deadly weapon; Hansen, Webb r others, for selling liquor with- ternal revenue license; Frank who immediately pleaded guilty st office robbery and was sen- to six months' imprisonment; D. tiley, for manufacturing "quids" hinoo"; and William T. Birch ram Schell, murder. A jury had n secured in the Birch case and l was proceeding when the To- it the north.

ferring to the recent visit of Hon. Sifton, Canadian minister of the , the Alaskan Mining Record

ile at Skagway Minister Sifton that the police transportation had practically broken down. set right again, and made ar- ents for police posts every five om Dawson to Skagway. Next ery possible avenue into the Yu- untry from the coast will be d by the police and customs offi- laced there. He made arrange- for a monthly mail service to and Dawson during the winter. No ph line will be laid this winter. e will naturally go alongside the nent route, and must wait until s decided on. The cabinet will he best route out of the three, the bt, White pass and Stickeen river. ally, Sifton seems inclined to he latter all-Canadian route.

feels disposed to allow the issue ers' licenses at Vancouver. He e government had decided to pro- ecorts for miners and in the min- stricts to build treasure houses. vill become responsible for the eping of the gold, so far as police tion is concerned; also while on y out of the country. Arrange- will be made whereby miners can nge gold dust for drafts, payable Canadian bank. The govern- will seriously consider the ques- establishing a Canadian mint. essibly the royalty regulations will nged so that the collection will be net, not gross, output. He stated ely, however, that he would not abolition of royalty altogether. s found out that it will be impos- reserve alternate claims, so the ment claims will be held in . The government will stand ly to the policy that a consider- rtion of the wealth of the Yukon y be reserved for public uses."

LL ROAD TO LAKE BENNETT.

s Invited by the Lands and Works epartment in Connection With an Important Proposal.

ing the next ten days the govern- of British Columbia, as represented chief commissioner of lands and , will receive sealed proposals from rsons who may be desirous of con- ing and maintaining a winter toll or trail between the point where kagway trail crosses the interna- boundary line, and lake Bennett uch other point on the chain of connected with the Lewis river as found most convenient.

proposals must contain a descrip- nd particulars, or specifications, of ail proposed to be constructed, and the rate of tolls proposed to be col- from the users of the projected together with the amount of bonus paid the government for the fran- The term of a charter, if any is ed, will extend only from Decem- to May 1 next, while a certified for $1,000 must accompany each sal as a guarantee of the com- cy of the tenderers to carry out the sed undertaking.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following ap- ent:—

15th November, 1897.

s THOMSON, of Alberni, V.I., Esquire, oner within and for the County of Nan- n627

NOTICE

ohn Dewres Devereux, jr., two months date it tend to make application to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for the ce of British Columbia, to purchase three ed and twenty (320) acres of unsurveyed upied and unreserved Crown land, situat- 9 miles below Kisgegas, on the South bank Babine river:—Commencing at a post d J. D. Devereux, Initial post, northwest ; thence south 40 chains; thence east 80 ; thence north to the bank of the Babine thence following the meanderings of the river to the place of commencement.

JOHN DEWRES DEVEREUX, Jr. agas, October 12, 1897. n22

AST CHANCE MINERAL CLAIM.

ted in Alberni District, on the Left nk of Mineral Creek, and Adjoining e Quadra Mineral Claim on the South- est and About One Mile From China eek.

KE NOTICE, that I, George A. Sargison, Secretary of the Quadra Mining and Mill- ompany, Limited Liability, Free Miners' icate No. 95,933, intend 60 days from the hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner ning Recorder for a Certificate of Improve- , for the purpose of obtaining a Crown of the above claim.

further take notice that action, under n 37, must be commenced before the issu- of such Certificate of Improvements.

ed this 24th day of November, 1891.

GEO. A. SARGISON, Secretary.

OPHIR MINERAL CLAIM.

te in Alberni District, on the Left Bank Mineral Creek and Adjoining the War- ite Mineral Claim on the East and Ab- t One Mile From China Creek.

KE NOTICE that I, George A Sargison, Secretary of the "Quadra Mining and g Company, Limited Liability," Free s Certificate No. 95,933, intend 60 days the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Com- oner or Mining Recorder for a Certificate provements, for the purpose of obtaining n Grant of the above claim.

