## THE MOTOR A TIMES. FRIDAY, FEBAUARY 19. 1897

EXPORT DUTY ORES

Mr. Adams Introduces a Resolution to Mak : Ores Pay an Export Duty.

Tians Marking 1 3 act 1 1 mil son His Object is to Encourage the Erection of smelters in the

Previnca.

The Majority of Members Held Reso Intions Inimical to Mine Owners' Interests.

Mr.MacPherson's Resolution Regard ing Crown Lands is Ruled Out of Order.

Victoria, Feb. 17. The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock; prayers by Rev. Solomon

Cleaver. PETITIONS.

The following petitions were received: By Mr. Hume, from John A. Mara and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Lardeau Railway Company. By Mr. Semlin, from the Thomps River Hydraulic Mining Company, for a private bill to consolidate their mining eases and properties.

By Mr. Hume, from W. H. Brandon and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Brandon Water and Light Company.

By Mr. Rogers, from the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, for a private bill to amend their corporate act.

By Mr. Irving, from Warburton Pike. for a private bill to incorporate a company (re railway, Stickeen river to Dease creek).

The Speaker informed the house that the petition of P. C. Dunlevy and others could not be received, as the signa-

GOLD COMMISSIONER. Dr. Walkem asked the Speaker if the English practice of asking a privite member a question by giving two days'

notice, obtained in this house. The Speaker replied that such ever, there was nothing to prevent such enough to see the effect his resolution

a course. Dr. Walkem • then said that if the days' notice, he would like to ask him gold commissioner for the district of ores of this province. Kootenay, Dr. Walkem wished to know if this was true.

The Speaker told Mr. Kellie that he would not need to answer the question unless he chose to do so, but Mr. Kellie the boundary line to smelt British Col-stated that he had no hesitation in umbia ores. He believed Mr. Cor he stated that he had no hesitation in answering such a question. He would

that the dam be removed. Every one harm than good, and he suggested its passed by the house must be accepted improvements desired by Major Mutter, admitted that a mistake was made in withdrawal until some further date, by the government as an imperative innot covered up, but would be found on page 105 of the public accounts.

"THAT CLERICAL ERROR." The house went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Booth in the chair, to onsider the message of His Hon w Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting bill, to "specifically correct an ambiguity in the Britsh Columbia Southern Railway Aid Act, 1894," by striking out the words "and (c)" in line 6 of section 2 and nserting the word "and" between (a) and (b) in the same line. The commit-

once. Instead of helping the mining in-dustry, the resolution would retard it if tee reported the hill. It was read a first time and placed on the orders of the If everything necessary for carried. day for to-morrow. smelting was to be found in this prov-THE LONGEST REIGN. ince, as was stated, that itself should

Hon. Mr. Turner moved and Mr. Semlin seconded "that a select committee, without an export duty. composed of the Hon. the Attorney-Gen-Mr. Rogers could not support

resolution, as he believed that the eral, the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, mining industry should be encouraged Mr. C. A. Semlin, and the mover, be aprather than be retarded by such a tax." pointed to draft an address of congratu-Mr. Adams, in closing the debate, said lation to Her Most Gracious Majesty, upon having attained to the longest reign of any sovereign in the history of the British Empire." The motion carried without discussion. as an export duty was a form of protection. On account of the opposition offered to the resolution he would ask EXPORT DUTY.

that it should be withdrawn. Mr. Adams moved and Capt. Irving The resolution was then withdrawn, econded, "whereas there are large quan-

tities of ore sent out of the province for such a course. the purpose of being smelted and . re-"BURNABY HOLDINGS."

duced; and whereas the reduction, of Mr. Kidd moved and Mr. Cotton spcsuch ore in the province would give employment to a large number of workonded men, and would help business general-ly; therefore, be it resolved that a re-of the settlers on what are known is gers and mill owners to employ the offispecific address be presented to His the "Burnaby Small Holdings" have cial scalers, the fees collected by these Honor the Lieutenant-Governor request- complied with the conditions on which scalers for the year ending the 30<sup>4</sup>h ing him to press upon the Dominion they were allowed to enter upon the June last being only \$264.43, as against government the desirability of placing an lands; also, for any reports or corres- \$2,742 paid them as salaries, and also export duty on all ores going out of the pondence relating to these settlers and for the further reason that provision for country, such export duty to take ef-fect from the date of this resolution." has in its possession." Mr. Kidd under-Mr. Adams called the attention of the stood that the settlers were being press-the legislature. 2. By authority of sec

