international boundary line. The Underwood tariff law sent the prices for Alberta cattle soaring, and the doctor, having tried freee access to the American market, is calling out "Come in, the water is fine." Sairey Gamp did not refer more often to our mythical friend Mrs. Harriss than Dr. Clark to these far-famed steers. Imagine, then, his astonishment and dismay when Bennett of Calgary, goaded to desperation by the new rhetorical use to which these animals were being adapted, called out excitedly: LANGE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE Your Choice will be a GERHARD HEINTZMAN **PIANO** TVE the children the best piano possible. It is a mistaken policy to feel that any instrument is good enough. Give them a good piano and teach them to respect it as they learn to play it. A cheap piano fails completely to establish an understanding of true tonal quality. Furthermore, it soon loses even that degree of desirability which it may have had at first, and under the stress of constant "practicing" becomes steadily less valuable. Buy the children a Cerhard Heintzman Canada's Greatest Piano and leave them unhandicapped by any false standards. The GERHARD HEINTZMAN lasts a lifetime. May we send you a handsome book, ful'y illustrated and describing this famous piano? Convenient terms arranged, and your present instrument taken as part payment at a fair valuation. GERHARD HEINTZMAN 41-43 Queen St. West (Opposite City Hall), TORONTO

ON PARLIAMENT HILL

the report upon the National Transinental Railway by the royal commission consisting of Mr. F. B. Gute-lius and George Lynch-Staunton From a newspaper standpoint it was a mistake for the government to feed out the report in sections before it was presented to parliament. A bomb is most terrifying when there is one big sudden explosion. Again, the press summary given to the correspondents was distinctly partisan and no doubt

As yet the report has not been nder discussion and its content discussion and its contents from Parliament Hill. What effect grievances respecting the administration of the LC.R.

During the week fair progress was made with the estimates, the house going into supply automatically on Thursday and Friday. Mr. Hazen took the laboring oar and had little trouble. His deputies are old-time Liberals and the marine and fisheries depart-

trampled on some corns in the mari-time provinces and the opposition, no would require a review too extended doubt, will question his estimates and ventilate many grievances or alleged

have upon the attitude of the Grand And, speaking of Mr. Cochrane, it Trunk Pacific towards the road itself will be admitted by all that he comcan scarcely be hazarded. It has long manded the respect of the house by been rumored that the Grand Trunk his manly straightforward discuswould insist upon a revision and resion of the rather unfortunate mess adjustment of its contract with the at Port Nelson. Hon. George P. Gragovernment and will endeavor to be ham also spoke sensibly and with absolved from operating the road east great moderation in discussing the absolved from operating the road east of Cochrane. Possibly in the end we new road to the new north and the will have to link up the N.T.R. with problems involved in its construction, the I.C.R. as part of our government railway system. Possibly the Canada development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either place during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. As much cannot be said of some of the speeches delivered on either side during the development and operation. The scandal unearthed by the royal commission is gigantic, but no one will even hazard a guess as to what

easily victimized by the Canadian Pacific and other railway companies. When they were shown an act of parliament authorizing the construction of a road they attached great importance to it, and did not doubt that the certain and that is that if the govstead of Nelson the average Liberal would have said that Nelson was the place which should have been selected and the average Conplace which should have been selected and the average Conservative would have made the same arguments against Nelson which some of the Liberal back-benchers made this week. It will be remembered, however, that Mr. Graham, who really is competent to form an opinion of the promise to be implemented had will be done towards righting the wrong or punishing the grafters high and low who must have divided the some of the Liberal back-benchers made this week. It will be remembermade this week. It will be remembermade this week. ed, however, that Mr. Graham, who really is competent to form an opinion unhesitatingly endorsed Mr. Cochrane's choice of Nelson as the termin al for the Hudson Bay system.

> supply a resolution is offered to the effect that forty below zero is cold weather it must be voted down because of the fiction that to sustain an amendment to a government motion is supported the first of the fiction of the first of amendment to a government motion is equivalent to a want of confidence vote. The long-winded debates which last for a week or a month at a time in parliament consist mainly of set speeches to which no one replies and to which few pay any attention. To hear anything like crisp debating one must attend the railway committee. There speeches are made which aim to convince, and there is rapid firing and There speeches are made which aim to convince, and there is rapid firing and cross-firing between the members in which party lines are for the time ignored or forgotten. There have been while the Canadian Northern steamers, while the Canadian Northern steamers, and the conventions of the committee of the conventions two meetings of the committee so far

