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Dear Sirs:-In reply to a number of enquiries as to the

reason why the New Gerhard Heintzman Piano, supplied by you to the Victoria Theatre, has been replaced by the old

piano on two occasions, I should like to state that in both

cases, as your piano was tuned to International Pitch and the leaders of the orchestras of the "San Francisco Opera Co," and "A Stubborn Cinderella," needed a Concert Pitch, the time

being so short, it was absolutely impossible for us to change

pianos at that late hour, consequently we had to resort to the old one which was right at hand. We take great pleasure in informing you that the New Gerhard-Heintzman Piano

supplied by you to the Victoria Theatre is giving splendid

satisfaction in every way. We should be glad if you will keep a Gerhard Heintzman at Concert Pitch in readiness at your store, in case we may need it in the near future. Yours, very

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Largest Piano Dealers in Victoria

(Signed) C. DENHAM, Manager.

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Take notice that the annual meeting of the Pine Creek Power Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Bodwell & Lawson, No. 918 Government street, in the city of Victoria, British Columbia, being the registered office of the company, on Wednesday the 17th day of March, 1909, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated the 16th day of February, 1909.

J. M. RUFFNER,
Secretary.

Wainuts, per lb.
Brazils, per lb.
Almonds, per lb.
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Coccanuts, each
Pecans, per lb.
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NO COMMISSION ON PRICE OF COAL

Resolution Moved By Mr. Oliver, (Delta) Defeated on Party Lines

IS REFERRED TO OTTAWA

Amendment of Dr. McGuire to Ask Ottawa's Intervention Adopted

(From Saturday's Daily)

The resolution introduced by Mr. Oliver (Delta) asking for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate into all matters connected with tigate into all matters connected with the price of coal in the province was defeated in the legislature this after-noon by a distinctly party vote. The amendment proposed by Dr. McGuire (Vancouver) that the mat-

Mr. McInnes were making and the price of coal would go down. Stating that he was not a friend of capitalists, Mr. McInnis said that he was not a friend of capitalists, Mr. McInnis profit for the money invested. The whole gang of the money invested. The whole gang of the mere to the money invested. The whole gang of the mere to the money invested. The whole gang of the money invested against going into a crowd of thieves and picking out one particular ther for punishment.

The bill to incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway company was given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business was given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The business and passed at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The work is given third reading and passed. The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m. In the business and passed. The business and pass

entire \$800.

The resolution was lost, no division being asked for

Many Bills-Advanced The bill to authorize the Lieutenar Governor in council to grant to the City of Victoria lot 921 in said city, used as the site of the Kingston street fire hall, was given third reading and passed.

fire hall, was given third reading and passed.

The report on the bill to amend the Municipal Elections act (Mr. Bowser) was adopted, and the bill was given third reading and passed.

In the report stage on the bill to amend the Municipal Clauses act, Mr. Bowser introduced an amendment allowing Oak Bay to proceed with its bylaws as it had been deing until Jan. 1, 1910. Mr. Bowser said that Oak Bay had always had the power to proceed with its local improvements without the consent of the electors, and it wished to keep up the system until

it wished to keep up the system until the date in question, when the muni-cipality will either be incorporated as a city or bring in a private bill. The

amendment was adopted.

The bill to provide for inspection of hospitals (the provincial secretary) was given third reading and passed.

The report on the bill to correct the official map of Alberni townsite was adopted.

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The House went into committee on the Water Clauses bill. Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) asked for reconsideration of the section empowering municipalities to ask leave of the Lieuterant Construction of the section empowering municipalities are ask leave of the Lieuterant Construction of the server.

(From Saturday's Dally)

A rummage sale is in progress in the council chambers of the city hall present makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the city hall greatent makes such rards at the foreign office here confirm the council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government to throw the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the provincial government and such council chambers of the chall size the wish of the

President Taft Wants Prompt Action at Special Session of Congress

BILL ALMOST COMPLETED

Coal Operators of Pennsyl vania Want Reciprocity With Canada

Washington, March 5.—The Taft administration made its first stride today. The new president named his cabinet, the senate confirmed his selections, and its members will take the eath of office tomorrow morning, with the exception of Geo. W. Wickersham, who was sworn in as attorney-general today, and of Messrs. Dickinson and Macveagh, whose personal affairs will not permit of their reaching Washington for a week or more.