use to the importance of something ed by the government for payments, and tion 22 of the said act." being done in this matter. It is pos- that the settlers felt that the governmen

ed an import duty on ores, it had such Hon. Mr. Martin said that the return Gregor, A. E. Planta and Thos. Kitchen effect on Mexico that smelters sprang asked for was a most voluminous one, for a private bill to incorporate the ers could not be received, and the original hand-tures were not in the original hand-writing. Mr. Rogers, who had charge. of the petition, promised to have the original to morrow. COLD COMMISSIONER ince. Resolutions passed by the house ment. The government were possibly the B. Alexander for a private bill to in in former years were sent to the Do-minion government, and that was the Mr. Semlin understood that Mr. Man-to operate within the city of Kaslo and last heard of them. He hoped that the tin had said that the government did within a radius of 30 miles. new government would give resolutions not intend to dispossess settlers for non Mr. Hume presented a petition from The Speaker replied that such a practice was followed in the Brit'sh house of commons, but it had never been followed here. As far as he knew, haw, had examined into the matter carefully had examined into the matter carefully had examined into the matter carefully have have been asked by settlers regarding the same matter.

would have on the mining industry of Lot say the government would not dis-the province. An export duty would possess settlers for non-payment. The members were in the habit of leaving member for Northwest Kootenay (Mr. naturally be a good thing for provincial government were considering this mat- their seats before the Speaker left the Kellie) would waive the right to two smelters, but would be detrimental to ter. This government and past govern- chair. This was contrary to one of the miners and mine owners, as it would ments were possibly too lement in the rules, and undignified, to say the least. a question. A special from Victoria to deny them the advantages of compati-the Rossland Miner stated that Mr. Kel-tive prices for smelting. At present Mr. Cotton pointed out the "Burnaby cigar before the Speaker had left the lie was an applicant for the position of the American smelters are open to he Small Holdings" was an experimar, chair, and his object in seconding the resolu-

Capt. Irving could not agree with tion was not so much to get the cor-Col. Baker. What he particularly ob-jected to was that Mr. Corbin and periment worked. others could build smelters just outside stated that he had us here to be an interview of the beneficient in the second of the policy in respect to overdue? follows: Sept. 1 to 3, two days at \$5, tell Dr. Walkem that he was not au side the boundary line. With an export payments on land. He considered that 1, Nov. 20 to 22, two days at \$10; \$190; Nov. 20 to 22, two days at \$5, \$10; telesioner. The only position he was am-bitious to obtain was the premiership of this province. (Laughter.) When he poses was to be found here, and there this province. The coke and payments, as they did at least popy charge six per cent. for overdue, grams, \$4; total, \$204. NOTICES OF 1 Mr. Booth held that if the government Mr. Booth held that if the government by Major Mutter on J

building the dam, but the mistake was when there would be greater assurance struction. Had the matter come before that of a duly qualified engineer and that an export duty would not hamper the house in the form of a bill it would not his. As those engineers had charge the mining industry. He would like to be out of order as attacking the preronot his. As those engineers had charge the mining industry. He would not to be out of order as attacking the prero-of the works, he was relieved entirely point out that if low grade ores cannot stand the cost of transportation smel-from any responsibility for the erection of the dam. The ex-penditure connected with the work with the work with mot covered up, but would be found on was entitled to the benefits derived from opinion that in its present form, being prevented, but to ensure safety and keep the smelting of its ores. He also ob- mandatory in its expression and intent, the smelting of its ores. He also (0)-jected to smelters being erected just out-side the boundary line to smelt British Columbia ores. What was wanted was cheaser transportation and the Crow's Nest Railway built, so that the neces-sary coal could be obtained. He was not in favor of the resolution at the infavor of the resolution at the source of the possible of

present time as he considered the prov- 1887). I rule the resolution out of orince was doing well enough at present. der in its presnt form." Mr. Macpherson considered that the QUESTIONS. house should deal with the question at Mr. Huff asked the chief commis-

sioner of lands and works what steps were taken in respect to a motion of this house passed on the 27th February, 1896, with regard to the protection of be sufficient inducement for smelters what action was taken by the Dominion government with respect thereto.

the Hon. Mr. Martin replied that the reso-lution of the 27th of February, 1896, with reference to the protection of th banks of the Cowichan river, was in due Mr. Adams, in closing the debate, said he was amused to find Col. Baker 50 readily change his views on protection, as an export duty was a form of mot since when no further communication in respect of the said matter has been received by this government.

