SPANNING THE NARROWS.

The Colonist, we regret to report, is as unscrupulous in its methods of conducting controversies as the govern ment of which it is the organ and defender is dishonest in its administration of the public estate. The Times minion government for better terms did not say last night it was not sure have been conducted by Premier Mcthat "even if one railway company Bride, will anyone undertake to say were asking an all-rail line at that our case would not have a better Vancouver Island seaport the chance of full recognition if it were matter would be of sufficient importance to compel the Do- journalistic supporter of the McBride minion government to take it up." We government, doubtless by reason of the did say we endorsed the position of desperateness of its case, has a con-Mr. T. W. Paterson that as soon as temptible habit of clipping sentences three railway companies came knock- into sections, mutilating them, and ing at the doors of the Island the nar- quoting as much of the said sentences rows would be spanned. We went far- as suits its dishonest purposes. This is ther than that. We said that even if an old and characteristic trick of our one transcontinental railway company contemporary under its latest dispen-"were particularly anxious to run its sation. The Times said last night, in trains through to some of the deep- discussing the base uses to which Prewater harbors of Vancouver Island-a mier McBride was endeavoring to consummation that will certainly come prostitute the better terms issue, that to pass, and probably sooner than some there was not the "slightest doubt that of us realize-the spanning of the nar- the public by casting the McBride govrows would become a matter of so ernment out would not only be improvmuch importance to Canada generally ing the chances of obtaining better that the Dominion government would terms at Ottawa, but would be taking be compelled to take it up and in con- practical measures to prevent the fur junction with the railway principally ther 'potlatching' of our great natural concerned provide for" the construction resources." That is a proposition, we of a bridge. Unfortunately the omis- believe, that will be endorsed by a sion of the word "not" in one sentence great majority when the government gave our contemporary an opportunity gives the electorate an opportunity to for quibbling which it was not slow to express its opinion. It is quite aptake advantage of, but the meaning parent now that the opposition was was rendered quite clear by the con- correct in its diagnosis of the situation text.

The Times is just as deeply interest- went to Ottawa, not with a bona fide ed in the development of Vancouver desire to secure better terms, but with Island as any institution or concern on a fixed purpose of creating an issue he the island possibly can be. We have believed would divert attention from as firm a faith in the value of the re- the revealed misdeeds of the governsources of Vancouver Island as the ment and possibly result in its securmost enthusiastic of the advocates of ing another term of power. Our rep the Seymour Narrows bridge. We be- resentative first submitted our case in lieved implicitly, even before Sir a characteristic halting and impotent Thomas Shaughnessy announced the way to the conference of provincial intentions of the C. P. R. with reference premiers and then refused to recognise to establishing an outpost of its sys- or even to discuss the terms proposed. tem on a west coast point, that the Representatives of the Dominion govdevelopment of Canadian transporta- ernment attempted to convince Premier tion business would eventually redound McBride that the final word with reto the advantage of Vancouver Island, gard to better terms had not been But at the same time we have never spoken by the conference, but he assumed that the bridging of the wa- would not listen. He had got the ters which separate the island from issue he went to Ottawa to obtain. the mainland would become a living He thought he could come back issue until at least one transcontinental with that flaming issue and railway system had announced its in- set the political heather on tention of effecting all-rail connection fire with it. He believed he could subwith our ports.