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GEO. A. SARGISON, Secretary.

Members of Cowichan Agricultural Society.

ccordance with Section 19 of the Farmers' Institute Act.)

ice is hereby given that at a meeting to ld in the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, on day January 29th, a resolution will be d to incorporate or amalgamate the ow- Agricultural Society with the Central ers' Institute.

G. T. CORFIELD, President.
G. H. HADWEN, Sec.-Treas.

The Semi-Weekly Colonist.

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A LORD IN DISGRACE.

By False Pretences He Secured a Young Guardsman's Endorsement for Many Thousands.

The Victim's Refusal to Pay Leads to an Exposure of the Titled Swindler.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Lord Chief Justice is hearing an interesting case which is attracting the attention of clubmen and members of the aristocracy. It is the suit of a money lender who is seeking to recover from an officer of the Guards, named Clay, the sum of £11,113 due on two promissory notes cashed for Lord William Neville. Sir Edward Clark, Q.C., representing Clay, showed that Lord Neville borrowed large sums at from 30 to 40 per cent. interest, and that in one case recently the parents of a youth who had endorsed Lord Neville's notes paid the plaintiff $40,000.

Sir Edward Clarke alleged that Neville secured Clay's endorsement by trickery, asking Clay to endorse his signature to family documents of a private character. These documents, the counsel explained, covered a paper in which there were slits, where Clay was asked to sign. The latter demurred and asked to see the documents, whereupon he was told that the documents referred to the divorce of Neville's sister, Lady Cowley. Clay accepted the explanation and signed, without having any idea that he was signing promissory notes.

Clay testified in corroboration of the statements by Sir Edward Clarke, and said that after the discovery of the trick played on him he taxed Lord William with it, and the latter wrote and asked the Guardsman to hold his tongue for a short while, as otherwise Lord Neville would be ruined for life. Finally Clay called Neville a swindler. At the close of to-day's testimony the case was adjourned.

The court was crowded to-day when the hearing of the case was resumed. Lord Chief Justice Russell in summing up, said he thought the jury would have no difficulty in answering the questions, adding that the really difficult and important questions would remain for him to determine later on. The whole story, Lord Russell declared, was melancholy and sad. His Lordship then put five questions to the jury. The principal one was: "Is Clay's account of the circumstances under which he signed his name true?" The answer was, "Yes." Another question asked was: "Was Clay, in signing his name as he did, recklessly careless, thereby enabling Neville to perpetrate a fraud?" The answer was, "No." Under the circumstances it was also found that Clay was the victim of misrepresentation. Arguments on the findings have been reserved until Saturday.

The money lender in the case is "Sam" Lewis, who has been connected with most of the big money lending scandals. The British army lists shows the name of Lieut. H. H. S. Clay among the officers of the Second Life Guards, of which regiment the Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief and of which Earl Howe is Colonel, and the Earl of Dundonald, Lieut.-Colonel.

Lord Neville belongs to one of the oldest families in the United Kingdom and married in 1889, Louisa Maria Carmen de Murietta, eldest daughter of Jos. de Murrietta, Marquis de Santurce, the well known banker.

The accused nobleman has long been connected with an insurance company in the West End, where, it is alleged, he was given an ornamental billet in order to attract his Mayfair friends. He is now somewhere on the continent. Clay is the son of a former member of parliament, who was one of the largest shareholders in the Bass Brewing Co., and had just attained his majority and the control of a large fortune when he was invited to a party at Ascot, where he was prevailed upon to endorse the notes of Lord Neville.

THORN FOUND GUILTY.