Mr. Kennedy asked the chief commis sioner of lands and works: Why was although several members voted against the Log Scaling Act of 1894 rescinded during the recess? By what authority was this done?. Hon. Mr. Martin replied: 1. "Because

"that an order of the house be the act proved to be practically inoper

## PETITIONS.

stble to reduce the ores in the province and everything should be done to en-courage this. He pointed out that when the United States covernment had plac-ter. Here and connected with the mat-ter. Here and connected with the mat-

same matter. Hon. Mr. Martin replied that he did Before the house adjourned Mr. Ken-

TRIP TO OTTAWA.

A return was brought down yesterday giving the amount of expenses connect-Mr, Graham remarked that the new ed with the provincial secretary's trip ple generally would like an expression, to Ottawa and return. The toal cost of opinion from the government regarder to the province was \$204, made up as ing their policy in respect to overday follows: Sept. 1 to 3, two days at \$5.

NOTICES OF MOTION Mr. Booth held that if the government, By Major Mutter on Friday next-For

There can be no question that unles something is done serious damage will occur to the trunk road and bridges in the vicinity at the next high water, the cost at that the work must be undertaken without any delay whatever, as should the water in the river rise it will be impossible to complete it in a satis-factory manner. If at all, this winter. The trouble is caused by the main chan-nel of the river filling up with gravel, the forcing the water at faced time into

thus forcing the water at flood time into second channel. At the mouth (?) of this a dam can be placed across, of brush and gravel, to confine the water in arose after a fitful night's rest and the main channel and prevent damage the gallows upon which he was to both road and lands. The channel did Arthur Duestrow, the condenned required to be blocked runs almost en-Louis murderer, show any signs of tirely through Indian lands, which are at alization of his fate. For the first the present being washed away very rapidly. and unless something is done at once since the crime was committed they will lose a large tract of their best years ago, he shed tears. He put av agricultural land. I have the honor to all semblance of insanity and gr "I know I have get to die. I kill HENRY FRY, C.E. wife and child, but it was not

## HEART PAIN.

was not myself." These words repeated again and again, tears Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Defies the fast and sobs occasionally checking h Most Intense Pains - No Matter Howutterances. The condemned man had called Long Standing the Trouble, It Masters self General Brandenburg, of the Disease In Half an Hour, and in the States army, and this morning h Case of John Crow Five Bottles Cured the following message to his at Heart Disease of Ten Years' Stauding-Gov. Charles P. Johnson, of St. "I am in a predicament. Int with Governor Stephens for me in Here's His Testimony Unsolicited.

ately. I now need your advice. insane, but it did no good. I have ing left but the hope of forgive John Crow, son of Mr. George Crow, He signed it "A. W. F. Brande farmer, near the village of Tara, Ont., writes: "I was alarmingly afflicted with and the sheriff took the message. ] palpitation and enlargment of the heart not forward it. for nearly ten years. I doctored with In a short time the conde the best physicians and tried numerous regained composure and talked

remedies with very little benefit. In our visitors and smiled. A small d local papers I noticed Dr. Agnew's Cure whiskey was given him from the time to keep his courage up, and he for the Heart advertised, and I determined to give it a trial. Inside of half much gratified. Duestrow has not visited by any spiritual advisor. announced he would die without su consolation.

At 12:30 Sheriff Puchta entered th jail to read the death warrant to Dru trow. The crowd all about dense it was almost impossible

He Says Dr. Jameson Acted With- mission. The sheriff had promised out His Orders in Raiding

Mr. Rhodes Makes a Very Significant Reference to Sir Hercules Robinson.

On the scaffold Duestrow said he wa Gen. Brandenburg, not Duestrow. an London, Feb. 18.-When the commit<sup>J</sup> that he did not kill Mrs. Duestrow an tee appointed by parliament to inquire was dying illegally. He died of strange into the Transvaal raid met many promlation twenty minutes after he has nent persons were present.