We believe every reasonable person lic to his own miserable, selfish ambiwill agree that our position is sound, tions. We believe he has discovered None of the railways mentioned as pos- his mistake. His hesitation about dissible users of the projected bridge have solving the Legislature and making his yet carried their lines as far as the appeal confirms us in that belief. And Yellow Head pass. None has announc- we have no hesitation in saying again ed its intentions definitely except the that by casting the McBride govern-Grand Trunk Pacific, which is undoubt- ment out our chances of obtaining betedly going to establish its terminus at ter terms would be immeasurably im the port of Prince Rupert. No one proved, because in such an event we knows, except those possessing inside could send to Ottawa a delegate sininformation, the manner in which the cere in his desire to serve the public, C. P. R. is going to establish its con- a representative really anxious to senection with the west coast. Anyone cure justice for the province. But at revolution in the existing system of the tions with the various provincial adcompany. These are hard facts. The ministrations. Colonist has a most touching faith in the wisdom, discernment and virtue of the McBride government. That government, we may assume, is deeply interested in any scheme that may be pened-something without precedent in brought forward for the development of this province. If our contemporary were to head a deputation and ask the McBride government to assist in the Seymour Narrows, would not the mem- changes in the direction of lower assurance that at least one railway inside of the House of Commons, and giving any definite promise of financial aid?

THE WEST AND THE TARIFF.

A most extraordinary thing has hap-

brought down by Finance Minister

The facts as they exist to-day are opposition, has expressed but one misthat any railway that may ultimately giving, and that is as to the possible desire to cross on to Vancouver Island effect of the United States taking ad- shutt cannot even rely upon the supat Seymour Narrows has about vantage of the provisions of the interfour hundred miles of road to build. mediate scale of duties. But even if If any one of these railways decides there were a menace to Canadian into make its terminus on any of the dustries involved in any action our shores of Vancouver Island, the work neighbors may take, which no one seriof construction will be carried on simul- ously believes, the American fiscal sys- the apostles of protection have been taneously from both ends. In that case tem is slow to respond to movements forced to bow to the popular will. the necessity for the bridge will be of the kind taken by Canada. There is immediately established, and it will be not the slightest probability, at pres- longer a party issue, and that it has built, largely, we presume, with the ent, of United States statesmen openassistance of the Dominion govern- ing the fiscal door an infinitesimal part would be primarily a work in the in- fear may be dismissed at once as a terests of British Columbia, we ven- chimera. ture to say the provincial government | So we were right when we said re- satisfaction it can from the belief that will give no assurance that such a cently that the growth of the West, the the N. P. in its modified form is really scheme will receive either its counte- increasing political importance of the making the country rich, that it has at nance or support.

says: "The leaders of the opposition liament is practically unanimous. The to thoroughly comprehend the good the view the public wil ltake when it may be supposed to have some regard triumph of the government is one of points of the old policy and how to ap- is asked to pronounce judgment in acfor the intelligence of the electors. But the most remarkable achievements on ply them in order to produce the best they give little proof of it when they record in the history of any country. results. insist on simply rehashing what they It removes from controversy the sub- A fear has been expressed that danfully threshed out on the floor of the were wont to rage most flercely. it may be well to bear in mind that the LEARN VETERINARY DENIISTRY

a government that will not plunder the province for the benefit of its peculiar tions.

. . . . THE BETTER TERMS ISSUE.

of British Columbia: In view of the manner in which Bri "Whatever else may be said of Mr. tish Columbia's claims upon the Do-Fielding's administration of the Federal finances, there will be general agreement that none of his predecessors were so happy as he in the conditions that prevailed in the country during their terms of office. Mr. Fielddelivered into other hands? The local ing's occupancy of the Ministry of not only in Canada but throughout the world there has been great commercial and industrial development with corresponding prosperity and great acimply increase in state receipts and abounding national revenues. Canada in addition to these things which she shared in common with other countries, was also the fortunate possessor of almost untold potentialities of new wealth in the shape of millions of acres of fertile land that only needed to be tickled with the plough to yield abundant harvests and to provide homes for hundreds of thousands of virgin soil new prosperity. A less able man than Mr. Fielding could have such favorable conditions. "We think that the financial policy when it said that Premier McBride

and arrangements unfolded by Mr. Fielding in his budget on Thursday last, will meet with general approval. Probably neither the extreme Protectionists nor the rabid Free Traders will be satisfied, but the solid business element in the country will approve of the middle course that the Finance Minister has kept. While, as has been said by men who a few years ago denounced the National Policy, that has ceased to be a party question and its general principles are the accepted basis of Canada's fiscal system, there is a general feeling that the tariff must not be raised so high that under its favoring shelter a rank crop of trusts and monopolies might flourish, like those which our neighbors across the line are now endeavoring to uproot. The experience of years has made it possible now to frame a tariff, not only more symmetrical than in the past, but also calculated to meet-the cases of individual industries and to encourage the establishment of new ones, for the proordinate the true interests of the pubducts of which the growth in population has made a demand that did not previously exist."

