MORE POWER TO IT.

The Victoria Tourists' Association may now, we suppose, be con- Bride government is a stupendous work sidered an established institution. It of genius; but it is considered necessary has justified its creation and the fair to appoint a commission to report upon measure of support it has received from it, and it is certain now the Ministers our citizens. The returns from its oper- feel they have made a most egregious ations, it is true, are more or less in- blunder. They are looking for an extangible, but they are none the less real cuse to amend it. Possibly the noble and substantial. The secretary could five are disturbed in mind at the not in his annual report say that he had denunciations of Vancouver, the city coralled a specified number of travellers which has been set up as voicing the and established them in the hotels and opinion of the whole province. boarding houses of the city; he could not Nor is the financial policy the only point out the specific amount of business matter in which the government feels the he had directed to the stores of Victoria; difficulty of its position. It is in the but it is nevertheless a fact that the hands of men who are more determined faith of he supporters of the movement to exact the last farthing of tribute than has not been in vain, that the labors of the money-lenders. The Socialists and the officers of the association have alleged independents are very imperious brought forth fruit of the most profitable in their demands. They are moved in kind. The policy of the management, their courses, of course, by their deep like that of the Laurier government, is devotion to the interests of the working felt in the increased activity in all de- classes. And the working-classes who partments of business life and a greater | will be benefited are sitting in the House, the general opinion of business men was scandals on every side. There is deep expressed by Mr. Oliver when he said suspicion attached to the apparently inthat he considered his contribution to nocent bill for the "protection" of deer. the funds of the association was one of It is hinted that one dealer in skins the best investments he had ever made. hopes to be a large beneficiary under the

which the Tourists' Association per- pared to enable him to dispose of his formed a prominent part in initiating. surplus, unmarketable stock. Of course They are real and tangible enough. Let the one fact is merely coincidental with the reader consult the report of the pro- the other. The author of the bill ceedings at the meeting held last night, knows nothing about them. The govand we are satisfied he will agree with ernment disapproves of the measure; us. There is yet much to be done and but what can it do? It is in the abundant reason for a more generous hands of the "independent" members, support to the association than has been who are now shaping the destinies of given in the past.

citizens. It is true the matter of the es- tail will be assured provided the smash tablishment of an educational institution does not come too quickly and the supof the first class has more than once en- ply of fish continues in its present ratio: gaged the attention of Victorians. Variseeing business man with sound knowledge of finance such as Mr. Oliver is the many citizens who are ready to enable to move the apathetic powers which same ma

pointed out the absolute necessity for guard versity. It is a reproach to us as a people that nothing has yet been done to some person, unseated. Salaries and establish such an institution. In On- travel tario and in Manitoba opportunities were the Ministers even if they have to call taken early in the life of those great provinces to endow universities. The resources thus set apart have steadily in- after member of the Legislature was creased in value with the progress of the compelled to resign his seat because of country, the consequence being that today Toronto is one of the principal educational centres of the continent and that every parent in Ontario may secure | Hall supplied the Lieut.-Governor with at the lowest possible cost advantages some coal. Mr. McPhillips's firm did which will enable his children to aspire some legal business for the government. We believe Mr. Turner become involved to the most honorable and most useful to the most honorable and most userul in trouble through an act of an agent in stations in life. The same is true of Nelson. They all resigned and were reevery province in the Dominion save elected. But if the offender of to-day British Columbia. Canadians adorn were to retire he might not be able to some of the principal chairs in the opu- get back again. The government needs lent and renowned universities of the United States.

It is time to agitate for the pelled to carry in this all-important race of life. There is not a city in Canada or in the United States that possesses or in the United States that possesses should come high. The people of the greater climatic advantages than Vic-province will have to foot the bill. toria for the seat of a university. In due time we shall have the population in British Columbia from which to draw students. Nor need we be confined to regions will be the wealthiest on the convantages and comforts for their children. its mild climate and attractive scenery and surroundings just as sure as harvest

follows seedtime. Could not some of our wealthy citizens be induced to follow the example | profitable it may be to the manipulators. of the rich men who have so generously endowed McGill University of Montreal, and thus shame governments which have millions for the endowment of railways of the intent of the law in the case of

and grafters into doing their duty? We hope this movement may not be allowed to die in its birth as some other hardly think he wou highly meritorious schemes have done. We hope Mr. Oliver and the new execuas successful in the work set before him them and as deserving of the thanks of our citizens at the end of next year as office. The British Columbia university must necessarily be a very modest institution to begin with, but it will grow.