dropped Cecil Rhodes read a long statement, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 18 .- The crim which he said covered the whole ground for which Arthur Duestrow met dea and recited the grievances of the for- on the scaffold to-day was committed eigners against the Transvaal govern. the afternoon of Feb. 13, 1894, ment. residence, 1704 Campton avenue "After long efforts." the statement city. On that day he had been dri ontinues, "the people, despairing of re-

such as a change of government as intended taking his wife and twowould give them, a majority of the population possessing more than half A fow minites before 4 of became premier, Dr. Walkem could then was no reason why the erection of smel- said they would not enforce payme its, a return of all papers, correspondence and paying nineteenth-twentieths of the awaiting him. The generally ac trow arrived home and found the version of the crime is the "I sympathized with them and as a given by Katie Hahn, a domestic land owner was largely interested. As Duestrow household. She said sh a citizen of Cape Colony, I suffered un-Duestrow at the door and asked der the persistently unfriendly attitude he was going to take his wife of the Transvaal towards Cape Colony. This question angered Duestrow assisted in the movement with purse ran up stairs to his wife's room. and influence, and acting within my after some words slapped her face rights placed troops under Jameson's orders on the border of the Transvaal, Mrs. Duestrow upbraided him onduct, which seems to have prepared to act under certain circumthe murderer up to the point a stances. I did not tell the Chartered he could no longer restrain his Company in London anything in regard iacal passion. The Hahn girl s. to the raid. Dr. Jameson went in withheard Mrs. Duestrow cry. "Don't out my authority. All my actions were Arthur: don't shoot." Three sho greatly influenced by my belief that the owed in ranid succession. The policy of the present Transvaal governrushed up stairs and found Du ment was to introduce the influence of standing over his wife's body. another power (Germany) and thereby "Good-by, Tiny in hand, crying: complicate the situation." you dead?" At this point the Mr. Rhodes' manner in his cross-exfury seemed to be diverted to his amination was very abrupt and defiant. He looked around the room as he Grabbing it up in his arms, he answered Sir Wm. Vernon-Harcourt and against the wall and emptied the two charibers of the revolver in head. It died instantly. Du then went to the police station, wit revolver in his hand, and surren He was sobbing hysterically. killed my wife," he cried, "but the lands through which it flows, which namely, the incursion of the Greeks, an accident. I suppose they w exam- an accident." He tried to explain Sir William Vernon-Harcourt valuable lands will be carried away com- ined Mr. Rhodes at length. The latter the revolver was discharged

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& Co.

(Laughter from Mr. La

the Majoribanks-Brown Nuptials.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17 .-- Since the

MILLIONAIRE HANGED CERETALLINA ALBARADA British Columbia. Arthur Duestrow Pays the Estrem Penalty for the Murder of His Wife and Uhild. VANCOUVER, On Sunday morning Eugene Fisch llector for the Seattle Brewing Every Means Known to Legal Science falting Company, was arrested legraphic warrant from Chief of Po and skill Exhausted to ecd, of Seattle, on a charge of ment from his employers. Sat day evening Chief Stewart received dispatch from Seattle asking him to cate Fischer, and Detective Haywo

Save Mim.

Union, Mo., Feb. 18 .- Not until

Something within me made me da

When the newspaper men atte

might be present at the reading

death warrant, but changed his min

the last moment. The reporters

The condemned man marched gallows without a tremor or shad

last farewell to the man who had four

He

bidding

fear, passing over his face.

to death quietly and bravely,

to save his life.

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as detailed for that purpose, and se notted his man. The arrest was ma a fashionable sporting house on street, kept by Dora Reno, Fise ving become enamored of one of mates named Alice. She left Satur r Seattle, and it is stated that the ect of the trip was to see Fischer's loyers and to smooth matters over is return. Fischer on his arrest aken to the city jail and locked up. id on him \$196 in cash and \$139.5

A. J. Calender, late court house li an, succumbed to consumption at on Sunday evening, at his reside Franyille street. Mr. Calender bout 37 years of age, and a native Kircudbright, Scotland, but his relat ow reside in Liverpool, England. aves a wife and two young child ne of whom is very ill with brain fev Chilean, Consul Morris has impo in tons of nitrate of soda from Cl with the idea of introducing it to Br n Columbia farmers as a useful

NEW WEST UNSTER.

Officer McNish, of the fisheries depart ent, made an important seizure of fishing gear on Saturday. egal me time it has been known that lar mbers of sturgeon were being caus the upper part of the river, notwit tanding that seizures had been fi lently made. This time eleven lin ith upwards of 1,200 hooks. were e scated. They had been used in cinity of Sumas.