PARLIAMENTARY UNANIMITY,

The people of Canada are too busy making hay in their various avocations pay particular attention to academic Conservative friends really believe that it is the remains of the N. P. that is Rufus Pope from the consequences of making the grain grow and the factory wheels go round, and that generally is can see that if the C. P. R. contemp- the same time the very fact that the accumulating wealth in the pockets of lates utilizing the route first chosen Finance Minister of the Dominion the people, surely they are welcome to for a Canadian transcontinental line, pleaded with Premier McBride not to indulge their harmless delusion. At the day's dispatches from Nelson, B. C., same time we cannot but point out the tedly the route that should have been main and discuss the question further, remarkable change that has come over chosen if economy of operation had is all the proof that could be desired their tone. Ten years ago they bebeen the determining factor-such a that the Ottawa government recognizes wailed the dismemberment of the Nadecision must involve practically a no political dividing line in its rela- tional Policy and bemoaned the fate that was in store for Canada under the Fielding tariff. Even yet there is at least one solitary voice raised in parliament against the fiscal policy of the present government, there is one solitary individual remnant of the party which would be satisfied with nothing the history of Canada or any other less than "adequate protection." Mr. country. The opposition in parliament Cockshutt, the representative of Brantpractically endorses the tariff measures ford in the House of Commons and the special delegate at large of the Conconstruction of a bridge across the Fielding. The changes announced are servative Manufacturers' Association is marshalling forces of protectionists for bers of the government ask for some duties, and yet we hear not a word the purpose of convincing the government that there is real necessity for proposed to utilize the structure before only a murmur from interested parties increasing the duties on certain classes outside, about danger to Canadian in- of manufactured goods. It is manifest dustries. Mr. Borden, the leader of the that the appeals will not succeed, inasmuch as there is no strong force of public opinion behind them. Mr. Cockport of his friends in parliament. The present tariff has justified itself so completely in the eyes of all the people, the sentiment of the country is so obviously against increases of duties, that Hence we are told that the tariff is no been permanently settled upon a revenue-producing as distinguished from ment. Although such an undertaking of an inch to Canadian exports, so that a protectionist basis. Under the circumstances, while charitably permitting the opposition to extract all the portion of Canada that is showing the last justified the faith of its supportgreatest growth, would perhaps have ens, we cannot refrain from pointing The Vancouver News-Advertiser no a perceptible effect upon the hitherto out that it has proved a fortunate doubt believes it has finally disposed of mordant protectionist proclivities of circumstances for Canada that a govthe provincial Liberal party when it the Conservative party. Fiscally par- ernment has been raised up that seems

ment in power. It is appealing to the the Conservative press of the East has tors of the tariff. They have done their people, who are interested in securing taken upon the tariff. It is not likely work fairly well in the past-so well to recede gracefully from the stand it indeed as to completely disarm critihas occupied so long even now that its cism-and if there were any substanfriends like the Kaien Islanders or its position has been found to be unpoputial ground for criticism, surely the influential friends the great corpora- lar and untenable. But the West is persons whose special duty it is to unanimous, the following from the criticise could be depended upon to find Vancouver News-Advertiser indicating it. We have no fear of the Finance with absolute precision the sentiments Minister abusing the powers that may COUNSEL FOR CITY be delegated to him by parliament. His career as a public man has not been such as to give currency to a misgiving that the representatives of any other country are likely to get the better of him in negotiations. If under the provisions of the intermediate tariff Canada can obtain advantages in trade that are likely to balance any advan-Finance has been during a period when tages she may be asked to concede. such an arrangement will tend to the promotion of exchange. Exchange means the expansion of trade, and upon expansion of trade the future pros-