The Twelve Jurors So Declare in Formal and Unmistakable Manner.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—In the case against Martin Thorn for the murder of Guldensuppe, the court resumed its sitting at about half-past five, the jurors having signified that they had agreed upon a verdict. Thorn was brought in by the sheriff, and did not show any signs of nervousness as the jurors filed into the box and answered to their names. The clerk of the court addressed the jury and said: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" "Yes, we have," answered the foreman. Thorn then faced the jury stolidly, but it was easily seen that he was controlling himself with difficulty. His jaw was set rigidly and his lips tightly compressed. His lawyers evidently were more perturbed than Thorn. The clerk again addressed the jurors and said: "How say you, gentlemen, is the prisoner guilty or not guilty?" Foreman Morse spoke up in a jolting, nervous way, and said: "We find the prisoner, Martin Thorn, guilty of the charge preferred." Then the clerk read the verdict from the back of the paper handed him by the foreman. Lawyer Howe asked that the jury be polled. As the name of each man was called out, he was asked: "Is this your verdict?" and answered: "Yes, sir." Thorn all the time was looking steadily at the foreman of the jurors. He dropped into his seat the moment the roll-call was completed. Mr. Howe asked the court to postpone the passing of sentence until next Friday. Judge Maddow then appointed Friday next, at 10 a.m.

When Thern had been led back to his cell after conviction, he admitted that the verdict was just and that he, and not Mrs. Nack, killed Guldensuppe. This acknowledgment of guilt took place while Thorn's cell in the jail was being prepared for him, and was made to police captain Methven. Thorn said: "I am glad it is over and the verdict given. I am convicted and I am contented. I am the one who killed Guldensuppe and I cut up his body. Every word that Mrs. Nack said upon the stand was substantially correct. When I was on the stand I lied when telling the story as I did, but I lied to clear myself. It is no use carrying it any further. I am guilty and am convicted. It is what I expected and what I suppose people think I deserve, and perhaps I do."

THE BUSINESS OF CONGRESS.

Opinion That There Will Be Little of Importance at the Coming Session.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Representative Cannon, chairman of the commission on appropriations, arrived to-day. He said that his policy for the approaching session of congress as chairman of the house committee would be to hold the appropriations, so far as he could control them, down to existing conditions. "I believe in a liberal, not extravagant, policy in making appropriations," he said, "and until our revenues increase shall oppose entering upon new enterprises requiring the expenditure of government funds."

Mr. Cannon expressed the opinion that by the beginning of the next fiscal year the Dingley bill would afford revenue sufficient to meet the legitimate demands of government. He also stated his belief that the coming session would be a comparatively brief one. "We should be away from here easily by the 1st of June," he said; "indeed there is very little for us to do beyond passing the appropriation bills. It is needless for us to attempt to secure currency legislation, because of the impossibility of getting anything through. So long as the senate is anti-Republican as it is at present, all efforts to get currency reform legislation will be as much waste of time and energy. What sense is there, then, in long winded essays to be read in the senate, and in disturbing the business equilibrium unless some wholesome purpose can be subserved."

RELIEF FOR KLONDYKE.

United States Congress Likely to Make an Immediate Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The task of getting supplies to Klondyke in midwinter is not underestimated and doubts are entertained as to its being a possibility. It is said an expedition cannot reach the Klondyke before April at the earliest, and the hope is expressed that there is a sufficient supply of food to last until that time.

It is estimated that there are 5,000 people in the gold country. Secretary Alger believes that Capt. Ray has gone to Dawson and that he will make his way back and report upon conditions. Nothing has been heard from him since he left Fort Yukon, but the secretary expects advices from him soon.

It is believed that the President will send a special message to congress asking an appropriation for the relief of the people in the Klondyke, and it is believed prompt action will be taken and the money made immediately available.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Great Demand for Land—Carberry Suffers by Fire—C. P. R. Divisional Engineer.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 30.—(Special)—The C. P. R. land department is selling a lot of land just now. The sales for to-day were the largest for some time past for one day, aggregating 3,200 acres. The average price paid was $330 per acre. The amount paid in cash was also large.

Chief Justice Sir Thomas Taylor denies the report that he is to retire from the Manitoba bench.

J. Wood has been appointed engineer of the Western division of the Canadian Pacific vice D. A. Stewart, resigned.

A great fire took place at Carberry, in this province, this morning. Both sides of Main street suffered; twelve business places being burned, namely: Walker's Bazaar; the News office; Morton, harness; H. McFetridge, boots and shoes; J. McFetridge, workshop; Sylvester, implements; Massey-Harris, implements; Thompson, blacksmith work; Walker's livery; Kennedy, restaurant; county court offices; and Robertson, furniture store. All the buildings were totally consumed. The contents were partly saved. The loss is about $40,000, the insurance about one-third.

CENTRE TORONTO.