ter extended which authorized it to build branches from its Calgary-Ed-monton line to the coal fields and the oil fields of Alberta. The bill was in the usual form, and extended the charnew lines was commenced within two years and completed with five years' time. Mr. R. B. Bennett, who for many years was a C.P.R. solicitor at Calgary, moved an amendment that the extension of time be conditioned upon the road commencing construction within one year and completing the same in three. Briefly, he desired the long-standing two and five years' rule to be supplanted by a new rule of one and three. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford, who wanted another extension for a railway charter which dated back to 1909, opposed the amendment while Mr. W. F. Maclean of South York came to the support of Mr. Bennett with the declaration that we should get away from moss-backed conservatism. The proposed innova-tion, the somewhat radical, found immediate favor with the committee, and the bill was accordingly amended so as to require construction to commence within one instead of two years and to be completed within three years instead of five. It was agreed however. that the change should not be regarded as a hard and fast precedent, and at the same meeting the C.P.R. obtained an extension upon the usual terms over lines running from Ottawa up the Gatineau and way out thru Pontiac County thru the Ontario line. On Thursday, however, at the next meetof the committee the principle which had been commended on Thursday apparently came to grief. It was another Canadian Pacific Railway bill that was under consideration, authorizing new branch lines and extending old charters in Saskatchewan. There was greater demand so far as the peeds of the settler were concerned for needs of the settler were concerned for speedy construction in Saskatchewan than there had been in Alberta, yet the committee reversed its ruling and permitted the old-fashioned twovears-to-begin and five-to-finish to re-

The debate was interesting and at times amusing as the disputants waxed warm. Dr. Clark, the free trade statesman from Red Deer, said he was in the ranching business and therefore perfectly satisfied to have his negreet

There is not much real departing in the house of commons, altho speeches are plentiful. Nearly every controversial matter is discussed from the standpoint of party, and you know in advance how the great bulk of the standpoint of party, and you know in advance how the great bulk of the money when the highways bill is passed was not explained to the committee.

There is not much real departing in the west, if Mr. Bennett and other western members are to be believed, so that grain must be transported by rail if it is to be sold at a profit. Just what the western provinces will, do with the money when the highways bill is passed was not explained to the committee.

Mr. Cochrane, whose honesty and public spirit is above all question, has trampled on some corns in the mari-

the Royal Edward and Royal George transferred themselves from Halifax ing, and the point in dispute upon both to St. John. The net result of this occasions is likely to be debated before double somersault was declared by the long on the floors of parliament and to prime minister to have been a negliseriously engage the attention of Cangible quantity so far as either city was
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At last Tuesday's session of the
committee, the Canadian Pacific Railment. If there has been no gain to Halifax or St. John, and no advantage to the Canadian Pacific, or to the Canadian Northern, there has certainly been no advantage to the government, from the curious play of forces which kept Halifax and St. John, N.B., at fever heat for many months with a good deal of inflammation still in evi-

dence, at least so far as St. John is The rivalry between Halifax and St. John is of long standing and it would be dangerous for any one, even at this distance, to suggest a preference for either port. Just at present the facilities of both are inadequate. The harbor front at Halifax is intelerably consecuted and impediate available of the standard and impediate according to the standard acc gested and immediate expansion is made impossible by the navy yard and other property belonging to the imperial government. The new plan new being carried into execution transfers the harbor front much nearer to the sea, and gives over to shipping facilities a large residential district, but it will be some time before this plan, which is truly gigantic, can be carried out. The present harbor at St. John is small, but vast dredging operations at Courtney Bay are expected to greatly increase its capacity. Meanwhile it may be admitted that some difficulty would be experienced in finding berths either port.

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They are fierce politicians down by So far, so good. The Canadian Pa- the sea, and the citizens of St. John of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The extent. The town fairly boiled over canadian Northern and other companies having no railway facilities of haste to Ottawa. The government their own in the maritime provinces hesitated and paltered respecting the were free to choose either port, and traffic agreement and St John grew it happened that the Allan Line and every day more sulky and morose.

Then suddenly, like manna falling

which had no line to Halifax, made that city its winter port. Then it came out that the Canadian Pacific had made a contract with the Intercolonial for the carriage of its passengers, mail, freight and express, oetween St. John and Halifax. The Intercolonial Railway was to haul the Royal Edward and the Royal Edward and the Royal Royal George. They seem to have the said to be the tallest stead to be the tallest stead. freight at \$300 per train, and passen-known what was going to happen in gers at a rate which amounted to St. John before it was known in Haliabout \$2 per head. In short the Canada at Indeed, the royal steamers were dian Pacific buying transportation well across the Bay of Fundy before the foundation 400 ft. 1 in.

Dominion Government brought pres-sure to bear upon the Canadian Nor-thern and practically ferced that company to bring consolution to St.

