

# THE CITY HALL

Called Firemen Out  
Practice Run Yesterday.

Enterprises Under  
by Board of  
Works.

On Saturday's Daily.  
Clock yesterday morning  
turned in a fire alarm  
of Le Roi avenue and  
the object being to test  
of the fire department.  
members of the brigade  
kissed, but the whole de-  
as on the ground in two  
view of the fact that the  
up to a third of a mile from  
this performance is re-  
cellent, and His Worship  
fished with the test. An  
feature in connection with  
was that the big bell on  
could not be heard at the  
doubtless, to the cofor-  
ground intervening.  
an is a strong believer in  
practice runs for the fire  
order that the department  
oughly on the alert at all  
it will surprise no one if  
of more or less frequent  
during the summer.

view of city employees has  
at work on the South  
street sidewalk disturbed  
the subsidence of ground  
in the neighborhood of the Canadian  
act. It is proposed to put  
of such shape as to be  
practical.  
concluded that the surface  
practically been exhausted  
and is reasonably dry, the  
will undertake the repair  
viaduct. It is expect-  
restoring the equilibrium of  
and replacing all damag-  
together with installing cer-  
the bridge will be as sub-  
ver, and that the expendi-  
be large.

Other important undertak-  
ing corporation has in view  
at this time is the construction  
from Third avenue to  
Washington street where  
can be made with the old  
flume. This is intended to  
ramp north of Third ave-  
serious trouble in future  
drainage from the swamp.  
enterprise no steps will  
repair Washington street,  
would be done as soon  
ations for the flume were

an has not abandoned his  
hiring a mechanical road-  
the corporation this sum-  
dertook to donate half the  
fee if the council would  
e purchase, but the alder-  
not as yet taken the initia-  
jection being that the cor-  
be drawn into unneces-  
if the machine was on  
here.

W AGENT NAMED.  
in to Assume Charge at C.  
P. R. Depot.

Day will be the new agent  
dian Pacific at the Rossland  
Day is now in Phoenix,  
been agent for some time,  
ted to arrive here on Tues-  
nesday and to assume his  
forthwith.

V. Drew, the present incum-  
office, leaves for Nelson in  
the transfer of the local  
is to take the chief clerkship  
of the assistant general  
nt.

## NOT TIRED MOTHERS.

babies wake up just about  
bedtime and keep her busy  
part of the night. The mother  
anything apparently the  
the child, but she may de-  
it that when baby is cross  
there is something wrong,  
the one is taking the only  
as of telling it. Baby's Own  
make him well and cheer-  
ray. There are no opiates in  
ne—they send baby asleep  
cause they remove the cause  
lessness and make him feel  
comfortable. The Tablets are  
children of all ages, and they  
minor troubles of children.  
a neighbor who is using the  
her children, ask what she  
em, and we are sure she will  
ay are the best medicine in  
her little ones. Mrs. James Le-  
erville, Ont., says: "I believe  
a Tablets saved my baby's  
not be without them."  
Trugsters at 25 cents a box  
mail post paid on receipt of  
itting direct to the Dr. Will-  
ine Co., Brockville, Ont.

h Cotton Root Compound  
usually used monthly by over  
ladies. Safe, efficient. Ladies  
Trugsters for Cook's Cotton Root Com-  
pound, as all mixtures, pills and  
dangerous. Price, No. 1, 50c per  
degrees stronger, 85c per box. No  
on receipt of price and two-cent  
Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.  
d sold and recommended by all  
uggists in Canada.

is sold in Rossland by  
and, Rossland Drug Co.

# ITS NARROW ESCAPE

The Prior Government Is  
Saved by Speaker's  
Vote.

Smith Curtis' Motion Was  
Very Strongly Sup-  
ported.

VICTORIA, April 15.—The govern-  
ment escaped defeat only by the casting  
vote of the speaker this afternoon, on  
Curtis' motion declaring in favor of  
a dissolution and an appeal to the coun-  
try at the close of this session. The de-  
bate was a hot one. Eberts became very  
excited and attacked Oliver regarding  
the Ollala matter of last year. Martin  
came out squarely against the govern-  
ment, declaring that stable government  
was impossible from it, as it did not  
really control a majority, and he did not  
want to see the government so weak  
that individual members could hold them  
up. He declared strongly for party lines.  
Houston, too, supported the motion, al-  
though expressing his antipathy to Cur-  
tis and disbelief in his sincerity. He  
said he was no fopper and would sup-  
port no fopper. He said Prior had col-  
leagues untrue to him, hence how could  
stable government be expected from him?  
Stables supported the government, be-  
ing paired with Martin. Ellison was  
away.