The Seat Goes to Another Liberal After a Spirited Contest.

TORONTO, Nov. 30.—(Special)—Bertram, Liberal, has been elected to succeed Lount, Liberal, as member of the Commons for Centre Toronto, by a majority of 276 over Howland, Conservative. There were upwards of 4,000 votes polled. The result was generally known shortly after 6 o'clock, and created but little excitement.

Mr. Howland made a neat speech at the Conservative headquarters, denying that the result represented the feeling in the constituency, and declaring that he did not regret his course in resigning from the legislature to contest the election. Hon. Mr. Foster also spoke in hopeful and encouraging terms of the outlook. Mr. Bertram spoke at the Liberal rooms and the Globe and Star offices, declaring himself an ardent believer in the government's policy.

If you are troubled with falling hair, dandruff, eczema of the scalp, or inclined to grayness, use the best preparation made to correct and cure—Hall's Hair Renewer.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Canadian Government Willing to Relinquish Claims Upon Hecate Straits Fishing Grounds.

Col. Strathy Gets the Worst of His Wordy War With the Major-General.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—Lieut.-Colonel Strathy, commandant of the Fifth Royal Scots, will have cause to remember St. Andrew's day, as to-day he got his dismissal from the force. His language as applied to the Major-General commanding in the newspaper interview in Montreal was to-day reviewed by the minister with the result that Dr. Borden decided to retire Colonel Strathy from the force as soon as a transfer of the arms can be effected. An order was made for their transfer to the next senior officer, who happens to be Major Ibbotson, the Colonel's adversary in the matter over which the trouble arose. If Major Ibbotson is not disposed to take the command, there being no second major it will devolve upon Captain Cameron, the next in seniority. The dismissal of Colonel Strathy is based upon the provision in the army act respecting insubordinate conduct and the use of improper language in relation to a senior officer.

Mr. Justice Burbidge has granted an injunction against Messrs. Lee and Butler, of London, against selling and using the "Apollo" light, as being an infringement of the Auer patent.

Mayor Wilson Smith, of Montreal, visited Ottawa this week to present the address which was to have accompanied Sir Wilfrid Laurier's formal reception in Montreal on his return from the old country.

Mr. Choquette, M.P. of Montmagny, is mentioned for a judgeship.

Messrs. Blair and Tarte have inspected the Parry Sound railway. They believe it can be made a great feeder to the Intercolonial.

Messrs. Heinze and Warfield were here to-day interviewing Mr. Blair on railway matters.

J. E. Starr, a leading Nova Scotia fruit grower, has just returned from England, where he went to report on the apple trade. He says the apples are badly packed in Canada, badly handled, not allowed sufficient ventilation on shipboard, and banged about by dock laborers in the Old Country, the result being that the fruit is greatly bruised and depreciated.

Neither Lieut.-Governor Patterson of Manitoba nor the ministers will say the object of the Lieutenant-Governor's mission to Ottawa, and all deny the report of the proposed transfer from Winnipeg to Regina. The general opinion here is that an important move is on foot.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—The question of Canada's jurisdiction over Hecate straits has been the subject of communications between Great Britain, the United States and Canada. It is stated that the Dominion government will likely concede that the straits are not territorial waters, although in many quarters the opposite view is held. The matter is a serious one for British Columbia, and this intimation is expected to evoke a vigorous protest from Mr. Maxwell, in whose constituency the straits lie.

The grand jury at the assizes brought in a true bill this afternoon against the three local sports who were committed for trial recently for conspiring to defraud in connection with the Capital-Toronto lacrosse game in Toronto on Dominion day. The accused are J. C. Shea, Frank Bissonnette, late captain of the Capitals, and Joseph Troy. It is asserted that they entered into a conspiracy to bribe Ottawa players to throw the game. The trial will proceed forthwith.

The minister of customs has arranged a simpler method for postal packages to reach their destination. After crossing the international boundary, hereafter, such packages will go to the customs office nearest the point of destination, in place of a limited number of central offices.

The writ for Nicolet has been issued. Nomination will be on the 14th inst., polling a week later.

It is generally expected that parliament will be called together for the despatch of business on Thursday, January 20.

Lady Aberdeen will deliver the annual address at the next St. Patrick's Day concert here.