An important conference took place between President Taft and the Re-Washington, March 5 .- The Taft ad-

increased in the legislature this atter, and the continued of the section empowering ring and the continued of the section empowering ring and the continued of the section empowering ring and the continued of the section of the section empowering ring and the continued of the section of the

devoting their attention principally to securing revenue. Among these suggesting are an inheritance tax, recommended by both President Taft and the former President Roosevelt, an income tax and various additionals to the internal revenue tax. It is probable that the commission will soon begin to hold night sessions in addition to the two daily meetings. The members declare that the bill will be ready to introduce on March 15.

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Pittsburg, Pa., March 5.—In an at tempt to persuade congress to estab-lish reciprocal coal trade with the Do-minion of Canada, practically every coal operator in the western Pennsyl-vanian district signed his name to a petition addressed to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Re-presentatives.

resentatives.

This agreement, the petition says, would mean an immense increase in the output of bituminous coal, as under the existing circumstances, the en tire middle portion of Canada would draw directly from the western coal

which would permit of ocean vessels coming from Hudson's bay to enter Lake Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Mar. 4.—A stiff fight is likely to be put up by interested parties against the selection of Port Nel-

ties against the selection of Port Nelson as the terminal of the government Hudson Bay line instead of Fort Churchill, as foreshadowed in the report of the surveyors. For two or three years past Churchill has been regarded as the inevitable terminal, with the general opinion that that alone of the available ports was not blocked at the entrance for ocean-going vessels by silt and shoals. Working on this opinion, influential western capitalists have done considerable development at Fort Churchill, and though nothing much has wen made public, preparations are about completed, even to the site of the customs house, for laying out a fine city. The fight against the selection of Fort Nelson is likely therefore to be strenuous.

Brandy Chocolates Kingston, Ont., March 4.—Peters & Co., confectioners, were fined \$50 and costs today for selling brandy chocolates.

the police court this morning to answer to a charge of bigamy. She is charged with having married Alphonso Pommerville, and not being satisfied with him, she is alleged to have married George Bourassa, both of Ottawa.

ADVICE OF POWERS ACCEPTED BY SERVIA

Will Abate Claim on Austria-Troops Movements Cause Speculation

Berlin, Mar. 4 .- Despatches received

Medical Officer of Port of London

Large Proportion of One Consignment of Meats Found to Be Diseased

London, Mar. 4.—Startling allega-tions concerning the diseased condi-tion of some recent consignments of American meat are contained in a report by Dr. Williams, medical officer of the port of London, presented to the city council at the Guildhall to-

The city council decided to forward

mented on the conditions set forth in Dr. Williams' report.

"If such abominable filth as diseased liver has been eaten by the poor," they said, "it will lead to an increase of the terrible disease of cancer." They declared the question to be one of national importance, affecting the health of the whole United Kingdom, and they expressed to the corporation. and they appealed to the corporation to give the discoveries the widest publicity and take immediate steps to "prevent a recurrence of the disgrace-

Vancouver Elevators Vancouver, March 4 .- It is reporte

Chicago, March 4.—Five hundred iron shipbuilders and boilermakers employed by the Chicago Shipbuilders company, South Chicago, are out on strike against a ten per cent, cut in wages. The shipyard is tied up, by the strike.

Unpleasant Discovery Made by

LIKE "JUNGLE" EXPOSURE

In a shipment of meat that arrived on February 2, consisting of tongues, kidneys, liver, tripe, lamb plucks and sweetbreads. Dr. Williams reports that he found 528 sheep livers and 130 lungs diseased out of a total of 2,400. There were also three hundred frozen hog carcasses on board this ship, of which 15 were minus the lymphatic glands. One carcass was affected with tuberculosis. "There is no necessity," he declared, "of removing the lymphatic glands unless with some specific object, and presumably in the cases of the 15 carcases found without glands they had been discovered, on inspection in the United States, to show some evidence of disease."

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Continuing, Dr. Williams pointed out that in the above consignment more than rix hundred cases of tongues, livers, plucks, etc., bore an official tag that they had been inspected and passed as sound in the country of exportation.

Dr. Williams' report to the local government board, with the ideea that the statements therein be brought to the notice of United States Ambassodor Reid and the sanitary authorities, and that earnest repres members of the health committee com-mented on the conditions set forth in

Winnipeg and Northwestern

Ottawa, March 4.—The Winnipeg and Northwestern railway bill went through the Commons railway committee this morning with the proviso that twenty-five miles must be constructed within one year.

The amendment was carried on the control of all clases. The same was designed against government numbers.