cumulation of wealth-conditions that perity of Canada depends. The Laurier government has been in power for ten years. The decade has contended that the water at Goldbeen one of unparalleled prosperity for Canada. It has resulted in the dissipaand the most remarkable feature of company could not claim a right to any this economic revolution is the conversion of the Conservative party to the view of the Liberal party. This proposition will be combatted, of new settlers, at once producers and course; but if the fact that the budget consumers, stimulating industries and speech of the Finance Minister indi- in the act covering this, Mr. Bodwell manufactures while drawing from the cated a tendency towards the continued reduction of duties and that not a solitary voice was raised in opposi- wanting it. This notice had never been

ONE RUFUS POPE.

The Minister of Justice called attention in the House of Commons yesterday to the allegation of Mr. Rufus Pope, once a member of the Dominion Parliament, that a judgeship had been offered for sale in British Columbia. The rules of the House did not permit of the matter being fully gone into. For reasons that are not apparent, but may be guessed, Conservative members of the House raised objections to attention being officially called to the slander publicly circulated by their wandering brother. But we trust the ation. matter will not be permitted to rest. No one believes there is the slightest foundation for the charge made by the ex-member for Compton. He was simply indulging an old habit acquired in the East. He made the statement when upon a political platform beside his friend Premier McBride, and doubtless he believed that such a statement would have a beneficial effect upon the using the water supplied. cause of his immaculate fellow-laborer in the cause of clean government. Doubtless also Mr. Pope believed he could indulge in such slanderous statements without being called to account for them. We hope he will be undeceived, exposed and compelled either to withdraw his charge or undergo the consequences. We hope the question designs of those who seek to shield Mr. his utterances. The Toronto Globe thus refers to the slander:

Compton, Que., as reported in yesternsinuates in a public address that 'a politicians to make up for what is lacking in ability with a surplusage of irresponsible slander. In certain circles this passes for effective political education. But when a man of Parliamentary standing not only utters scandal against the government, but slanders the judiciary, he must be brought to book, and if he fails to prove his allegations he must take the consequences. If the law has no hold on such a man public opinion must read him out of decent and honorable

British Columbia will agree with us when we say that if the only way in which better terms can be secured from no terms that could be secured would right to the waters. compensate the public for the inevitable consequences. We believe it is will not only conduct public affairs with due regard to decency and economy, but that can lay our case for better terms so convincingly before either a conference of provincial premiers or sons of reasonable minds would be the immediate result. Shorn of all sophistry and trimmed of all argumentative excrescences, that is the situation form before the public, and there cordance with the facts as established.

call scandals; things that have been ject around which the political battles ger to the interests of the country may Miss Maria Lawson, an efficient teachlurk in the intermediate provisions of er in the public schools of Victoria. A House and a decision on them given by We are not sure yet what position the tariff, or perhaps we should say history of Canada from her pen, not so much in the provisions of the-designed for use in public schools, has

PRESENT THEIR CASE

The Esquimalt Company's Side is Now Being Heard By the Full Court.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The argument in the Goldstream water case is still in progress before the Full court. Yesterday afternoon E. V. Bodwell, K. C., completed his argument on behalf of the city. stream was being used by the Esquimalt company for power purposes tion of some false ideas cherished in the ers conferred upon the company by the country upon the subject of economics, act of incorporation. In any event the waters except those appropriated and

In connection with the claim that a Option Secured on Desirable Property supply had to be kent available for the supplying of Victoria in case the city wished to avail itself of the provision argued that it was not a purpose of the company to provide water for the city until the city had given notice of made a satisfactory showing under tion does not prove conversion, we given, and no water could, therefore, be should like to know what it does prove. | said to be vested in the company for that purpose.