Yes; the financial policy of the Mc

hopefulness for the future. We believe The administration is involved in And it is to be remembered that some operations of that measure. In fact it important projects are now under way is openly stated that it was specially prethis unfortunate province. The tail is But if the Tourists' Association can dictating the movements of the head, do anything to advance the most im- with consequences which must ultimateportant project of all to British Colum- ly prove disastrous to the whole body, bia and Victoria, the establishment of with the exception of the said tail, which a university, a matter also brought up takes particular pride in the fact that it by Mr. Oliver, it will indeed establish has no property interests in the country. itself permanently in the esteem of our When the crash comes the future of the

ous movements with that end in view we suppose, in the unswerving support have fluttered into life, have trembled of the independents through good and in existence for a short time and have evil report. The scandals are so numerpassed away without achieving any prac- ous that it is difficult to follow them all. tical result. They were not founded, we There is the case of the member for fear, in earnestness of purpose. Our one Lillooet, who was taken from his job of hope now is that the influence of a far- road boss to fill a supposedly more lucrative post in the Legislature. We do not know positively whether he has been trying to work on the two jobs at known to possess, backed by the energy once, but we do know from the moveand enthusiasm of the young men who ments of the Premier that he has violathave entered into the management of the ed the Independence of Parliament Act Tourists' Association, and supported by and is no more entitled to a seat on the floor of the House than any unprivileged person. But he sits there and is liable to courage and assist them by every a heavy penalty for doing it. The govpractical means in their power, may be ernment purposes to seat him after the same manner as it seated the alleged member for Fernie. We suppose if the should have acted in the matter of the should have acted in the matter of the Premier had not a working majority he would consider it constitutional to call The Times has on several occasions in some of the friends who so carefully the creation of a British Columbia uni- to help him out. Or he might adopt the equally effective course of declaring the member for Delta, or any other troubleling expensese must be drawn by

> strangers into the House to sustain them in their purposes. It is only a year or two since member trivial and unsuspected contraventions of the Independence of Parliament Act. An employee of Mr. Tisdall's sold a revolver to an officer in the provincial police. Mr. him just as badly as it needs the bellicose Ross, who is ready to "lick" the man who questions his title to the Fernie seat. Ross's opponent was counted out by The Ministers also need the votes of

What we would like to find out is whether there is any means of protecting the country against such outrages as have been perpetrated during the shoft career of this government. The Minisour own territory for the selection of ters are admittedly absolutely without material. The Northwest Territories are capacity; they represent a minority of fast filling up, and the people of those the people; and yet by entering into corrupt bargain they are enabled not only regions will be the wealthiest on the con-tinent, able to command the highest ad-taxpayers, but to perpetuate all manner of outrages against the constitution and They will gravitate to the coast with laws of the province, while there is absolutely no guarantee that outrages of a more reprehensible character are being planned in order to prolong the life of an administration which is a menace to the province and all its interests, however

We would like to hear the opinion of the ex-Attorney-General on the Lil-looet matter. He condoned a violation Fernie and stuck obstinately to the letter of the law once the ballot boxes were in possession of the government, but we support McBride in his determination seat a man who has unseated himsel tive of the Tourists' Association may be by his own acts and has also rendered self liable to heavy liabilities for his offence.

Russia says in apparent sincerity that the old executive is as it retires from if the war breaks out the world must not writer that they were abundantly satis- its exit on Eholt creek is conclusive eviforget that the conflict will be between fied with the results of their work done dence that they have a growing faith Christianity and paganism. Just so, with the low grade ores. If one may in the ability of the mine to supply any But if we were a derelict on the great Every father who has been saved the expense of sending his children East or in the moral balance we would prefer to the results obtained. The fact that the While on this trip to foreign countries to secure the edu-cation he desires for them will feel an The islanders made a late start in the results obtained. The lact that the While on this trip I had the pleasure Centre Star and War Eagle Co. are now of going through the Okanagan country erecting a similar plant is abundant evication he desires for them will feel an interest in it, and every graduate will feel bound in honor to advance the forare not barbarous in their practices.