It was the intention of the Chine nery at the time they put up the sent building to increase the size ir cannery, and they are now makin eparations to do so. Pile driving h **commenced**, and an addition w made which will be equal in size one already in use. It is also repor that the Western Fisheries Company Il commence building their new cas ery on Lulu island within a week

The city council will make a cut of hundred dollars in civic salaries

- NANAINO.

A very serious accident occurred cottage of R. Zelle, a fisherman liv near the Departure Bay road, ju rth of the jail. About two o' nday afternoon the high wind bl brought to the ground a large grow tree about 20 inches in diameter : base. In falling the tree struck of Zelle's house, cutting it in seriously injuring some of the es. Just before the accident le had left the house and was wharf when he saw the tree fallin ran for the house. Mrs. Zelle rking at a sewing machine and ther re eight or nine children, of which some are Mrs. Zelle's, playing house. The tree fell with terride ce, knocking the sewing machin of all likeness and throwing Mrs le violently to the floor. A number the children were also badly hur bert. Zelle having been so

red that he died within an hour of

accident. Mrs. Zelle is found t

received very serious internal an

al injuries, and is in a very critica

dition. The five-year-old daughte Mrs. Wm. Taylor, of Departure Bay

was staying with Mrs. Zelle, is als

dangerously hurt in the head, and doubtful if she can live. These and

ng H. ZeNe, who died from the e

lessrs. John Collishaw and William

ve left for the Nanaimo lakes wit

be Midas claim was recorded from

ada Island by Annie E. Forbes of

Ir. H. L. Simmons, of Helena. Mo.

a, who has been visiting Albern les, returned by Monday evening

nons was unable to visit much

rni, but he appeared satisfied wit

Davis reports that Mrs. Zelle

was seriously injured in the ver

unate accident of Monday, is not

hospital and is doing as well :

and has left for Texada.

he had seen.

rack horses to develop claim

that are seriously hurt.

ned by them in that district.

of his injuries, are reported to h

to the murder, leaving an estate of S.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

ut This Time it was a God-Send to Mr.

John Brown, a G. A. R. Veteran. of

2446 Marshall St., Philadelphia-

Dodged shot and Shell in the Inter-

est of His Country, Only to be

Attacked by that Insidious Disease.

Catarrh-But Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal

Powder C tred and Rermanently, Too

"By a mere accident came across Dr.

Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, 'I was

great sufferer from that dread malad

catarrh. To-day it gives me unboun

ed pleasure to state for suffering human ity's sake that this wonderful remedy c fected a speedy and permanent cure

my case, and I have been so thankful f it that I am willing to spend the

For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hail

mainder of my days in spreading

good news to my fellow sufferers."

-this is What He Says:-

During the forenoon heavily. dress by consitutional means, resolved called at a livery stable, and order to seek an extra constitutional means sleigh for the afternoon, stating that

an hour I had relief. I have taken about five bottles, and feel to-day that I am as well as ever I was. I am completely cured." For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall Mc- & Co near the place. A rope fenced RHODES' STATEMEN space about twenty feet wide an feet long, and here twenty-five d patrolled keeping back the crowd to enter the jail they were denied

the Transvaai. even denied admission within the

and all other members could get what they wanted. (Renewed laughter). Mr. Kellie was proceeding to criticize minion government had to deal, but as asked for by the resolution would be

reminded him that he had answered the of the house to consider it. They should formation. question, although it was not necessary pass such a resolution as the one infor him to do so, and any further remarks would be out of order. "A question of privilege," suggested the house would be placing itself in a to strike out the words "and corres-Mr. Kellie.

"You must produce the paper," answered the Speaker.

aspirant.

extra tax on this province by the in-"Well, wait until I get it;" and Mr. position of an import duty on ore. Mr. Kellie, amid the laughter of the house. Adams' reference to Mexico was in not strolled into the library to get a file of logical. Their protection was because the Rossland Miner. He found the of of an import duty levied by the United fending sheet, and after hunting up the States. It would be unwise to unnecesdispatch in question, he suggested that sarily hamper the mining industry. The the Rossland Miner's Victoria reporter industry is not yet sufficiently developed would do well to place a poultice on his for the imposition of such a tax. It his imagination would be better to give smelters a dihead to draw some of therefrom. The report that he was a rect cash bonus, if necessary, to encourcandidate for the position of gold com- age them than to hamper the mining inmissioner was purely an invention of dustry. that reporter.

