IMPEACHMENT

Victoria, Jan. 16.—Press Galley Legis-lative Assembly—There was a large at tendance of members at the opening of the legislature this afternoon. The cus-tomary formalities were observed and everything passed off very quietly, al going to create a disturbance had prought out a strong force of police, reglar and special. After the speaker had taken the chair

Hawthornthwaite moved adjournment o bring on a motion impeaching the lieutenant-governor, claiming it to be a matter of great public importance. He submitted his motion in writing, but the speaker ruled that it was not of sufficient urgency and refused to read it.

Hawthornthwaite then asked to be alowed to state the nature of his resoluion, urging that the house was being deprived of its rights and privileges. Mr. speaker Pooley called him to order and Hawthornthwaite appealed against the uling, with the result that the speaker was sustained.

The only other business transacted, n addition to the reading of the speed rom the throne, was the introduction f attorney-general Bowser, who was eading of a bill to amend the Supreme Act. House adjourned until 2 m. tomorrow. The speech from the throne was as

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Leg-

islative Assembly:
In meeting you again at the opening of another session, it is my privilege to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which, during the past year has prevailed in nearly all lines of trade and industry. The commission on irri-gation, the appointment of which was authorized last session, has entered on its duties, and its report and recomendations will be submitted to you. n accordance with these recomm ions legislation will be introduced to ecure a more equitable and efficient rigation purposes.

large increase in immigration with the consequent demand for land nder preemptions, warrants my gov ernment in asking you to place a large sum in the estimates for any extension f the provincial surveys.

A measure will be laid before you

with a view to the restriction of the immigration of undesirable persons. With the aim of encouraging and exediting railway construction, it is proposed to exempt from taxation for a period of 10 years, from time of com pletion, certain railways already au-thorized. To do this you will be asked

o pass an act empowering the govern nent to grant such exemptions.

In accordance with your recommendation that a representative of the govern nent should be sent to London to lay before the imperial government the fact of the refusal of the federal governmn to entertain British Columbia's claim for more adequate and equitable treatnent in the matter of provisional sub sidies the honorable, the first minister

was assigned to undertake the duty, and his report of his mission and its results will be laid before you.

In order to secure a more efficient rice in the conduct of the public ousiness it has been thought desirable o regulate civil service, and a measure for effecting that and creating a super-

annuation fund will be submitted for our approval. With a view to obviate the necessity of our youth going abroad to perfec

themselves in the arts and sciences, an act to establish a provincial university will be introduced during the session. For the more convenient prosecution of public works under appropriations by

the legislature and with the object of securing uniformity between the federal and provincial systems in the method of accounting and the collections of sta-tistics, it is deemed advisable to change the commencement of the financial year om July to April. I am pleased to be able to inform you

that the finances of the province are in an excellent condition. This has enabled my government to effect a large reducin the public debt, while still able to show a substantial surplus over the actual expenditures.

Measures will be submitted to you de-

signed to secure to the province the full benefits that should accrue to the treasury from the utilization of its resources The public accounts for the past financial year, and the estimates for the similar period will be laid before The estimates have been framed with regard to economy, while provid the outlay necessary to meet the requirements of the public service in a province, the scene of important

On account of the increase in the denands for public works and buildings and the development taking place in the northern part of the province, it is deemed advisable to create the office of minister of public works, and you will be asked to approve of an amend ment to the constitution to effect that. I now commend those various meas ares to your attention, believing that their adoption will be to the advantage

of the province and the welfare of the

people.

YMIR NEWS NOTES (Special to The Daily News) Ymir, Jan. 16-Clarkson Bros., of Ymir

are engaged in getting out a large order f cedar piling. tion house here was totally detroyed this morning by fire, the occupants being all foreigners had narrow capes and lost everything, one having \$70 cash burned.

Roger Clarkson and bride have returned om Toronto and have taken up their esidence on Second avenue. The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid gave essful entertainment last evening.