All the campaign speeches were re-  
hearsed and the bye-elections were  
fought over again. Semlin was cheered  
on his first speech in the house. He  
charged Eberts with using the reptile  
fund in West Yale.  
Col. Prior, referring to The Miner's  
charges that he had not kept his ledge  
regarding the 2 per cent. tax, stated on  
privilege that he was misunderstood if  
he had been represented as saying he  
would not remove the tax. He had  
always intended doing so, and would  
carry out his promise.

Martin referred to the government's  
announcement that they would sink all  
other issues and kill Joe Martin and  
get peace. He referred to grown men  
acting like children and said they must  
reap the consequences.

The division on Curtis' motion was  
as follows:  
Ayes—Curtis, Munroe, Green, Taylor,  
Semlin, McBride, Gilmour, Oliver, Gar-  
den, Fulton, Hawthornthwaite, Clifford,  
Houston, Patterson, Kidd, McPhillips,  
Tatlow—17.

Nayes—Helmsken, Smith, Neill, Hay-  
ward, Prior, Prentice, Eberts, Smith,  
Clifford, McInnes, Wells, Hunter, Hall,  
Dunsmuir, Rogers, Dickie, Mounce—17.  
The speaker gave his casting vote  
against the motion.  
E. Marpole, general superintendent,  
and E. P. Davis, counsel for the C. P.  
R., were closeted with the government  
today regarding the Columbia & West-  
ern land grant matter.  
At yesterday afternoon's sitting the de-  
bate was upon the finance minister's  
motion for the second reading of the  
assessment bill, to simplify and systemat-  
ize tax collections, in which regard  
Messrs. Curtis, McBride, Neill, Tatlow,  
Martin and one or two others made val-  
uable suggestions on detail improvement.  
The member for Rossland was particu-  
larly emphatic as to the unfair propo-  
sition of the taxation placed upon the  
mining industry, in comparison with that  
of agriculture. He thought that even  
25 cents an acre on mineral claims, a  
reduction being granted by the finance  
minister from 50 cents, as originally pro-  
posed in the bill, was disproportionately  
high, while mine owners should, he  
maintained, have at least one year in  
which to redeem properties from seizure,  
from taxes. The same rule as to sale  
or redemption should, Curtis held, apply  
to mine owners and land owners. He  
was surprised to find no reference to  
the promised remission of the two per  
cent. tax, and inquired what had become  
of government promises.

In that regard Premier Prior respon-  
ded that a special bill would be sub-  
mitted, under which the two per cent. ex-  
action would be done away with. The  
member for Rossland had suggested that  
the tax be upon the net profit of the  
mine, rather than on the output, and  
the finance minister pointed out that  
the finance minister, upon making  
inquiries, had found none of the great  
mines in the Rossland district had  
confessed to making any profit. Curtis  
explained that the profits of the Ross-  
land mines were going into development  
and expansion, which would be the best  
for the country in the long run, a pro-  
position with which the premier agreed.  
McBride held that the taxation should  
be upon the gross income, which drew  
from the finance minister the remark,  
"We have a better scheme than that."

VICTORIA, April 16.—The house was  
in committee all afternoon. A motion  
by E. C. Smith and Neill, declaring for  
a nine-hour day on government road  
work, passed.

In reply to Oliver, Chief Commissioner  
Wells said 153 applications for licenses  
to prospect for coal and petroleum in  
block 453, South East Kootenay, had  
been made to date. None had been grant-  
ed. The reason for refusal, Wells stated,  
was a matter of government policy, as  
was also the reason for the present main-  
tenance of the reserve on those lands.  
The reserve would be removed, he said,  
as soon as it was considered that the  
public interest would be served by so  
doing.

The house divided on the motion of  
McInnes to adjourn the debate on the  
second reading of Hawthornthwaite's  
ocal mines regulation act, the vote be-  
ing 20 to 13 in favor of the government.  
Gilmour, Smith, Neill and Martin voted  
with the government.