The customs department will issue a circular shortly to ensure the reporting of shipments made to foreign countries. Export figures have never been complete, and it is with a view of making them as accurate as possible that an order will be issued which will require exporters to file with the railway companies by which they ship, a list of goods shipped and the route to be taken.

Owing to the near approach of the meeting of parliament, and the consequent rush of business in the departments, it is not possible for the fishery department to detail one of its officers to attend the interstate fisheries conference to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., in January.

STRATHY WILL APPEAL.

He Would Bring His Issue With the Major General Before a Court Martial.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—(Special)—It is rumored that Lieut.-Colonel Strathy, who has been dismissed from the militia for his criticisms of Major General Gascoigne, will appeal to have the case heard by a court martial.

HAYTI SPEAKS UP.

A Bantam Republic Intimates to Germany That She Must Not Be Trifled With.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Reports that came to the state department late in the afternoon from Hayti were to the effect that considerable excitement prevailed there and that the situation was grave. For this reason it was determined to hasten the departure of the United States ship Marblehead, and the naval officers were communicated with to this end. The impression appeared to prevail in Port au Prince that a German warship was rapidly approaching the place. Of course it is stated that the Marblehead goes solely for the purpose of protecting American interests that might be threatened by the outbreak of disorders in Hayti.

The latest advices from Germany, however, indicate that no occasion will be given for friction between the United States and Germany on account of the Haytian difficulty and that the matter will be adjusted. It developed to-day that Hayti had sent a reply to Germany's demands, which is somewhat remarkable for firmness in view of the difference in size between the powers. The Hayti note makes it clear that the republic is ready to discuss the controversy, and does not desire Germany to pass judgment in the first place and demand an indemnity, and thereafter discuss the merits.

Moreover Hayti gives notice to Germany that the German charge d'affaires in Hayti, who made the recent demands, is persona non grata, and that it is impossible for Hayti to conduct further negotiations with him. It is stated that he offended against all rules of propriety and official etiquette by going directly before the President of Hayti, and in an angry tone and insulting manner threatening dire consequences unless immediate reparation was made to Germany. This personal affront to Hayti's chief executive is regarded as touching the honor and self respect of the country and is felt to call for an apology. Under such circumstances the Haytian government has expressed a willingness to negotiate a settlement of the entire case at Berlin, thus removing it from the hands of the objectionable German official now in Hayti.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The exact nature of Germany's demands on Hayti became known for the first time to-day. The details came by way of steamer from Port au Prince to New York yesterday, and show the demands as follows: First, an indemnity of $20,063 for Emil Lueders. Second, the promise that Mr. Leuders may return to Hayti and there sojourn without danger of any kind. Third, a letter to the German government in which Hayti will express apology for the whole transactions. Fourth, that the president of Hayti shall graciously receive the German charge d'affaires at Port au Prince. It was also announced that if indemnity was not given a warship would be sent or diplomatic relations broken.

Without answering the demands in detail, Hayti asked if Germany by presenting the demands intended to close the negotiations in the Luederscase, and also on what ground an apology was asked. The money demand was regarded by Hayti as far less important than the other three, which were considered as affecting Hayti's honor. It was this fourth demand which led Hayti to prepare for any eventuality.

Since the foregoing correspondence closed it has become apparent, according to cabled advices from Berlin, that the suggestion as to the sending of warships has been modified, and that there is no present purpose of sending them.

AN INSULT TO RUSSIA.

Secretary of Her Embassy at Constantinople Attacked by Turkish Officials.

ATHENS, Nov. 30.—M. Tsherbatscheff, secretary of the Russian embassy at Constantinople, who is a member of the committee for the repatriation of the Thessalian refugees, was attacked yesterday by beggars at Volo, the principal port of Thessaly. A Turkish military patrol that was passing joined the beggars in the attack, and M. Tsherbatscheff was knocked down by one of his assailants. He was badly battered with rifles and eventually bound with cords. The English, French and Italian members of the committee arrived on the scene at this point and after much talk succeeded in getting the cords cut. An aide of the Sultan then arrested M. Tsherbatscheff, and his colleagues had much difficulty in obtaining his release by protesting against the outrage. The incident has stirred the diplomatists and is likely to stiffen Russia in her dealings with Turkey.