> for speculative purposes. All that was chair. for speculative purposes. All that was chair. The following members were pre-appropriated must be under the pur-sent: Messrs. R. B. McMicking, Geo. Mcposes of the act.

Mr. Bodwell pointed out that the ompany made a claim that although Brace. one else could come in and use any part of it. "In short you say they are playing

the dog in the manger?" said the hief Justice. "Exactly," replied Mr. Bodwell. "No, no," interjected Mr. Peters.

Mr. Bodwell said itwas the greatest the public. Continuing, he said this was done without any lawful appropri-

supplying of water to the B. C. Elecric Company was not within the mean- of prayer. ing of the act. It was attempted to base this right on the grounds that the Electric Company were occupiers of land along the pipe line. But Mr. Bodtion of land purely for the purpose of

He concluded that the Water Privileges Act of 1882 and its successor, was proving helpful.

the Water Clauses Act, aimed at exquired and unused water was vested in the crown for disposing of.

This morning the Esquimait Waterworks Company's case was proceeded with. A. P. Luxton, K. C., opened, He argued that by the act of incorporation the right was given to distribute will be brought before Parliament in water anywhere from the source of such a manner as to circumvent the supply to the distributing point in Esquimalt. There were no restrictions, he contended, put upon the company that the water was to be used for domestic purposes. As a matter of fact it was shown by Manager Lubbe that water "Mr. Rufus H. Pope, ex-M. P. for supplied from Thetis lake was used to drive a Pelton wheel in the navy

yard. going into the question of the rights which the company got to the plans for financing the new building. judgeship is for sale.' The gravity of lands and the water, the Chief Justice his charge demands attention to his said that it appeared to him that the statement. It is the humor of mediocre strongest argument which the company could hope to establish was that by their act they got an absolute right to all the waters as well as the lands within the watershed.

This Mr. Luxton contended was exactly what was claimed. The act. according to his view of the question, gave an absolute right to the waters and the company could do what it saw fit with them.

not affect them. This act was, he five with milk (daily), ten with grocerargued, intended to be a general act ies, eleven with clothing and ten with it proved fatal. Miss Cushing was applying to all private water acts pass- fuel ed after the date it came into effect.

Fred Peters, K. C., followed Mr. Luxton, and is still arguing the case the Dominion is by maintaining the this afternoon. He contended that the McBride government in power, then interpretation of "appropriation" and we would be paying too much for our "best," applied by Mr. Bodwell, was son, Henry street; Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. whistle. That is the situation in a Goldstream were appropriated under not the correct one. The waters at nutshell. If the government and its Goldstream were appropriated under the act when the company entered into brins, Miss L. E. Simpson, Mrs. Mess, favorites were permitted to riot and possession of the property. The whole Mrs. Thornton Fell, A Friend, Mrs. dissipate for another term at the ex watershed had been utilized by the McGregor, Mrs. V. Jacobsen, no adpense of the resources of the province, company and they had an absolute dress, Mrs. Heisterman, clothing and

HINDU QUESTION.

possible to select a government that Trades and Labor Council Will Send Resolution to Dominion Gov-

According to the temper of the meetpresented in an easily comprehensible their protest against the immigration single mattress is still needed by the which, had they been taken, might have of Hindus to go unnoticed. Quite a society. lively discussion on the subject took place, resulting in instructions to the other resolution requesting the Dominion government to enact a measure that will effectually stop the influx of this undesirable class. Copies were ordered to be forwarded to Sic Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Wm. Templeman, phonse Verville, M. P., and all British

Columbia members of the Commons. weder, of Dashwood, at the hospital A resolution was also passed requesting the Dominion government to died owing to the ravages of typhoid. With knowledge of farm stock and fair make such regulations as will insure. They drank water poisoned by dead education to work in an office. \$60 a tariff as in the inexperience of the min- been issued by the W. J. Gage Publish- make such regulations as will insure They drank water poisoned by dead