Green withdrew his bill dealing with  
coal mines regulation, now duplicated  
by McInnes' bill, which passed the sec-  
ond reading.

## BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

Another Long Discussion on the Crow's  
Nest Accident.

VICTORIA, April 17.—Most of this  
afternoon was taken up in discussing  
the motion of Smith Curtis that all the  
evidence taken by the commission of  
inquiry into the Crow's Nest accident be  
printed. This was carried, but the  
debate was largely on the composition  
of the commission, which was attacked  
because two members of it are near  
relatives of Messrs. Prior and Dunsmuir.

Mr. Curtis asked for a return with  
the date of every reserve of provincial  
lands now in force. This was passed.  
The assessment bill was completed,  
with a number of amendments, and  
reported.

Robert Purdy, a bluejacket of H. M.  
S. Grafton, was killed as the result of  
a fall from that vessel into the dry-  
dock.

GEN. HUTTON RESIGNS.  
Objects to Australian Economy in Mil-  
lita Matters.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 20.—News  
was brought by the steamer Miowera  
from Australia that Major General Hutton,  
in command of the Australian  
forces, will probably resign in the near  
future, as a result of the manner in  
which the military forces of the com-  
monwealth have been dealt with milita-  
rily in the cutting down of appropriations  
and in other ways.

Sydney papers publish notices of his  
proposed retirement.  
The Melbourne Herald criticised the  
appointment of an officer to the Victoria  
militia, and Lieutenant Colonel Reay was  
questioned by the general regarding the  
criticisms. Refusing information, he was  
dismissed from the service. Lieutenant  
Colonel Reay is news editor of the Her-  
ald.

Hentch's bond, a big seven-story Syd-  
ney warehouse, was destroyed by fire  
on March 23rd, causing damage amount-  
ing to half a million dollars.  
The damage done by the Queensland  
cyclones, news of whose ravages was  
given in special reports, amounted to  
\$200,000.

## HON. SYDNEY FISHER.

VICTORIA, April 20.—Among the  
passengers on the steamer Empress of  
China, due today from the Orient is  
Hon. Sydney Fisher, Canadian minister  
of agriculture, who has been in Japan in  
connection with the Canadian exhibit  
at the Osaka exposition. It is reported  
that he is decorated by the Mikado,  
but this is not confirmed. He was the  
guest of the Mikado at the grand naval  
pageant and review held at Kobe, in  
which over 50 warships took part, and  
attended the banquet held on one of  
the battleships.

## USEFUL TO TEACHERS

RECENT CONVENTION AT REVEL-  
STOKE LEAVES PLEASANT  
RECOLLECTIONS.

MANY VALUABLE FEATURES—  
REVIEW BY ROSSLAND  
PEDAGOGUE.

Yesterday morning the high and pub-  
lic schools resumed classes as usual,  
the department of certain teachers at the Re-  
velstoke convention continuing as before  
the holidays. Principals McTaggart,  
Bruce and Elley and Mr. King were  
all pleased with their experience at the  
convention city, and agree that the re-  
sults cannot help being useful to them  
and to their scholars.  
Discussing the convention, Mr. Mc-  
Taggart, principal of the high school,  
says:  
"The recent annual meeting of the  
Provincial Teachers Institute was one  
of the most pleasing of the gatherings  
of the kind held from time to time in  
different parts of the province. The  
majority of the members of the teach-  
ing profession can scarcely fail to ap-  
preciate the efforts of the education  
department, the staff of Normal school  
instructors and the inspectors of this  
province after listening to the eloquent  
and able addresses that were secured  
by the committee in charge. A glance  
at the program will show the subjects  
of the various lectures but can give no  
idea of the scholarship displayed, the  
wit and humor provided and the in-  
spiration gained."

"A feature of the convention was the  
exhibition of work of different kinds  
from all parts of the province. So ex-  
tensive was it that it occupied a large  
part of Selkirk hall as well as the new  
school building. The exhibits com-  
prised examples of writing, composition,  
drawing, brush-work, clay-modelling,  
and specimens of work in nature study.  
One of the most interesting exhibits  
was in charge of Mr. Dummel, of the  
manual training schools, who brought  
with him a large collection from the  
work of the boys in the Macdonald  
training schools. In addition there  
were exhibits from the Manual school,  
from the city of Toronto and various  
colleges."