CUT RATES TO KLONDYKE.

The Two Great Canadian Railroads Enter Into Competition.

TORONTO, Nov. 30.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways are commencing a fight in rates to Klondyke by way of Vancouver and Seattle respectively. Yesterday tariffs were issued by each at a similar figure, but the Canadian Pacific claim they were entitled to a differential in Western business, and to-day the Canadian Pacific announces a slight cut on the rate from one end of the system to the other.

PEOPLE TALK BACK.

Many people talk back. Here is one Miss Katharine Weese, Belleville, says: "I have had a pain in my back accompanied by general debility and brief various remedies for the same but without deriving much benefit, until I took Doan's Kidney Pills, which I am glad to say entirely cured me. They are certainly a grand medicine and I can say in my case proved to be a thorough specific."

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

C. P. R. AND ROSSLAND.

Failure of the Negotiations for the Purchase of Mr. Heinze Line to Trail.

The Big Corporation Will Therefore Build Connection With the Mining Centre.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—The Canadian Pacific Railway will build its own line into Rossland, the great mining centre of British Columbia. That announcement was made to a Star representative this morning by Sir William Van Horne. It is a statement of great importance to the mining interests of that section of British Columbia, as the matter has long been uppermost in the minds of those deeply interested in the future of the camp.

Mr. F. Auguste Heinze, the well known capitalist who owns a line of railway from Rossland to his smelter at Trail, was in the city of Monday and had a conference with Sir William Van Horne, president, and Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C.P.R. It was understood at that time that negotiations were on foot looking to the acquisition of Mr. Heinze's road to give the Canadian Pacific an entrance into Rossland. Mr. Heinze left the following day for Ottawa without giving any statement on the subject.

To-day, however, Sir William consented to make the following statement in reply to a question submitted by a Star representative as to the result of the conference and any outcome there might be of it:

"It is absolutely necessary that we should reach Rossland with a line of our own, and we are under a pledge to Rossland to do so. We would have preferred to purchase the Trail Creek road, which could have been adapted to our purpose by a considerable expenditure, but we could not come to terms and we are now obliged to go on with our own work."

The above statement is what the mining people of Rossland have been looking for for a long time. It means that the C.P.R. will go ahead and construct an independent line to Rossland. Many months ago the people out there appealed to the management of the C.P.R. to give them relief. They said that they were unable to do business with Mr. Heinze's road, owing to the excessive rates demanded. At the time Mr. Shaughnessy stated in an interview that the C.P.R. did not want to interfere between the people of Rossland and Mr. Heinze, and would rather wait and see if some arrangement satisfactory to all concerned could not be arrived at. The C.P.R. did not want so duplicate Mr. Heinze's road unless such a course was absolutely necessary.

It will be seen by the above statement made by Sir William that the company is pursuing exactly the course laid down some months ago. It is evident that Mr. Heinze was not able to reach an agreement with the C. P. R. That gentleman informed a Star reporter on Monday, before the conference with Sir William, that it was purely a matter of terms between him and the C. P. R. He was not disposed to give up a valuable property for less than it cost him to acquire it.

When the news reaches Rossland it will be hailed with delight by the people there, judging by the statements recently made by leading mining men who visited Montreal.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Opened With More Than Ordinary Pomp—A Substantial Surplus Proclaimed.

TORONTO, Nov. 30.—(Special)—Swarms of people attended the opening of the legislature this afternoon. Several hundred seats were arranged on the floor of the house and in the various galleries. The military features of the opening were somewhat more imposing than usual. In addition to the presence of a contingent of the Royal Canadian Infantry from Stanley barracks, there were also present four guns from "B" Battery, which were used for the salute in honor of the vice-regal party.

It is understood that the budget which Provincial Treasurer Harcourt will present in a week or so will show a surplus of nearly half a million dollars on the year's transactions.

CONSUMPTION IN NEW YORK.

It Causes One Out of Every Seven Deaths and More Amongst Workingmen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Dr. Biggs, of the board of health, made some startling statements before the board of estimates to-day while that body was considering a request for a grant of $60,000 for the care of tuberculosis in a special hospital. Dr. Biggs, speaking for the board of health in support of the appropriation declared that one out of every seven persons who die in this city are victims of tubercular consumption and furthermore that among the working classes the proportion of deaths due to the disease is one quarter.