Mr. Turner considered that the house Hon. Mr. Turner wished to corroborate what Mr. Kellie had said. Mr. Kellie had never spoken to him about the on the industry of the province. If position of gold commissioner but such a resolution was passed it would would also say that Mr. Kellie had never spoken to him about the other in this way hamper the mining indusposition for which he stated he was an try. They would practically be cutting away their own revenue by asking the

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE. Dominion to step in and tax their prop-Major Mutter also rose to a question erty. Mr. Turner thought Captain Irv of privilege, the offending sheet this ing was mistaken about Mr. Corbin and time being the Times. He took excephis smelter. He suggested to Mr. Adtion to a leader in that paper headed ams that he withdraw his resolution for "Carefully Covered Up," in which cer- the time being, as it was too important tain observations were made regarding to be considered off hand.

had no responsibility in connection with up a number of mines whose ores are and Hon. Mr. Martin's amendment the matter. All the work done was at at present smelted in Tacoma and other thereto, came up for discussion Hon. the suggestion of engineers employed by American cities. It would restrict comthe lands and works department. He petition in smelting, and consequently read a letter which he forwarded to the prices would go up. It required a good chief commissioner of lands and works, many mines to produce sufficient ore for tically an amendment to an act of the in which he stated that having been one ore smelter, and it would be imrequested by Mr. Pimbury to take a possible to build smelters convenient to ed by a resolution of a private member. look with him (Mr. Pimbury) at the all the mines. If one smelter was state of the banks of the Cowichin erected because of an export duty and that when parliament made an error river where the fork commences, he did a dozen mines close down for the same that error could be corrected only by so, and after this examination he asked reason the province would lose heavily. parliament. the chief commissioner if it was not pos- Mines are closed to-day because they sible to do something to stop the ser-ious loss to the country of valuable land. A dam thrown across would, according ince that mine owners should be free to to Mr. Pimbury, cost \$400. Major Mut- get their smelting wherever it could be ter also read a report from Henry Fry, done the cheapest. He opposed the ment took dangerous ground when they C.E., who examined the river at the withdrawal of the resolution, because undertook to amend a resolution which ter also read a report from Henry Fry, instance of the chief commissioner of he considered that the members should they considered out of order. He then lands and works. Mr. I'w reported that know how they ought to vote. He was something had to be do a without de-lay to save the lands. The work was such a resolution.

something had to be door without de-lay to save the lands. The work was begun in response to Mr. Fir's report. Major Mutter's only responsibility in the matter was writing to the chief com-missioner of lands and works. As com-plaints were made about the work being done Major Mutter's work auther jet-ter to the lands and works department witcoria. This engineer recommended

many would never make any attempt  $1q_{b}$  and reports in connection with the con-taxes, a due share in the administration. Mr. Sword pointed out that this was pay what they owed for the land. one of the questions with which the Do-Mr. Kennedy hoped the information, river at Kamloops.

the Miner's special, when the Speaker it affects this province, it was the duty given. All would like to have the in-Mr. Sword remarked that as the govtroduced only after the most careful (rnment were evidently helpless to sug-

consideration. They should realize that gest anything themselves, he would move peculiar position if the Dominion gov- pondence." This will entail less work on The Correspondence Relating Thereto ernment found it convenient to put an the government.

Mr. Kidd accepted Mr. Sword's unendment and the resolution passed.

REGISTRY RETURNS. Mr. Cotton moved, seconded by Mr. Semlin, "that an order of the house be granted for a return showing: (1) the umber of certificates of title which have been issued in the several land To the Honorable the Chief Commissionregistry offices since the land registry act came into force: (2) the number of rtificates of indefeasible title which have been issued at the same office dur-

ing the same period.' Mr. Cotton stated his object in introduce should carefully consider before asking ing the resolution was to show the desirability of instroducing the Torrens system of land registration in the provreduce the competition in smelting and titles it would entail but little work to ince. As he asked for no description of secure the information asked for. The resolution corried.

Dr. Walkem withdrew his resolution re mortgage tax, but stated that he uld move it again in a different form. Dr. Walkem's resolutions re statute ro- already gone, much of it Indian, owned vaal. vision were also withdrawn, but, the by men who farm it fairly well. From Asked why, if he was acting within matter will come up later.