"The assembly hall as well as the  
school buildings were filled with visi-  
tors from various points, teachers and  
others. The benefit of such a gather-  
ing, not only to teachers but to the  
general public, can scarcely be over-  
estimated. The discussions of educa-  
tional questions and the advances  
made in the application of methods to  
the teaching of the young are of value  
to all, while the display of results ob-  
tained in the work of the pupils is an  
indication of the progress of education  
in the west. To the teachers a week's  
freedom from school duties and an ex-  
cursion to some convenient centre fur-  
nishes just that relaxation which is  
needed in any profession. Meeting old  
friends, the interchange of ideas and  
the inspiration gained work wonders."

"The city of Revelstoke did not fail  
to welcome the teachers most royally,  
and the teaching staff were indefatig-  
able in their efforts to make the meet-  
ing agreeable and successful."

# THE GRANTS MUST GO

Cancellation Bill Will Be  
Pressed Through the  
House.

Many Questions Dealing  
With East Kootenay  
Scandal.

VICTORIA, April 18.—There is little  
doubt now that the government bill  
cancelling C. P. R. grants to Kootenay  
lands will pass. Neill, Smith and others  
have become alarmed by the narrow  
votes of a day or two ago when Martin  
and Gilmour opposed the government.  
They fear that the C. P. R. has hatched  
a scheme to beat the government  
and prevent the bill from passing.  
They have now compelled the govern-  
ment to put this bill through and have  
it assented to before supply is voted.  
The government promises to do this on  
Monday, its hand being forced by the  
same means as was employed with the  
redistribution bill last year. The govern-  
ment is believed to be divided on  
the matter, Wells and Eberts being  
pro-C. P. R., but not daring to oppose  
the procedure in the face of the tem-  
per of the house.

Oliver has withdrawn his motion  
asking for a special committee to in-  
vestigate misstatements made in the  
preamble of the Columbia and West-  
ern bill, and also in replies given to  
members by Wells regarding the same  
matter, and has substituted another  
citing the above facts and declaring  
that Prior, Eberts, Wells and Prentice  
are guilty of perversion of the facts  
and not worthy of the confidence of  
the house as ministers of the crown.

Curtis will ask on Monday:  
"Have the blocks of land purported  
to be crown granted in aid of the British  
Columbia Southern railway ever  
been surveyed?"  
"If not, why were they not surveyed  
before the grant thereof was made?"  
"When a pre-emptor or purchaser  
near or upon the line between one  
of these crown-granted blocks and ad-  
jacent crown lands has the land he ap-  
plies for surveyed, how is the govern-  
ment going to decide whether the land,  
or any of it, is within the crown-grant-  
ed block or not?"

"If further surveys are needed to de-  
cide the boundary line of a crown-  
granted block, is the expense to be put  
upon the applicant, or will it be borne  
by the government?"  
Also Curtis will ask: "How many  
acres of land owned by the Columbia  
and Western Railway company under  
its subsidy act (1896) have not yet been  
granted?"

"When were the sections for which  
these lands have been earned com-  
pleted?"  
"Is the government aware that the  
taxation of these lands only begins ten  
years after their acquisition by the  
company?"

"If so, has the delay been to enable  
the company to escape taxation for  
these years of delay?"  
"If not, what is the real reason for  
the delay?"

"How many acres of land have to  
date been crown-granted to such com-  
pany?"  
"We these lands, prior to grant, de-  
fined, designated or surveyed, as re-  
quired by the subsidy act?"

"If not, what legislative or other au-  
thority had the government for crown-  
granting the same?"  
"Have the above mentioned un-  
granted lands heretofore referred to  
been designated and surveyed in ac-  
cordance with the act within the seven  
years expiring 17th April, 1903?"

"If not, has not the right of the  
company to such lands lapsed?"  
"If the right has lapsed, does the  
government intend to recognize it in  
any way? If it does, then why?"  
There are in addition on the order  
paper a number of questions, including  
one asked by Oliver, relating to the  
chief commissioner's relations with Sir  
Thomas Shaughnessy with regard to  
the subsidy being granted in Southeast  
Kootenay. The chief commissioner has  
promised an answer on Monday to the  
question respecting a conversation with  
Sir Thomas.