Dr. Judson Clark of Vancouver, has been nspecting timber on Porcupine creek, owned by the Active Gold Mining company of Cincinnati. The limit comprises some 5100

(Special to The Daily News.) Ottawa, Jan. 14.—When the house met the premier, replying to R. L. Borden, said the postmaster-general would be in a position to fix a date before the end of the week on which he would make an explanation to the house. He also said there was absolutely no truth in the report that the Halifax garrison will be replaced by British troops.

Hon. W. S. Fielding entered into a

lengthy explanation of the terms of the convention with France which the Hon. Brodeur and the British ambassador negotiated last fall. The resolution on that was based having been adopted without comment by an understanding with the opposition leaders Fielding dealt first with trade expan-

pointing out that trade with Britain had increased from ninety-eight milions to two hundred and eighty milions in the last 10 years, however was aparent that this was not sufficient.
The home producers were anxious to reach the world's markets. Sir Charles Tupper's treaty with France was a step the right drection, but there were two objections: Canada got but a limited list of advantages in comparison with those accorded, and certain things were required to be snipped direct to obtain the advantage of a minimum tariff.
After mentioning the diplomatic difficulties, among which was a provision of the old treaty according to favored nation clause, which might be accorded other nations, the objects of the negotiation were summarized as follows: To remove inequalities and make conditions fairly reciprocal; to guard against concessions injurious to any Canadian nterests; to reserve, as far as possible, the British preference established by the tariff policy of last session, and while granting France the favored nation greements to reserve the right of making any tariff arrangements we see fit

and desirable to confine them as much as possible to French specialities which are unlikely to compete to any large degree with our own or British industries and to secure the favored nation treatment for such articles as we have for export or may reasonably expect to have in the future Fielding, going into details, said the French government claims that the difference between the French minimum and maximum is greater than that between Canada's intermediate and general, and this is the reason some arti-

cles were from ½ to 5 per cent on a ariff ranging from 15 to 30 per cent. the French reductions ranging from 20 to 60 per cent on higher duties. Therefore France was granted special rates, generally at preferential figures. generally at preferential figures, on cialties which would not compete with Britain. Such items were liquid medicines and silks. In laces the rate was very close to British preference and this was the only article which might

competitive. The minister gave a list of nations which are entitled to the favored na-tion treatment when the French treaty goes into force: Argentine, Austria-Hungary, Bolivia, Columbia, Japan, ark, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela, Norway and Persia.
Closing, the minister said, though the

treaty was for 10 years it was terminable at a year's notice.
In answer to Foster, Fielding said the

in answer to roster, richards are revenue loss of \$4000.
Fielding's speech occupied the entire aftrenoon after recess. Foster opened his criticism. He accused the government of making the treaty obscure. He wanted comparative tables of France-Canadian trade. He said we were getting no better treatment than 30 other nations, nor as good as 34 others. He charged the liberals with seeking make political capital of the treaty by making out that a new era in Canada had opened, claiming that for the first time a treaty had been negotiated by

Canadian plenipotentiaries, Foster then when into comparative statistics of the old and new tariffs. He had little faith in the favored nation treaties. He preferred the United States plan of separate conventions, as the forgave nothing we have not now He concluded by expressing the belief that the convention would reduce the

itish preference to 6 per cent. A deputation of Canadian wine growers, representing 18,000 acres of wine culture and \$2,000,000 of invested capital, waited on the premier and Fielding today in reference to the wine tariff the French convention. They desired assurance that it will provide for the exclusion of spurious French wines, such as are already forbidden in France as said to be made with chemicals. If the law remains as this delegation claims, their industry will be almost totally destroyed. The ministers prom-

Thirteen amateur companies have so ised to give the matter their best confar entered for the governor-general's musical and dramatic competition which is to be held in Ottowa the week commencing Feb, 24. Lively contests are already assured.