## OUT OF ORDER.

some work done on the Cowichan river. Major Mutter's contention was that he' lution carried it would result in closing. When Mr. Macpherson's resolution and bridges. Is it not possible to do governor of Cape Colony, of the fact, dealing with crown lands on the coast, something to stop this serious loss to the answer?" thereto, came up for discussion Hon. crops or grass? At the fork a dam Col. Baker was asked for his authority for ruling the motion out of order. Col. Baker replied that the motion was prac-Mr. Semlin quoted from May to show Mr. Macpherson pointed out that Col.

Mr. Speaker also held that the govern-

struction of a bridge over the Thompson By Dr. Walkem-That in the opinion of this house a tax upon mortgages is one which bears unduly upon different members of a community.

THAT COWICHAN DAM.

Read by Major Mutter, M.P.P.

Following are the letters relating to the abortive dam on the Cowichan river read by Major Mutter, M.P.P., in the house yesterday: -

Somenos, B.C., Sept. 4, 1895. er of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.:

Sir: Having been requested by Mr. Pimbury, of Cowichan Flats, to take a frequently began to question the latter. look with him at the state of the banks Pressed by Sir William as to what right of the Cowichan river where the fork he had to send troops to the Transvaal, commences, I did so, examining the new Mr. Rhodes replied: "I have very posbranch formed by the river during the sibly done wrong; but there is another last few years, and the damage done to movement now which has much support, has been extensive, and I fear that be- That's wrong, too mo doubt?" fore very long time elapses some most pletely, and very great and irreparable refused to answer questions, relative to was handling the weapon. damage result. Some splendid/ soil has the smuggling of arms into the Trans-

present appearances this branch looks as his rights in sending troops to the bor-if it will out away all the land till it ders of the Transvaal, he had not ingets to the hillsides, destroying roads formed Sir Hercules Robinson. country of valuable land, now bearing answer?" "Yes," said the Liberal leader. "Well," remarked Mr. Rhodes, thrown across, costing, according to Mr. hink you must get that answer from Pimbury, about \$400, would keep the water in the proper channel. He want-Robinson. bouchere.) ed steps taken before the damage took place, but was unsupported; now his pre-

The examination of Mr. Rhodes last ed until the committee adjourned and developed little that was new. The diction has come true and a heavy loss taken place, to be succeeded by still more disaster. The question of Indian committee will meet again on Friday next. reserve may be pleaded, but if by a small outlay the land can be saved in the meantime, whe question as to re WEDDED THIS EVENING. nsibility can be fought after, and any Vice-Regal Party at Nashville to Attend

way could not the Indian department be asked for an undertaking to recoup necessary expenditure by security on the Indian lands benefited. I do not see arrival here yesterday morning, the Earl why the lands benefited by protection of Aberdeen, governor-general of Can-ada, and Countess Aberdeen, have been works should not contribute. Trusting that you can arrange for some immedithe recipients of marked social attention. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Pimbury, of Cowichan Flats, and on Myssie Brown, of this city. The wed-Saturday with him made an examination ding takes place at 8 this evening in the

be expected under the trying cu stances. Mrs. Zelle will probabl through and two of the children in d are also doing fairly well. NELSON. Nelson Miner. On February 14 the doctors r the two bullets from Mrs. Due has been learned that Mr. Perry is making the location survey for head, and it was thought she mis cover, but on February 17 she died Crow's Nest Pass railway for th R., has completed his work from ing never regained consciousness month of Kootenay lake northward Duestrow, by the terms of his fat iltus creek, about half the distance will, would draw \$6.666.66 a ye e point opposite Balfour. No word long as he lived. Duestrow's been received from him for a number Louis Duestrow, died a few years

vs but it is thought that he has ed his camp up to Wilson creek.

> ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner.

Victor Carr brought in two sacks of from the Norway mine yesterday, h contained a great number of some specimens, some of them ing free gold. the Annie E., on Deer Park moun-

a strike was made vesterday of a oot vein, 40 feet down the shaft. Annie E. has seven men doing deand they are working and day shifts.

and Anderson returned from a eks' trip to Boundary creek on and brought a number of samors. They reported that the Lode is cross-cutting a vein of which assays \$26 in gold and The camp, they say, was lookll and prosperous. They have ne lots in Grenwood since their

brivate sources we learn that on held by James F. Warduer Monita is almost certain to be It runs till March 1, and if as it has been doing of late Mr. r ought to be able to turn it at

They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Warner at dinner yesterday and during the afternoon the party were entertained at Belle Mead at luncheon by General W. H. Jackson. They came here to attend the marriage of the brother of Countess Aberdeen, Hou. Archibald Majoribanks, to Miss