In order to facilitate business the  
government has decided to bring on  
night sessions next week on Monday,  
Tuesday and Friday.

## TOO MUCH MARRIED.

A Victoria Garrison Sergeant who Has  
Four Wives.

VICTORIA, April 16.—Sergeant Mc-  
Intosh of the engineer garrison left hur-  
riedly for England, but will probably be  
court-martialed on arrival. His hurried  
departure was the result of the discov-  
ery that he has four living wives, and  
other places where the regiment has  
been stationed are to be heard from.  
He left a wife in England, and has a  
wife and one year old child in Van-  
couver. He received leave frequently to  
visit her, and some months ago married  
in Victoria, taking the third Mrs. Mc-  
Intosh to Vancouver, where wife number  
four of his bigamous marriage and  
started inquiry, which revealed a still  
later marriage, the fourth as far as is  
known, to a young woman in a local  
dry goods store. After the exposure the  
sergeant left for England, leaving Van-  
couver yesterday. The local police have  
been informed and may bring him back.

## STRIKE AT CUMBERLAND.

Men Ordered Out of Dunsmuir's Other  
Coal Mine.

VICTORIA, April 20.—Dispatches re-  
ceived from Cumberland state that a  
strike has been ordered at the mines  
there by the Western Federation of  
Miners as a result of the refusal of  
James Dunsmuir, the own- to recognize  
the union.

# THE PREMIER AND THE TAX

Victoria, B. C., April 15, 1902.

The Rossland Miner, Rossland, B. C.  
Your issue of 12th inst. states that  
I had said in house did not intend to  
repeal 2 per cent. tax. Where did you  
get such information? I never made  
such statement; on the contrary I  
stated that the government would re-  
peal it, and a bill to this effect would  
be brought down to the house. Please  
take back all you have said in article  
in fairness to me.

E. G. PRIOR, Premier.

(We are confident that everybody di-  
rectly or indirectly interested in the min-  
ing industry, as well as all those who  
desire to see the province prosper, will  
join The Miner in heartily congratulat-  
ing the premier upon his declaration that  
the government has decided to repeal  
the 2 per cent. tax. But this is certainly  
the first intimation we have had of any  
such intention.)

The premier wants to know where The  
Miner got its information to the effect  
that he did not intend to repeal the tax.  
It came first from The Miner's Victoria  
correspondent on April 6, when he re-  
ported the premier during the debate  
on the address as follows:

"Premier Prior gave his opinion that  
it was desirable to do away with the  
2 per cent. tax for two years, but he said  
the country was not ripe for it. He  
proposed to adjust it."

This was published in The Miner Ap-  
ril 7.

The reports of the legislative pro-  
ceedings published in The Times and  
The Colonist of Victoria, and the News-  
Advertiser of Vancouver are to the  
same effect.

This being the case, it was only nat-  
ural for The Miner to conclude that  
the premier did not intend to remove the  
tax, although he had promised to do  
so when the Provincial Mining Associa-  
tion brought the matter to his attention.

If the premier has been incorrectly re-  
ported by all these different sources he  
certainly has good cause for complaint.

Meantime The Miner and many thou-  
sands of voters are anxiously waiting  
for the day when this iniquitous tax  
will be removed from the statute books  
of the province.)

# WHITAKER WRIGHT

What is practically an autobiography  
of Mr. Whitaker Wright occupies a  
whole page in the New York Herald.  
It forms an intensely interesting story  
of the life of the man who, according  
to a reporter who has been a frequent  
visitor to Mr. Wright's cell in Ludlow  
street gaol, is still a speculator, taking  
the sudden change in his fortunes with  
the nerve of a born gambler. He is  
feeling deeply the humiliation of his  
arrest and imprisonment, but he never  
doubts that the wave of his misfor-  
tune has reached its furthest point of  
recess, and that he will be carried back  
on its crest when it returns to his for-  
mer position of fame and prosperity.  
"The injustice of my detention," said  
Mr. Wright, "makes my blood boil. I  
have committed no crime against the  
laws of the United States; I am guilty  
of no more than a technical offence at  
most against the laws of England. The  
laws of both countries expressly pro-  
vide for the acceptance of bail in all  
cases except for capital offences, and  
yet I am kept here, able to give them  
ten millions of security if they want it,  
and as helpless as if I were already  
convicted and serving sentence, and all  
this because there is no provision in  
the treaty for the acceptance of bail,  
and because the government is more  
anxious to please Great Britain and  
continue the good feeling that prevails  
between the two countries than it is  
to be just and to do justice to one of  
its own citizens; for though I lived in En-  
gland for fourteen years, and was born  
there, I am a citizen of this country,  
and here obtained my start in life."