The railway commission has issued a series of orders requiring the railways of the dominion to equip all their passenger cars with fire extinguishers, for-bidding the use of lignite coal as fuel for railway purposes, requiring railways to maintain inspection of all wooden trestles during the midsummer months so as to guard against the occurrence of fires and to maintain along the prairie sections sufficient fire guards, as preventative against damage to crops. These fire guards are to be ploughed and kept rid of wood and inflammable material. The railway commission has also ordered that locomotives be fitted with screens of mesh so as to minimize risk from sparks. Inspectors are to be appointed by the railways to ensure due bservance of these requirements and examinations are to be made of all locomotives at least once a week. Penalties are provided for infractions of any of hese orders, and the inspectors of the Railway Commission staff will see that they are carried out.

ession of parliament a commission will e appointed to investigate the question of forest preservation throughout Canada and the desirability of either pro hibiting altogether or imposing an export duty on the shipment of pulp wood from Canada to the United States.

NELSON'S PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER LAUR-ENCE FOR 1907

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DUR-YEAR TOTALLED \$95,170

City engineer Laurence's report for 1907 reads as follows:

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Nelson: Gentlemen-I beg herein to submit my report on the work done under my supervision during the year 1907.

WATER WORKS The supply from Cottonwood creek has been uninterrupted, and the pipe is in fair condition. During the spring pipe line, and also to the training walls t Faals street, but no damage occurred

through spring freshets.

The Anderson creek flume is in poor condition, but the supply has been an an abundant one and there is still a head of water The Whitewater flume is in a dilapi-

dated condition and practically no water is now carried by it to Cottonwood The gate and dam at Cottonwood lake

have undergone slight repair, but are not in good order. During the year all the large users of water, with the exception of the Kootenay Engineering works, who are now fitting up, have installed electric motors, and consequently a large proportion of the waste has ceased, and the average pressure at the fire hall during the last few months has been 115 pounds.

Sundry small repairs have been made to the 4-inch and 6-inch mains in the city, and an extension from the city limits throughout Chatham street and Nelson avenue to Golden street by a 6-inch main has been carried out. Also an extension by an inch pipe from High street to Pine. Union and Selwyn streets. and an inch pipe from Hall street to

the recreation grounds. new hydrants have been pur chased but are not yet installed. Length of new mains-6-inch, 3900; -inch, 1550; total, 5450.

WATER SERVICES Number of houses connected, 1907, 23. SESWERS

There has been no trouble with any the sewers throughout the year, and in May and June all the sewers throughout Baker, Vernon and Victoria streets The additional sewers laid during the

ear comprise: An extension of the sewer in Block 26 in the lane between Silica and Car onate streets, length 280 feet. 2. An extension of the Kootenay street sewer from lane in Block 23 to

and of lane in Block 29,, length 500 feet Total, 750 feet. New manholes built—2. New catchbasins built-1. Houses connected to sewers-21.

Plumbing permits issued-30. STREETS There has been practically no perma ent work done upon any streets during the year with the exception of the south side of Front street from Ward to Josephine streets, which was excavated and metalled, the material for which was acquired from the pebbie bank at the wes

end of Lake street.

The mud surface was removed from the square between Ward and Vernon streets, and the surface metalled with stone from the Lake street bank and

court house. Repairs to the wharf. Baker street and Victoria street bridges have been in-cessant throughout the year, and are, as at present constituted, a constant expense to the city.

SIDEWALKS The majority of the sidewalks throughout the city are in a bad state and are being incessantly repaired. Dur-ing the year the following new side-

walks have been laid: West side of Ward street, from Latimer to Observatory; south side of Hoover, from Ward to Stanley street; east side of Ward, from Houston to Richard's street, and southeast side of Richard's street from Ward; east side of Hendryx, from Baker to Vernon street, and east side of Cedar street, from Latimer to Hoover street; total of new walks laid, 2400 feet.

RECREATION GROUNDS The track, banks and drainage of the grounds have been improved during the year, and the cribbing upon the western boundary is now in construction.

BUILDING PERMITS There have been issued throughout the year, within the fire limits: One brick building, costing \$1800; 18 permits for alterations, costing \$3250. Outside the fire limits: 11, comprising nev buidlings and repairs, costing \$91.129; total, \$95,179.