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Y. M. C. A. TAKE DECISIVE STEP TOWARD THIS END

Finance Committee Appointed to Develop Plans.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The regular monthly meeting of the held in the board room of the association The company could not hold water last night, with President Knott in the

ess, E. M. Whyte, S. Johns, risher, E. W. Whittington and A. J. the water might be going to waste no perous month, with receipts of \$250. The treasurer's report showed a pros-

The secretary's report pointed out that twelve men had secured work through the Employment Bureau, with eleven still on the list. Fifteen had secured board and room through the association. The educational committee, of which E. E. Wootton is chairman, reported successful night classes, with new shorthand department added, and Prof. Mat onopoly attempted to be foisted on the public Continuing he said this and German classes. Prof. Franklin Prein Jolly was reported billed for a recital on December 17th.

Mr. Bodwell further argued that the D. C. Reid, chairman, reported successful The religious work committee, through men's meetings, Bible classes and week physical committee, through E. M.

Whyte, submitted a flattering report, showing a splendid stand in athletics with pron ise of better things to come. The social committee, through W. B. well contended they were not occupiers Fisher, who was also visiting director of the land in the sense intended by for November, reported popular and efthe act. The company was in occupations of the land in the sense intended by for November, reported popular and effective social functions and a good social atmosphere in the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Clemence, for the membership committee, reported launching a member

cluding a monopoly like this being ac- developed plans for increasing boys' The enthusiasm of the evening centred

around the report of the site co who reported having secured a short time option on a valuable piece of property at a reasonable figure. The action of the committee was ratified, and they were instructed to call a special meeting of the board when necessary. A letter was read from the agents of

the building at present occupied by the Japanese also is extremely distasteful M. C. A., announcing the expiration of the lease in a few months. This notice with the long felt need of new and adequate quarters, moved the board to request the president to appoint a strong building con nmittee of seven to begin The president and the general secretary were appointed a fina

add to their numbers to develop sion and is determined to push the terests of the young men of Victoria.

THE FRIENDLY HELP.

Twenty-Eight Families Assisted During Past Month-Christmas Donations Are Asked.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Friendly Help Society assisted her return she began to fail. A second The Water Privileges Act of 1882 did twenty-eight families in November,

Donations in cash were very thank-It was not the intention to have it fully received from the city, a friend, ton and other parts of the province and apply to acts passed previous to this, J. E. Painter, Mrs. Moore, G. J. Bagand therefore it was not in the power shaw, Miss Blackwood, Mrs. Goodacre, We think the majority of the people of the crown to make disposition of Mrs. C. F. Todd (subscription for Nowater which it was contended was not vember), W. F. P. (subscription for November and December); Miss Blackwood collected \$3, and Miss Williscroft friends, and the sympathy of all collected \$3.40.

> thankfully received from Mrs. Ander-W. D. McDougall, Mrs. Jeffs, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Wilsack of potatoes.

Donations of clothing, etc.

ments were made for the Xmas work evening last the temporary office of the society. As in former years, boxes containing some of the good things of the season, together with bills and coin amounting to \$1.700. articles of clothing, will be sent to each mediately the theft was needy family in the city. Donations of crews of the Egeria and Shearwater w There was a fair attendance of dele- cash, clothing and groceries of all mustered and searched, but without avail, gates at the regular meeting of the kinds will be thankfully received. The no money that could be recognied being before the Dominion government that a settlement satisfactory to all per
Williams occupied the chair. The ations on Wednesday, Thursday and Williams occupied the chair. The ations on Wednesday, Thursday and The paymaster was in the habit of the paymaster was in the paymaster was paymaster was paymast routine business was somewhat shorter than usual.