Mr. Wright dwelt upon his sufferings  
in being thrown into a small dark and  
damp cell, its only furniture an iron  
bedstead without a mattress, and only  
a blanket for covering, not even a tin  
basin in which to wash his face, and  
stared at through the bars of the door  
as if he were a beast in a cage. He de-  
clared that Sir Percy Sanderson, the  
British consul-general, was directly re-  
sponsible for many of his lesser suf-  
ferings, and added:  
"I shall not be surprised if he is  
severely censured for exceeding his au-  
thority in this respect, but that is a  
matter for the future to determine."  
Mr. Wright's own description of his  
early life is as follows:  
"At twenty-one I was cast entirely on  
my own resources, without a penny of  
capital. My father had given me a  
good education, and, as I had been  
much interested in inorganic chemistry

# THE LANDS SCANDAL

Ministers Hauled Over the  
Coals in the House  
Yesterday.

Joseph Martin Will Be in  
the Hospital for Some  
Time.

VICTORIA, April 20.—Thanks to the  
agitation throughout the country, the  
legislature this afternoon unanimously  
passed the second reading of the govern-  
ment bill confirming the order in  
council of last March, annulling the  
order in council of the previous autumn,  
which conveyed South East Kootenay  
land to the Columbia & Western Rail-  
way company. Messrs. Eberts, Martin,  
Ellison, Rogers and Gifford were not  
present when the vote was taken.  
The result was scarcely expected.  
There had been well founded rumors  
in circulation that the ministry was  
divided on the matter, and Eberts  
throughout the debate scowled darkly  
at the premier, who seemed rather to  
enjoy the roasting endured by Eberts  
and Wells as the principal targets of the  
opposition. Eberts worked his well  
known game of taking copious notes, as  
though in preparation for a crushing  
reply, but also as usual failed to even  
address the house, and absented him-  
self when the vote was called.

The opposition was in fine form, and  
Oliver, McBride, Curtis, McPhillips and  
Semlin poured hot shot into the govern-  
ment ranks. Oliver rehearsed the  
whole history of the matter, tracing  
the devious windings of the ministry,  
and declaring that the C. P. R. and the  
government had conspired together to  
despoil the province. He charged the  
ministers with being parties to a big  
steal and Wells with stating falsehoods  
to the house in order to cover the ne-  
farious acts. Curtis sympathized with  
Prior in his position of having to re-  
pudiate the acts of colleagues such as  
he had, and in addition to attacking  
the government on this matter he as-  
sailed Eberts for taking a retainer,  
through the firm of Eberts & Taylor,  
from the C. P. R. He cited other in-  
stances where that firm had fought le-  
gislate applications to the house like  
that of the Rossland mineral claim a  
few years ago and the case of Nelson  
city's application for Bonnington water  
power, which was only secured, after  
two years' efforts, during the absence  
of Eberts in Ottawa.

Prior frankly admitted that the pre-  
vious government had blundered, but  
said he would rather risk political ex-  
tinction than perpetuate the wrong.  
He was twitted by the opposition for  
being a party to the introduction of the  
Columbia & Western bill last May, two  
months after the government had can-  
celled the order in council.  
Wells' defence was "most ingenious."  
He said he was advised that the govern-  
ment had discretionary powers in  
selecting these lands, and the C. P. R.  
was a strong corporation and should  
operate them for the good of the coun-  
try. He claimed the reason for the  
second order in council was because  
the C. P. R. failed to notify the govern-  
ment that it would accept the acreage  
provided in Kootenay. He admitted  
he took the crown grants to Montreal  
with him, but said the reason why he  
did not deliver them was because the  
C. P. R. failed to make further conces-  
sions which he desired.