GRAND FORKS FINANCES

Grand Forks, Jan. 17-The city auditor has just completed the audit of the city books and finds the city to be in a good financial condition. At the close of 1903 the liabilities exceeded the assets by \$16,-737.16; the debenture indebtedness including local improvement, was at the time \$246.450; at the present time it is \$206,300, and the assets now exceed the liabilities by \$24,084.27, being a total gain since 1903 of \$41,,023.43. This is besides debentures which have been redeemed.

KAMLOOPS NEW COUNCIL

Bayntum, H. Miller and J. H. Wilson. I night.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The elections yesterday passed off very quietly, there being, unusual for this city, very little betting on the result. In the West Ward being the smaller numerically, the results were known earlier than were those from the less were the smaller than were those from the less were the smaller than were those from the less were the smaller than were those from the less were the smaller than were those from the less were the smaller than were those from the less were the smaller than the sma East Ward. The result of the vote was as follows: WEST WARD

D. C. McMorris T. Walley J. McPhee Spoiled ballots . EAST WARD Hale E. Kerr G. P. Wells

Arthur 181 Joy 170 Holmes Jones Odlum Spoiled ballots ...

Matheson

Most of the spoiled ballots for school trustee were spoiled because three instead of two candidates were voted for There were nine ballots ,however, which were ungraced by any pencil mark.

RESULTS IN ROSSLAND

(Special to The Dai'y News)
Rossland, Jan. 16.—Polling in Ross land municipal election took place to-day, but ther was absolutely no excite-ment. There are 244 voters qualified to exercise franchise, 166 voting, each being able to vote for three candidates the East Ward, Langham, James and Tees were returned unopposed. In the West Ward there were five candidates for three places. The result was: Jones 92, Martin 89 and Twaddle 78, returned. Sestwick 55, and Anson 52, were defeated. Jones, Twaddle and Anso members of the old council, which holds ts last meeting next Monday. The new council takes office the following ever

MATHESON RE-ELECTED Phoenix, Jan. 16.-D. J. Matheson wor in the mayoralty contest here today over George W. Rumberger by a majority

The total vote cast was 218. The Matheson ticket also won in both wards for aldermen. The successful candidate were: L. Y. Birnie, Francis Knott, W. J. Porter, A. D. McKenzie and Theo Philbiner. The result is an endorsement of the administration of mayor Matheson for the last year, the lid having been clamped down since he was elected, last January.

GRAND FORKS ALDERMEN

(Special to The Daily News) Grand Forks, Jan. 16.—Fripp having en elected mayor by acclamation, only aldermen and school trustees were for election today. Results were as fo East ward, Fred Clark, James Mc-Ardle, G. W. Rutherford; West war F Miller P T McCallum, H E. Wood and H. C. Hannington.

BUNTING CHOSEN

(Special to The Dai'y News)
Greenwood, Jan. *16.—H. Bunting, con ractor, was elected mayor of this city

MORIN FOR MAYOR

(Special to The Dai'y News)
Trail, Jan. 16.—In the municipal elec tions today, G. Morin was elected mayor stone from the Lake street bank and faced with marble chippings from the by 28 majority. Aldermen were elected by 28 majority. Aldermen were elected as follows: Sibbald, Harkness, Brandon,

MORLEY DOWN AND OUT Victoria, Jan. 16.-Dr. Lewis Hall beat mayor Morley by 117 majority.

PLANTA RE-ELECTED Nanaimo, Jan. 16.-Mayor Planta was elected today with a majority of 157.