Friday of the week preceeding Xmas, afternoon last he had occasion to draw that is December 19th to 21st. It is on this box in order to make a payment. hoped that the people of Victoria will Upon going to it again on Tuesday respond at this Xmas season in the found that all the bills and current ing it is not the intention of the respond at this Xmas season in the Trades and Labor Council to allow same liberal way of past years. A

RAVAGES OF TYPHOID.

Last Member of Family Passed Away

curred yesterday of Jacobs Winkenhere. He was the last of a family that FARMERS' SONS WANTED opposition is not appealing to the majority of the legislature, composed of heterogy elements principally interested taining the govern
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Other matters of minor importance in the public schools of British Columbus the capacity of the administrations as will insure the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the public schools of British Columbus the capacity of the administration of the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus that the majority of the with degree. Particulars free. The Detail of the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the minimus transport of the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the minimus transport of the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the majority of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus transport of the work that has been authorized for use in the inexperience of the minimus public contracts.

Other matters of minor importance were disposed of, and the meeting adjourned at an earlier hour than usual.

Tiogs. A son, Edward, came home from Chicago to his father's farm two months ago. He died inside of two weeks, and four other members died at short intervals. Jacob was the last.

Inogs. A son, Edward, came home ployment, must be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association are because of two weeks, and four other members died at short intervals. Jacob was the last. journed at an earlier hour than usual, at short intervals. Jacob was the last. don, Can.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Opinions of London and Paris Press-California Delegation Dissatisfied.

London, Dec. 5 .- President Roosevelt's message to the American congress occupied the most prominent place in the leading newspapers this morning, and has attracted widespread attention from government officials, diplomats, and the public. The prevailing tone of the comments are unfavorable, particularly with reference to the President's statement on the Japanese question.

The Daily Telegraph says the President ent speaks out resolutely and fearlessly, knowing that the democracy likes a man who is not afraid to be its

The Standard says that the most significant feature of the message board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. was that the President is constantly finding "up against the American

himself legislation.' The Daily News says the President seems to be wreslting with forces he B. can comprehend but not control.

The Daily Express finds in the mes sage a striking demonstration of th fact that the main currents of nations life in England and America are sweep. ing forward in parallel lines, namely eleven the struggle of nationalism agains anti-nationalism, and of the state against socialism

Paris Views.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Commenting on President Roosevelt's message to the Ameri Franklin can congress, the Parisian says: "Th President accentuated his continued efforts for peace and justice by dis counting the attitude of the people of the Pacific."

The Temps says President Roosevel does not hesitate to condemn the Cal fornia attitude with his customary

The Eclair says President Roosevelt's clear vision and knowledge of the pres ent conditions render him circumspect He is the only man in the United States capable of compelling violent spirits to reflect.

Not Satisfied.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.-President Roosevelt's discussion of the San Francisco school situation in his message was received with great dissatisfaction by the California delegation in the house They are unanimous their declaration that no treaty rights have been violated in excluding Japan ese from public schools attended by whites. The suggestion in the message that naturalization be extended to t to the California delegation.

MISS CUSHING DEAD.

Daughter of Hon. W. H. Cushing Passed Away at Calgary.

The death of Miss Cushing, daughter of Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister o public works, Alberta, is announced from Calgary. Miss Cushing accompanied her father to Victoria some time ago, and while here underwent as operation. The Morning Albertan, of Calgary, dated December 1st. says: "Two months ago Miss Cushing was attacked with appendicitis when in Victoria which rendered an operation necessary. She rallied sufficiently to come back to Calgary, but shortly after operation was found to be necessar It was performed on Wednesday, b very talented young lady, well know and very popular in Calgary, Elmo outside of the province where she known. She was a very clever cian and for some time preside 1 organ, at the Methodist church, death will be regretted by many, go out to the parents, Mr. and Mr.

THEFT AT ESQUIMALT.

Cushing."