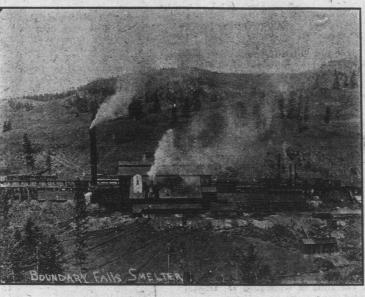
Prosperous Interior of Province

Rowland Machin, Canadian represen- with any force) of the Elmore process ited are embodied in the following point of view, etch prepared by him at the request Your correspondent also encloses a

sketch prepared by him at the request of the Times: f the Times:

photogravure of the War Eagle Mining
The photo shown of the Ymir mine Co.'s boarding house, which might be

tative of the Bennet Fuse Co. and of are an unqualified success for the treat-Charles Cornwell & Co., Limited, of ment of low grade ores. England, returned a short time ago from Speaking generally, I bespeak for the one of his regular trips through the Rossland camp one of the most successnterior of British Columbia. His in- ful years that they have ever had in the eresting observations on the districts history of the camp from a business



BOUNDARY FALLS SMELTER.

indoubtedly a very careful and most industrious manager. He is located right at the mine, and everything is under his constant supervision. The Ymir district is one of the busiest mining camps in the

The Porto Reco, Arlington, Fern, Wilox, and Ore Hill mills are all running The Pilot is erecting its own mill. The Wilcox is adding to its plant. The Gold Cup mill is now completed and run ning full force. The Spotted Horse Min ing Co. are having their ore treated a the Porto Reco mill and the Atlin Co are shipping a trial carload to the Ymir mill. The Hunter V tramway is very nearly completed, and when done wil start shipping at once, sufficient ore be for the next twelve months. This min is under the able management of Mr Wheeler. After two years of steady and een struck in a long tunnel at the Fog through some of the hardest breaking rock in the country.

The Queen mine is proving a steady shipper, and the gold ore averages \$46.00 per ion. The Ore Hill Co, shipped their first gold brick a few days before my The Wilcox mine shipped the visit record brick, weighing nearly 400 ounces for their October clean up. This mine is one of the most likely in the whole district, and under its new management will no doubt prove itself a good dividend payer. The pres erintendent is Mr. Arthur, formerly from

As before stated the Ymir district is ithout doubt the most flourishing in the Kootenays at the present time, and everything points to a further increas in the prosperity, as new properties are being opened up every month. After leaving the Ymir district, I had

the pleasure while in Rossland of making a visit to the plant of the Elmore Process Co., where a busy force of hands removal of the handicaps the sons and Ross's business partner, and he has apgrade ores of the country by the Elmore proved of the loyal conduct of this zealous guardian of the interests of the firm.

process. The photo-engraving shown of the have recently declared a dividend, the Le Roi No. 2 concentrator is the first which is the best answer to any adverse Hawthornthwaite & Co., even if the price | built of it's kind in Canada for the treatment of its concentrates by the Elmore | against the management heretofore. The process, and while the manager of this company. Mr. Couldrey, has not given details for publication, yet he assured the

nill is a very recent one, and at the called quite properly a hotel so far as ime of my visit was running its full both its interior and exterior appointommunications have been made to the Canada, being under the able manage-ther levels in the mine. This tunnel is ment of Mr. Samuel Tonkin, ably sec-

capacity of 80 stamps, day and night. ments are concerned. It is in every re-This is the largest stamp mill in Canada, spect model. A personal acquaintance shing some 200 tons per day. On the with the menu furnished at this model food or fire. eft of the photo can be seen the mouth boarding house enables the writer to say of the 2,000 feet tunnel, through which that it is second to none in the whole of other levels in the mine. This tunnel is in for 2,000 feet, and mules are used to onded by his daughter, Miss Tonkin, who herself managed the business with eminenine has already paid \$288,000 in divient of the very able managed the very last vear.