LINDMARK IN REVELSTOKE Revelstoke, Jan. 16.-Municipal elections in the city of Revelstoke took place today and was the hottest contest ever held in this city, the fight was hitter and to a finish. The results were as follows: Mayor, C. F. Lindmark, majority: aldermen, Ward 1, Foote and J. J. Woodland: Ward 2 G S. McCarter and R. H. Sawyer; Ward 3. J. A. Stone and W. W Le Feaux

CONTEST IN PHOENIX

(Special to The Daily News) Phoenix, Jan. 14—Yesterday was nom-nation day for the civic election, the candidates for mayor being D. J. Matheson the present incumbent and G. W. Rumberger, who was defeated by Mr. Matheso year ago, after having held the offic seven consecutive years. The nominees or aldermen are East ward: L. Y. Birnie, obert Carson, Frank Knott, Abner Hillier Palmer Cook and M. H. Kane; West ward Theo Biner, W. J. Porter, A. D. Macken zie and Julius Carson. Three councilmen are to be elected in each ward.

Mayor Matheson takes exception to the printed statement of Mr. Rumberger tha the city's finances are now in a "deplor able condition," and in an open letter to nim, which has been scattered around the city, he quotes some figures stating that while the city under his administration did not have some \$4600 in gamblers' fine as it did the previous year under Mr. Rum perger, the finances are in equally as good shape as before, the tax rate being no high er and in the last few montsh Yaving had over \$1500 expenses for smallpox epidemic. He closes by saying that if Mr. Run can disprove his statements in open debate Kamloops, Jan. 17.—The following he will resign the contest for the mayor's were yesterday elected as council for chair. Increasing interest is being taken in 1908: Mayor, J. T. Robinson; aldermen, A. Noble, A. C. Taylor, J. R. McNab, R. meeting will be held tonight or tomorrow

RESULT OF LEMIEUX' TRIP

Tokio, Jan. 16.-The Japanese that the report of Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, Canadian minister of · labor, is entirely satisfactory to the Canadian government, and that it would accept in good faith the verbal promise of the restric-tion of the emigration of labor-ers, relying upon the Japanese government to enforce the regu lations which are outlined in its memorandum. Nothing now remains except the exchange memorandums between the · governments.

There being only one nomination for mayoralty, returning officer W. E. Wasson, at 2 o'clock vesterday afternoon, duly proclaimed S. S. Taylor mayor for the year 1908. W. Gillett will retain the office, however, until his suc-cessor returns to Nelson. Mr. Taylor is expected back from the coast tomor-As there were 12 nominations for

aldermen and five for school trustees an election was fixed for Thursday next to take place between the hours of a. m. and 7 p. m. The polling place for the West ward will be the office of W. P. Tierney, with E. A. Crease as deputy returning officer. That for the Easst ward will be the city hall.

The signatories on the nomination paper of S. S. Taylor were W. J. Wilson, J. A. Gilker, W. Shackleton and J. J. Malone.
The candidates for aldermen and school trustees were read out from their nomination papers in the following

West ward aldermen-W. Gosnell pro posed by J. A. Gilker and W. Irvine; J. McPhee, proposed by W. E. McCandlish and T. Madden; G. Stead, proposed by J. A. Gilker and J. Hamilton; D. C. McMorris, proposed by G. A. Hunter and W. S. Drewry; A. T. Walley, proposed by A. L. McKillop, J. F. Kelly and H. Bird; J. O. Patenaude, proposed by G. A. B. Hall and C. F. McHardy. East ward aldermen-T. G. Procter proposed by W. J. Wilson and W. A Thurman: J. H. Matheson, proposed by W Shackleton, W. E. McCandlish and G. B. Matthews; G. P. Wells, proposed

by G. Ferguson and J. A. Gilker; E. Kerr, proposed by G. F. Motion and S. M. Brydges; E. B. McDermid, proposed by W. Waldie and G. A. B. Hall; G. W. Hale, proposed by W. R. McLean and W. E. McCandlish.