Shearwater Paymaster's Box Is Riffed and Big Sum of Money Stolen-

working upon what may prove a what sensational case, although At the meeting on Tuesday arrange- what sensational case, although have no clues in their hands. On M master Howard C. M. Beals, of H. M. Shearwater, was broken into by a or thieves and his cash box was rift

both Canadian and American, had Postal orders and other papers led to the detection of the culprits, wer not touched. The paymaster had nearly \$10,000 in the box at the beginning of the month when the crews of the two battle-ships were paid off, but, fortunately, the major portion of this money was disti buted. The police have no clues, but b lieve that the room was entered by way of a veranda and window, as the fasten-London, Ont., Dec. 4.-The death oc- ing of the latter had been forced.

WEEKLY WEATH

28th November to The weather during ugh in this portio rainfall was ays and on the Low rst three days. Until e of stormy weat has been chiefly rthward of Vanco Monday, 3rd, the bar inches at Davison ar was 48 below zero. T wave gradually spread the 4th Port Simpse rosts and some snow. nowfall of 21 inches emperatures appeared radually spread east accompanied by light night of the 4th an storm area spread inlander Island and caused along the Coast and str winds oh the Straits a inied by a general rai Victoria-Total amo shine recorded was 10 utes; rain, .09 inch; hig 48.1 on 3rd; lowest, 30.4 Vancouver-Rain, .45 i New Westminster-Ra st temperature, 46 on 3r 5 on 28th. Kamloops-No rain emperature, 40 on 4th; 3th and 30th.

Barkerville—Snow, 24

mperature, 36 on 4th: ort Simpson-Rain, st temperature, 48 on 3 erd and 4th Atlin-Snow; 42 inches ure, 32 on 28th; lowest, Dawson-No rain or si

LOCAL NE -R. M. S. Miowera, w

Ionololu, Suva, Brisba n Friday, will be fill nd will also carry all or which she has acc -0--The Esquimait Libe

will hold its annual me ay evening, Decembe Masonic hall, Esquima be elected at this ga nsuing year.

-Steamer Cascade le lighting apparatus for n Pine island, and w the lighthouse station also the station at Egg

-J. T. Wilkinson, wh city, represents the Nev urance Company, and American lufe, as state Times. Mr. Wilkinson l nission under the comp ally makes the world l

-In connection with work being done at Pri B. C. Pottery Works filling a small prelim he United Supply Co This will be used in ewering the embryo shipment goes forward

steamer. -----Mrs. A. G. McCandle ver, has been summone cisco by the sudden mother, Mrs. Gilmour. was one of the pioneer crossing the continent of the railway to the Pa husband died a few v

sons and three daughte -----At Semple's hall \ ale of work will be 13th. The sale has bethe ladies of St. Savior raise funds for that k fancy articles and other purtenances will be things sold. In the ev gathering combining m

will be held.

-John Wallis has bo terests of W. R. Jackson cafe and the license him on Tuesday. untarily agreed to cle entrance which was cut ormer licensee, and or was so much controver gambling prosecution. nake several alteration of the building and has tention to run a first cla

----Until news of the se ondon, England, on the een received there will mong the sealers of schooner Victoria is get ea, and it is possible sail before Christmas. has not been definitely chooner is on the way ready and a crew for signed on ship's papers ay be able to take her ore another fortnight.

-----At a well attended r Natural History Society, evening in their rooms ent buildings, Dr. New aper upon "Totemic "heir Explanation," nteresting. E. A. Wallac plendid speciman of a rchid,"grown in Brasil, aluable. A very fine s Leaf Butterfly," a nati Choe Islands, was also s usual routine business -0-

-Knox church, Spring filled to its capacity on the novelty concert rece he school room of St. A byterian church was nost gratifying results Staneland and Miss J. solo, Miss Brooker; pia ongfield, Miss Eva Hov Murray; vocal solo, Mrs scotch song, Mr. Taylor Miss Brooker and Miss glees by the choir, toy sy couple of orchestral sel hg the evening the audie ed keen appreciation of

-The British Columbia Association will hold its ing in the council chambe ll on Friday evening o'clock. Only members in