Wells' speech was admitted to be the  
weakest possible defence of a hopeless  
case.

Yesterday afternoon Joseph Martin  
was removed to St. Joseph's hospital.  
Since coming down for the present  
session Mr. Martin has been under the  
medical care of Dr. George Duncan,  
who when it became evident that an  
operation would have to be performed,  
wired to Martin's physician, Dr. Munro  
of Vancouver, to come down. Doctors  
Duncan and Munro performed the  
necessary operation yesterday after-  
noon with entire success. The patient  
is resting easily today. Mrs. Martin,  
who has been living with her husband  
at the Driford for some time, will in all  
probability take up her temporary resi-  
dence at the hospital, to be with her  
husband as much as possible.

Although the operation itself was en-  
tirely successful, its peculiar nature  
entails quiet for many weeks, and the  
doctors in attendance state positively  
that it will be out of the question for  
the patient to take his place in the  
house again this session. The princ-  
pal bone of the leg had to be scraped  
in two places, and ample time must  
be given nature to supply the substitute  
for the removed portions of the bone,  
in order to prevent equally serious  
trouble in the future. It is quite pos-  
sible Mr. Joseph's until the conclusion of  
the session, when he will be removed to his  
home in Vancouver.

## THE MERGER CASE

NORTHERN SECURITIES COMPANY  
OBTAINS A SUSPENSION  
OF ORDER.

DIVIDENDS MAY NOW BE PAID  
TO THE HOLDERS OF  
STOCK.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20.—The  
Northern Securities company, Northern  
Pacific and Great Northern railway  
companies are asking in the United  
States circuit court that the recent de-  
cree against the Northern Securities be  
suspended, to permit the payment of  
dividends to the securities company.  
Over \$4,000,000 would be released for  
May dividends if the petition were  
granted.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20.—In the  
circuit court Justice Sanborn handed  
down a decision granting the request  
of the attorneys for the Northern Se-  
curities company to be permitted to pay  
Great Northern and Northern Pacific  
dividends to the Northern Securities  
company shareholders. In the course  
of his decision Judge Sanborn said:

"To enable the courts to prevent un-  
necessary loss or injury to the parties  
to litigation in such cases the supreme  
court provided by rule 93 that when an  
appeal is allowed from a final decree  
the injunction of the injunction judge who  
took part in the decision may make an  
order suspending the injunction during  
the pendency of the appeal upon such  
terms as to bond or otherwise as he  
may consider proper for the security  
of the opposite party. It is the custom-  
ary practice for the courts to exercise  
this power whenever their action will  
not injuriously affect the rights of the  
party who has secured the injunction.  
These dividends do not belong and can-  
not in any event be paid to the United  
States. Its purpose in prosecuting this  
suit and its interest in this injunction  
are only thereby to enforce the law  
against illegal combinations in re-  
straint of trade and to prevent the  
Northern Securities company from con-  
tinuing directing, owning, operating  
or interfering with the competing  
railroads. This interest, it will be no-  
ticed, will be protected by that portion  
of the injunction which forbids the  
management or control of these rail-  
roads by the Northern Securities com-  
pany and forbids from voting or ac-  
quiring any stock of these railroad  
companies. If the supreme court re-  
verses the decree, the same parties can  
draw these dividends upon their North-  
ern Securities stock. The retention of  
the dividends by the railroad compa-  
nies while the appeal is pending will not  
enhance or speed the enforcement of  
any legal right of the U. S., while it  
might inhibit unnecessary loss and in-  
jury upon the stockholders who are  
justly entitled to receive these divi-  
dends as soon as they are earned."

## VICTORIA MARINE NOTES.

VICTORIA, April 16.—The steamer  
Arab, which arrived from San Fran-  
cisco, changed her flag today. She was  
given a British registry instead of Dan-  
ish, and will hereafter hail from Victo-  
ria.

A survey has been made of the dis-  
masted German ship Columbia, which  
was towed to Victoria on the 8th by  
the steamer Norman Isles, which found  
her derelict off Cape Flattery. She was  
valued at \$37,000, and the amount neces-  
sary to repair her was fixed at \$40,000.  
She has been libelled for \$75,000 by the  
Norm