We had a delightful drave of ten miles over the frozen snow to the celebrated Nickel Plate mine, under the able management of M. K. Rogers, representing the very able management of M. K. Rogers, representing the Marcus Daly estate. It will be senting the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate. It will be senting the marcus Daly estate. It will be senting the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate. It will be senting the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate. It will be senting the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate the marcus Daly estate the marcu

that here is an asylum for people afflicted with pulmonary diseases. From all accounts, the climate certainly must be a most desirable one. Peaches are grown in the open on all the shores of the Okanagan lake, and the fact that land is selling at \$100 per acre at Peachland and Summerland will undoubtedly conce your readers that some one must find it quite a desirable place to live in: although, how any company should have been enabled to get control of the water supply, so as to be able to charge \$1.00 per acre indefinitely, is a problem to your prrespondent, who always supposed that there was an abundance of water in British Columbia, and feels that this tax should not be tolerated. Loud murmer were heard on every hand in connection with the new Asessment Act, which has just been put into force by the provincial government, by merchants and set-tlers alike. It is even hinted that one large land owner in the Okanagan tells the assessor every year what he will be assessed. No doubt this suits those who have this power, but what about the The trip from Penticton to the Nickel Plate mine, is one of the most beautiful and inspiriting the writer has ever had

to me by various parties I met on the

steamer and stages, I should imagine

the pleasure of taking. The distance is 30 miles. The trip is broken at a convenient point, before we reach the steep altitudes at the edge of the spow belt, by a brief stay at the Rustle house. Your readers will quite understand that it is thus euphoniously named when they are told that this magnificently hostelry consists of one room (logs), one window the entrance is at this one door. The landlady was absent for the time being, as was also her family. The hotel has a wooden table and three trunks in it. The bunks are being filled with hay. The tablecloth consists of several barley sacks thrown on loosely. There is stove in the centre, with sundry boxes land. The Amphion, it is expected, will of grain lying higgeldy-piggeldy around. Your readers will readily understand and then the Grafton will subsequently that with an axe in the corner and sundry logs outside, it is absolutely necesary to "rustle" before you get either time-expired men from the dockyard, Es-

Here we changed from wheels to phion at that station. unners. After a brief sojourn, during which we ate the Rustle house lunch, we had a delightful drive of ten miles The White Bear people are putting in | be fresh in the memory of some of your

Canada; judging from the opinion given H.M.S. BONAVENTURE IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC

> Amphion's Relief Dae at Coquimbo on Monday-New Commander for Shearwater.

On Monday, the day when the flagship leaves Esquimalt for a cruise in southern waters, the Bonaventure, the cruiser which has been commissioned for the relief of the Amphion on this station, will be due to arrive at Coquimbo from Eng-

in 1890, and services on that occurrence rewarded by mention in patches and the medal with clasp, and earned the Khedive's in connection with services render the Dongola expedition, 1896.

Commander Charles H. Umfreville h just been promoted to the rank He joined the Royal Navy as January, 1875, obtained his lieut in 1884, and his last grade just si ago. He served on H. M. S. at Suakim during the ardu which he holds the Egyptian medal "Suakim" clasp and the Khedi bronze star.

Further correspondence from London



CONCENTRATOR (ELMORE PROCESS), LE ROI NO. 2. ROSSLAND

be on hand to meet her at that point, join them, transferring supplies to the homeward bound ship, as also about ten quimalt, and bidding farewell to the Am-

The Grafton is now about ready for sea, and will leave Esquimalt at 1.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon. She will The sloop man-of-war Shearwater, an-

Simpson, who returned home from the Pacific a year ago, where he had commanded the survey ship Egeria for three years, has also been promoted captain in ecognition of his good work on the Pa-ific and other coasts.

Lieut. Thos. L. Thorpe-Double, first officer of H. M. S. Amphion, gets his step to commander after nineteen and a half years' service, the last two and a half on the Amphion. The new commander was a sub-lieutenant of H. M. S Raleigh and commanded a company the expedition of 1893 against Fun nari, an East African chief, who ha been behaving badly and was punish accordingly by having his stronghol destroyed (medals with clasp), and h also saw service in minor affairs on the same coast.
Sub-lieutenant C. W. Tinson, late of

the Grafton, flagship, on promotion t the rank of lieutenant, remains wit the Egeria, to which he was lately tran

Major Charles E. English, R. G. A. ommanding No. 58 Company, which ently arrived at Esquimalt from Halifax, has been appointed to command the troops at Esquimalt, and whilst so employed will have the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel. commanding officer Royal Artillery in July, 1870, was promoted captain 1889 and major in Sep tember, 1898. He saw service Bechuanaland expedition 1884-85 und Sir Charles Warren as an officer of the Third Mounted Rifles and has commanded No. 58 Company for the past five years.