A god many questions of public policy are involved in the whole matter which are far more important than the rival contentions of Halifax and St. John, but meanwhile neither city is any too well pleased, and each is inclined to think that the govern-Intercolonial has favored the C.P.R with railways and shipping companie which notoriously combine to bring

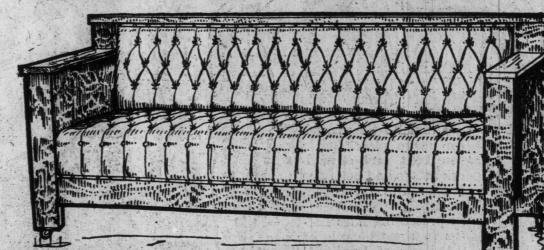
dian Pacific buying transportation well across the Bay of Fundy before wholesale got at for about one-half Mr. D. B Hanna of the Canadian Northe price—in the case of passengers there would admit to the people of for about one-third of the price—Halifax that their removal was even which the ordinary citizen of Nova under consideration.

Scotia or New Brunswick had to pay. Far fields are the greenest. St. John This agreement was made on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway by Edward and Royal George, but they for in inside the brick lining, and 30 ft. In the Intercolonial by Mr. Gutelius and Empresses. Halifax is taking the Empresses the Bay of Fundy before the top of the top of the foundation 400 ft. 1 in the top of the top of the foundation 400 ft. 1 in the top of the top of the foundation 400 ft. 1 in the foundation perfectly satisfied to have his nearest railway station 15 or 20 miles distant.

"I raise steers," said the doctor, "and I want plenty of range for them to run upon. It is no trick for a man to sit on a horse and guide 20, 50 or 100 head of cattle 15, 20 or 30 miles to a railway of the steers, might sail either from of cattle 15, 20 or 30 miles to a railway of the steers, might sail either from of cattle 15, 20 or 30 miles to a railway of the steers, might sail either from of cattle 15, 20 or 30 miles to a railway of the steers, and on behalf of the can never take the place of her lost ing brick is supported on the legs of Intercolonial by Mr Gutelius and Empresses. Halifax is taking the Emling the circular steel angles riveted to the intercolonial by Mr Gutelius and Empresses to her bosom, but she hankers in railway rails and intercolonial by Mr Gutelius and Empresses to her bosom, but she hankers in railway rails and intercolonial by Mr Gutelius and Empresses to her bosom, but she hankers in railway rails and in railway railway

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or all our transatlantic steamers at For obvious reasons the Dominion Government has long refrained from showing any predilection for either port. The Laurier government undoubtedly epent more money at St. John than it did at Halifax, but then the Halifax harbor had never require dredging, especially when its spokes-man at Ottawa was the leader of the opposition. With the advent of a Nova Scotia premier Halifax may have expected, and Halifax is receiving generous treatment in the way of magnificent docks and terminal facilities. ficent docks and terminal facilities. There has not been so much work at St John, altho it is fair to presume that Hon. Mr. Hazen is looking after his constituency. It was because no government wished to discriminate between those rival and somewhat sensitive sisters by the sea, that all subsidized mail steamers were required in sidized mail steamers were required in the past to call at both ports. A ves-sel sailing from St. John was obliged to call at Halifax, which often meant a long and vexatious delay, while steamers with headquarters at Halifax were obliged upon their voyage from England to go on from Halifax to St. John. Each port complained of this requirement and last spring, when Postmaster-General Pelletier let a new contract for the carriage of the British

cific steamers naturally belong to St. have local pride and municipal John, which is the eastern terminus patriotism developed to a wonderful it happened that the Allan Line and the Canadian Northern settled on Halifax. But one day, last fall, it was suddenly announced that the crack C. to St. John that the royal steamers P.R. steamers, the Empress of Bright and the Empress of Ireland, would make their winter sailings from Halifax giving St. John the go-by. This caused great dole in New Brunswick, and people began to inquire why wick, and people began to inquire why mollified. They have the "reversible it was that the Canadian Pacific, falls" near the city, and not Saul of which had no line to Halifax, made Tarsus could change his views any that city its winter port. Then it quicker than a New Brunswick poli-

Montreal or Quebec in summer, and from either Halifax or St. John in winter. The vessel making Halifax was the Bosworth-Gutelius agreement, their abduction. Nobody in Halifax upon its return from England while the vessel sailing from St. John for a British port was not compelled to stop at Halifax.

ment in some way has favored the other. On the whole it looks as tho Halifax got the best of it and that the but there is no reason why other rail-ways should not get as good terms providing the government intends to have dealings and go into partnership