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NAVAL SCHEME IS DRAWING ATTENTI

Tuesday, March 9, 1909

Correspondent of the Lor Spectator Endorses Pla By a Victorian

The Spectator (London) in its for the week ending February 13, red under the caption "Ca and the Navy." The writer is de with the article forwarded to Milner by Mr. C. A. Gregg, of the torial staff of the Colonist, which former had published in the La

Sir.-Knowing the importance

Sir.—Knowing the importance tached by the Spectator to the q tion of national defence, I ventur call attention to the article ent "Canada and the Navy" in the Trof January 16th. It is important indicating Canadian feeling on question, and it would be interest bear Couplings on the practical. question, and it would be interest to hear opinions on the practicat of the scheme which is suggested from those of your readers who sess expert. knowledge in naval ters. Briefly summarized, the wriproposals are as follows. It is st that the Canadian government in to lay the foundation of a "navy" constructing "fishery cruisers o semi-warship type." Apart from ery purposes, the writer contends such vessels will be but travesties fighting ships for purposes of war and he suggests as an alternative some of the retired, but still thoroly serviceable, British warships sh some of the retired, but still thorooty serviceable, British warships she acquired by the Canadian government from the admiralty.

It is, probably true, as Lord M stated at Toronto, that a closer perial organization can only devirom a practice of "doing things gether." The letter in question is teresting, if for nothing else, in r teresting, if for nothing else, in ing a positive suggestion based or analysis of the existing situation is also obvious that any proposal be practicable, must consider both naval and the political exigencity. naval and the political exigencies the case. There is every reason to lieve in the accuracy of the writer of the w can be indicated. Together with alty to the empire is growing a st canadian national spirit. It is more necessarily inconsistent with perial loyalty than the pride felt Scotsman in Scotland. But it mands that Canadians as such she able to be proud of any shai imperial work undertaken by Car It is, therefore, unfortunate that is should still implicitly exist in C dian minds a fear of interference the imperial government in local fairs, and of a reluctance to ac Canada a voice in controlling imp fairs, and of a reluctance to ac Canada a voice in controlling impolity, even when she helps to the burden. Such fears have a adays little foundation in fact; they may be a potent instrument the hands of a politician when it is sired, perhaps for other reasons, to pose some "faward" processassed reason for inactivity is cated by the writer when he sthat "Canadlans are a very busy ple." This absorption in the mat development of the country operats several ways. It prevents men had development of the country opera-several ways. It prevents men in ing into the truth of allegations Canadian autonomy is threatens some proposal. Again, the f greatness of Canada is accepted. greatness of Canada is accepted, no doubt rightly, as an article of fut the claims of business allow time for reflecting what will be comparative greatness of Canad independence, or as a leading mer of the British confederacy; and considering, as the present is the mative period, what steps should taken now if proper preparation be made for the future.

one in which various reasons nor one in which various reasons nor combine to prevent the genuine perial sentiment from producin full effect. The proposal in que appears to utilize the strong poin that situation while avoiding the ficulties, and therein lies its value would directly remedy one particulates of complaint. The excellent val station at Esquimalt is now lict. The Canadian government dertook the work of imperial de in those regions, and the British a dron was consequently withdrawn far, however, the only result is Esquimalt is deserted, and, "as C dians dearly love the sight of a beship," the effect of its foriorn or tion on important sections of popinion in British Columbia is unfortunate. By the present sution the situation at Esquimalt, Halifax, would be remedied at a imum cost. The general effect, ever, of the proposal would be The demand for a naval force be met in a way which would an outlet both for imperial patriand national sentiment in Canada in which they would be, not riva mirations, but complementary to and national sentiment in Canada in which they would be, not riva pirations, but complementary to another. Again, there would be derogation from the principle of autonomy; and yet, with the dew ment of opinion and of circumsta evolution would be possible on lines of co-ordination of control, it change of officers or of units, homogeneity of design. From the val point of view, therefore, as the political, the proposal apprima facile to be practicable. Whit it is actually so can only be decide expert opinion. It would be intended expert opinion. It would be intended expert opinion. It would be into comparison with the other alterna sometimes suggested. In any sir, the article in question, co from Western Canada, is importa spassed to so great an exteur valuable space.—I am, Sir,

The Canadian situation, the

(That Canada should organize val force of her own is, in our ion, quite clear. That is a kind o tonomy which will not in the leaterfere with the true imperi (Wa are well aware of the Adm objections to local navies, but it we acknowledge their theor soundness, we are convinced the are unsound in practice, for th not look to the alternative, wh no Canadian naval force of any skind, and they ignore the educa effect of a navy which is a no own.) Whether it would be bett Canada to buy new ships or buy vessels from the Admiralty we fattempt to decide.—ED. Spectato attempt to decide.-ED. Spectat

Winnipeg's Bonds Sold Winnipeg, March 5.—A special from London says the Winnipegisaus of \$2,500,000 has been diof at par.