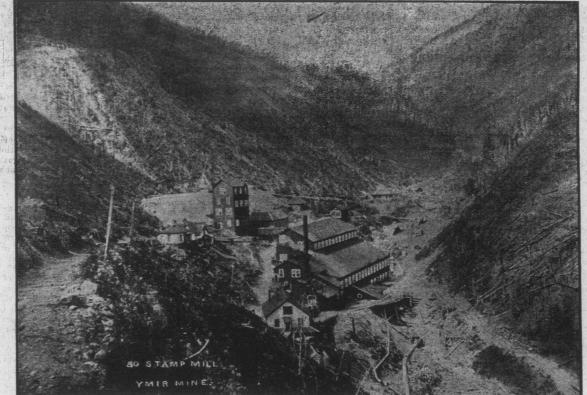
EXPLORER'S DEATH.

Assistant Editor of New York Magazine Perished in Labrador.

New York, Jan. 22.-Leonidas Hubpard, jun., who was assistant editor of Outing, and whose death is reported from Quebec, was sent by that magazine to explore the interior of Labrador. In his party were Dillon Wallace, a New York lawyer, and two Cree Indians. The explorers left Bigolette about the beginning f July of last year. Their object was to penetrate to the settlement of the Nascauppes Indians, where, so far as known, no white man has ever bee Mr. Hubbard and his party travelled very light. It was the intention of Mr. Hubbard to work inland to Labrador u the Hamilton river, using a canoe on t

aths later, as nothing had been heard

Mr. Hubbard's wife has been waiting



80-STAMP MILL, YMIR MINE.

cost of installation.

In the Boundary country your readers are already aware that the Granby peo- clined to throw cold water on the pre- H. M. S. Temeraire, has been appoint- On August 26th reports came from ple have recently declared a dividend, diction. Recent events, however, have ed to succeed Commander Umfreville. Labrador that the Hubbard party was criticism that may have been offered as constant increase of plant, and the determination on the part of the management to put in a tunnel which will have

While on this trip I had the pleasure

THE WAR EAGLE BOARDING HOUSE, ROSSLAND.

at Hedley city will prove to be one of the best mines in Canada. The equipment put in to-date has cost over \$1,000,000, and everything is in apple-pie order to demonstrate my prediction. The eleva-tion of this mine is 7,000 feet above sea This company deserve infinite credit for the vast amount of money which has been spent in making roads from Penticton to the mine, with very little help from the provincial government. To my mind, at least, this proves their faith in the property. It can be safely asserted that no money has been wasted, as is not infrequently the case in developing properties of this magni-

The country immediately around is largely pastoral. Wild grasses are abundant, and horses were out on the open range foraging at the time of my visit. Taken all in all, I consider that the country in and about Penticton is perhaps as healthy and desirable a country as there is on earth. When the large stock ranches become segregated, homes will be found for thousands of well con tented, prosperous, home loving people

A SOUR STOMACH AND A SOUR TEM-PER travel hand-in-hand and are the precursors of mental and physical wreck. Nine hundred and ninety-nine times in a thou sand food ferment (indigestion) is the cause. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets keep the stomach sweet-aid digestion-keep the nerve centres well balancedjudge from his general manner, I should | ore demands that may be made upon harmless. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson &

A Dollar Earned .- Judge (sarcastically)-Did you ever earn a dollar in your life? Vagrant-Oh, yes; I voted for Your Honor R. view that strikes a modern manager proving itself to be the sanatorium of

a siding, and the installation of the pre- readers at least that the writer some other of the vessels on this station, and sent equipment indicates very great confidence on the part of the management ture of the Granby Company, predicting in the ability of the mine to repay the at the time magnificent success for this on that division, is shortly to be given a wonderful company. One of our pessimistic friends of the interior seemed inclined to throw cold water on the pre
W S Towns in the shortly to be given a new command. Commander Allen Hunt, over. The objective point of the exmistic friends of the interior seemed inwho until recently held a commission on plorers was 300 miles inland. proven that "some" people may guess Of the new commander a London correspretty nearly right. Without inviting pondent says: The new skipper of the months later, as nothing has further criticism, I have another prediction, and that is that the Nickel Plate a cadet exactly twenty-five years ago, of their probable fate. Shearwater joined the naval service as from them, apprehension was experienced was promoted sub-lieutenant in 1885. lieutenant in 1888 and commander in for him at Quebec.