QUEENSLAND STANDS OUT.

The Federation Enabling Bill Rejected by the Legislature.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Nov. 29.—The colonial legislature, by a vote of 21 against 17, has rejected the Federation Enabling bill, introduced by the premier, Sir Hugh Muir Nelson.

Leather coats, canvas coats, mackinaw suits. B. Williams & Co. x

THE BISHOP OF ALBANY.

Reply to Attacks Upon His Anti-Jingo Address.

ALBANY, Nov. 30.—Rev. W. C. Down, bishop of the Episcopalian diocese of Albany, has made answer through the newspapers to the Irish-American societies and individuals who have criticized his former remarks on Jingoism. In an interview to-day he says: "Disregarding the mere vulgar ridicule of my dress, my appearance, and my absolutely fabricated signature, all of which are simply entertaining, I must emphatically deny the statement that I have any connection or sympathy with the A. P. A. society. On the contrary I consider it in line with the very things that I heartily condemn. I classed it with Irish-American societies of various names, and think them all unpatriotic, and therefore un-American. They are narrow, bitter, sectional and designed to array class against class. One other thing I must notice, many of the attacks upon me are not directed at me individually but at the church in which I am a minister, and that I resent naturally. The Episcopalian church is not the church of England. England and monarchy are not her ideals, it is not the church of the Tories.

"We are said to hold England and the monarchy as our ideals, because we derive our episcopate and our liturgy from their Church of England, but it should be borne in mind that we owe no allegiance to bishop or sovereign in England. Queen Victoria is not, as the Chicago Citizen says, 'our she Pope,' for the very good reason, that we have not got any Pope at all on either side of the sea. We do not profess our belief in the Anglican Catholic church. How is it about our fellow citizens, who assume to themselves the name of Catholics? They do believe in the holy Roman Catholic and apostolic church."

WHY STARS TWINKLE.

A Modern Astronomer Who Has Successfully Grappled With This Problem.

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—Astronomical discoveries of great value are reported by Dr. T. J. J. Lee, who has charge of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., established and maintained by Percival Lowell. Dr. Lee, who is now in Boston, gave an interesting account of his recent discoveries through the 24-inch telescope, built by Clark & Sons, which has been in use for eighteen months. Dr. Lee said since August, 1896, he has discovered about 500 new double stars and has measured about 700 objects noticed by previous observers. Many of the stellar systems discovered are large and brilliant, and thus possess the highest interest.

The discovery of these 500 new double stars is accounted the most important contribution to southern astronomy since the survey of Sir John Herschell, sixty years ago. One of these stars has been found to revolve only once in five years and another in about sixteen years. Both have become of the highest interest to observers.

The phenomenon of general interest is twinkling stars, so familiar on clear, cold nights. This, Dr. Lee says, is due to small waves or currents in the air about the size of an egg, or sometimes even larger than a man's hand. These little waves fill the air under certain conditions, as on a cold night, and, impeding before the eye, dart the light from side to side and in this way convert the light of the star into colors or extinguish it entirely. The appearance is similar to light reflected from wavy, running water. Mr. Douglas discovered how to see these waves with a telescope, and Dr. Lee brings proof that they cause the twinkling. Other important discoveries have been made in the Lowell Observatory.

RUSSIAN COINAGE.

Five Rouble Gold Pieces Authorized and Status of Credit Notes Defined.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—An imperial ukase orders the coinage and issue of five rouble gold pieces equal in value to one-third of the imperial (which contains 11.6118 grammes of fine gold). Another imperial ukase issued to-day decides that the inscription on the Russian credit notes be changed to read as follows: "The State bank exchanges credit notes against gold coin for an unlimited amount. One rouble is equal to a fifteenth of an imperial, and contains 17.424 doli of pure gold. The exchange of state credit notes against gold coin will be guaranteed by the whole property of the state. State credit notes are to have equal currency with gold coin throughout the empire."

HONGKONG FORTIFICATIONS.