MOTHER LODE MINE.

keep the nerve centres well onanced—was recently serving on H. M. S. FIFTY YEARS.—Dr. Agnew's Catarrha they're nature's panacea—pleasant and Temeraire in connection with the fleet Powder cures him. Want any stronger evil harmless, 25 cents. Sold by Jackson & reserve at Devenport, was a middy on H. M. S. Agincourt during the Egyptian war, 1882, for which he wears the medal and Khedive's star, was lieutenant of H. M. S. Conquest when Sir E. R. Freemantle landed an expedition ten minutes. St against the Sultan of Vitu, East Africa, Hall & Co.—89.

EIGHTY YEARS OLD - CATARRH dence of the power of this wonderful reedy over this universal disease? Want truth of the case confirmed? Write Geo Lewis, Shamokin, Pa. He says: "I upon my cure as a miracle." It reliev ten minutes. Sold by Jackson & Co.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATO

GOVERNMENT SHOWN IN UNENVIABLE LI

The Course Adopted by the Mc Ministry Severely Criticised by C position Speakers.

Victoria, Jan. To-day was private members' legislature, and considerable ate bills. No other business was

Lillooet's Member. Upon the House opening, John on a question of privilege, asked a rom the Speaker as to whether, he Constitution Act, the consti Lillooet was not vacant. He view of the statement made mier the day previous. The Premier explained that he

oposed to introduce a bill in or t at rest any doubt which might the matter.

Mr. Oliver said that he unde the Premier yesterday to say that was no law by which the memb illooet could be prevented from is seat in this House.

The Premier said he had not

say that. There was a doub pect to the matter. Mr. Oliver said the member for ooet he believed was too honoral take a seat to which he was no titled, and wished him to rise and hat he had not mistaken the tution Act. Mr. Oliver thereupon for a suspension of the rules of House in order to move for the ap ment of a committee to inquir

whether there was a vacancy in The Premier objected to the suspe the rules, and the business

House was proceeded with. The following petitions were read

From the Centre Star Mining pany and others, asking amendment "Steam Boilers Inspection A From the Granby Consolidated ing, Smelting and Power Co., Lt leave to present a petition for le atroduce a private bill to amen prograte act.

From Thomas Hooper and A. vell Muir, asking for an invest nto all matters relating to th truction of Governan nt arbitration held in connection th The petition from John Gribb thers, residents of Cranberry asking for grant of money for

iction, was ruled Committee's Report. F. Carter Cotton presented the

report from the private bills con as follows: Mr. Speaker:-Your select co on private bills and standing of leave to report as follows: They have considered the pe the city of Vancouver for a end the Incorporation Act, that rule 59 as to particular plied with, but the petitioner agreed to amend the said petition elimination of the request for to operate telephone and electric terprises, your committee are of the ion that the prayer of the peti as so amended, should be granted. That the preamble of bill 50, b acti to enable the city of Vanco

acquire certain lands, has Mr. Cotton moved that the re A. H. B. Macgowan moved

A question of the regularity are that it be received. Questions and Answers.

Chas, Munro asked the Chief nissioner of Lands and Works lowing questions: 1. What was timated cost of Chilliwack dyke which the people petitioned for struction? 2. What has it cost t 3. What was the amount of Mr. shanks's contract, and how much paid? 4. What was the ame McLean Brothers' contract, an much were they paid? 5. Have M Brothers been paid in full? If no amount is in arrears? 6. Does the ternment intend realeging will. ernment intend replacing wi washed out last year, 7. Does ment contemplate further proworks this season? S. Does ment intend taking any action u Benson's report?

Hon. R. F. Green replied as f "1, \$155,000. 2, \$263,878.07, in protection works. 3, \$27,900 lur contract. Extras, \$4,348.15. \$32,248.15. 4. Schedule rate Tender, \$126.602.83. (Aggregate tract, \$145,924.39. Total I o L. McLea, inclusive of work contract and protection works, 463.42. 5. With the exception of of \$150 and a claim now in coadjustment. 6. The outer end of dam carried away last year will replaced, but the end of part renwill be protected with mattress.

8. The matter is under consideration Oliver asked the Chief C sioner of Lands and Works the formation.

1. It is the intention questions: 1. Is it the intention Western reserve? 2. If so, who

Hon. Mr. Green replied as "1. The matter is under consideration." 2. Answered by the reply to No. Mr. Oliver asked the Chief (ioner of Lands and Works the ing question: Is it the intention covernment to bring down leg