China Will Cede a Strip of Territory So That They May Be Strengthened.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The morning papers assert that China has agreed to cede to England a strip of territory near Hongkong and all the surrounding islands, in order to enable England to fortify them securely and to increase the garrison. It is expected a convention covering the agreement will soon be signed.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

Is the Testimony of Frank S. Emerick, of Alvinston, Ont.—Says South American Kidney Cure Saved His Life—It Relieves in Six Hours.

"For two years I was greatly troubled with kidney disease. I suffered intense pain, and frequently was unable to work. I doctored at intervals, but got little or no relief. I began to grow worse, and the pains were frequent and intense. About this time I saw South American Kidney Cure advertised as a speedy relief for all kidney troubles. I purchased a bottle and it gave me wonderful relief in a few hours. I improved steadily, and after taking four bottles I am completely cured. I consider it worth its weight in gold, for it assuredly saved my life."

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SPALDING SENTENCED.

The Defaulting Bank President Makes an Ineffectual Protest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The court proceedings which terminated in the sentence of the defaulter Spalding, were of a highly dramatic character. Judge Horton reviewed the case in an elaborate opinion, which he had prepared beforehand. One assertion in the opinion seemed to unnerve Spalding. This was when the court said that Spalding admitted his guilt.

"I wish," cried Spalding, "to deny that I or my counsel ever admitted guilt. Every dollar I received from the university has been applied to its benefit. I protest against this unjust verdict, which I feel would not have been returned had your Honor permitted certain facts to be considered by the jury. The facts had relation to the question of intent to commit embezzlement. I am proud of a business career of thirty-three years, fifteen of which have been passed in this community. I challenge any man to stand up before me and say I did him a wrong. Your Honor may abridge my days of usefulness but you cannot take from me the honor of the past."

At this point Spalding's voice failed him and he began to choke with emotion. Judge Horton then imposed an indeterminate sentence, according to which, under the law in operation in this state, the convicted bank president may be kept in prison from one to twenty years. The length of the sentence above one year rests with the board of prison commissioners. The charge on which Spalding was convicted was the embezzlement of $28,000 worth of bonds, the property of the University of Illinois.

SANDBAGGED HIMSELF

And Confidentially Confessed to the Attorney-General to Save Worry by Police.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Police Magistrate Peebles had a strange case before him to-day, that of J. A. Gaynor, accused of conspiring to defraud. Gaynor sandbagged himself at Carberry last week after exhibiting a large roll of money, and then claimed he had been robbed by two strange men.

Detective Elliott worked up the case, and finally secured a confession from Gaynor that he had blacked his eye by falling against a telegraph pole, and had manufactured the robbery story for the purpose of deceiving his employers, March, Hall & Co., tea dealers, of London, who were pressing him with drafts.

Gaynor also confessed his crime in a letter to Attorney-General Cameron, asking that gentleman to "keep mum" and he would "fix matters."

The Cotton Trouble.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Delegates representing the employers and operatives in the cotton industry met at Manchester yesterday to consider the question of a reduction of five per cent. in wages which has been proposed by the masters. The operators rejected a proposal made by the employers to submit the matter to arbitration, and the conference closed without further business, leaving the matter exactly where it stood before.

The Austrian Cabinet.

VIENNA, Nov. 30.—The new Austrian cabinet, in which Baron von Frankenthurn is president of the council of ministers, has been completed, and will be gazetted to-morrow.

Birmingham Boy Won.

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 30.—At the Birmingham Athletic Club to-night Arthur Akers, of Birmingham, met Paddy Purtell, of Kansas City, for a purse of £250 in a 20-round go. The fight was soon over, Purtell being completely outclassed and Akers winning in nine seconds.

Russian Railway Horror.

WARSAW, Nov. 30.—A terrible railway accident has occurred here. While a passenger train was standing at the terminus a heavy freight train crashed into it, owing to an error of a pointsman. Eleven persons were killed outright and twenty-two others were seriously injured.

Cecil Barnard Killed.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Cecil Barnard, a well-known society entertainer, was killed this evening by falling or jumping from a second floor window of the Savage Club. He was a cousin of Mr. Fred Barnard, the artist, who was burned to death a month ago.

Disorderly Albanians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 1.—According to advices from Turkish sources, the revolt of Albanians against Turkish rule at Diakovax, northeast of Scutari, has been suppressed, and Riga Bey, the leader of the insurgents, has been arrested.