W. E. McCandlish.
School trustees—V. W. Odlum, proposed by J. E. Annable and R. W. Drew; R. G. Joy, proposed by J. L. Porter and J. H. Matheson; E. C. Arthur,proposed by A. L. McKillop and A. D. Emory; J. W. Holmes, sr., proposed by E. C. Traves and W. Irvine; W. H. Lones proposed by F. F. Morris W. H. Jones, proposed by F. E. Morrison and J. A. Kirkpatrick

Thus, there are seventeen condidates for eight places, three places for alder-men in the West ward, three for aldermen in the East ward and two for school Six of the aldermanic dates must necessarily be turned down and three out of the five for school

MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

P. R. MACDONALD RE-ELECTED IN ROSSLAND YESTERDAY

WILL BE CONTEST FOR ALDERMEN IN WEST WARD ONLY

Rossland, Jan. 13-City clerk Collins, re turning officer, today received he nominaions of candidates for the municipal elections which takes place Thursday P. R. Macdonald continues in office

by acclamation for another year. For the East ward three candidate nominated, I. D. James, Joseph H. Langman, R. A. Tees. For the West ward five were nominated: J. T. Waddell, J. Anson, H R Jones, T. Bestwick, John Martin. For school trustees the following were nominated: H. P. McCraney, J. J. Wood, W. J. Priest, unexpired term one year, vice J. Gibson, resigned, R. Gosse, unexpired term one year, vice W. J. Nelson, eased. P. R. Macdonald continues on the board of school trustees for another year, his term being unexpired. The contest in the West ward comes rather as a surprise, as there were no indications of a fight T. Waddell, Anson, Jones, Langman and James are the members of the retiring council.

REID'S DAMAGE CLAIMS

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 17-Railroad contractor Reid, promoter of the Reid-New-foundland company, has filed a claim for \$1,250,000 damages against the Newfound land government. Mr. Reid claims that the government subsidized a line of steamers peting with one of his lines which has been in operation for several years. The litigation between Reid and Newfoundland has existed for some time, due to disagreements over contracts. Reid has already obtained several millions of dollars from the colony as damages due to the government amending a railway contract made with him in 1898. The contractor has also a claim of \$550,000 against the government for rolling stock furnished.

CAN RECOVER WAR RISK Seattle, Jan. 17-Federal judge G. H. Hanford, rendered a decision yesterday in the case of the Northwest Steamship company against the Maritime Insurance company of England, by which the plaintiff can collect the insurance on the vesse Cacoma, which was captured by the Jananese while trying to run the block

was for war risk onely.

(Special to The Daily News)

Victoria, Jan. 13.—Smith vs. Wah
Lee, tried at Grand Forks by judge
Brown and jury, defendant appeals
against verdict for damages for allowing a team to run away; appeal of defend-ant dismissed today. J. A. Macdonald for defendant, S. S. Taylor for plaintiff.

total trade of the country increased from 1896 to 1907, \$378,939,529, or equal to an av-erage annual increase per year of \$34,449,054. Alstrom vs. Fred Lane, railway contractor. Lane appeals against jury's der liberal rule was equal to half the tota verdict at Grand Forks for construction increase under conservative rule for 15 camp board of men; judgment reserved Macdonald for Lane, Taylor for plain-

appeals against judgment for damages for breaking and taking possession of plaintiff's farm buildings as a construction camp: judgment reserved. Maconald for Lane, appellant, Taylor for

Scott vs. McCarter, Scott appeals against Rossland non-suit; judgment re-served. Macdonald for plaintiff, Taylor for McCarter.

Star vs. White, full court settled the judgment order; all trespass workings to be emptied an dtimbered forthwith at the defendant's expense, registrar to assess damages, giving full value of ore Perpetual injunction granted against any entry upon plaintiff's claims, and full inspection order grant-ed to plaintiff to act at all to prevent future trespass. Defendants pay all costs for experimental work. Tay plaintiff, Bodwell for defendant.

POPULATING THE WEST

FIGURES THAT TELL PLAINLY OF SUCCESS OF LIBERAL POLICY

TRADE EXPANSION - GROWTH OF TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, Jan. 15—The manner in which the west is being populated is probably est shown by the number of homestead entries and the number of acres passing nto personal ownership. A comparison the work of the present govvernment with what was done in conservative times wil reflect great credit on the sagacity and enterprise of the present governmet. following will be read with interest:

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES Five years ending 30 June, 1902, 41,803; Five years ending 30 June, 1907, 130,212

20,833,920 acres.

The above shows that the policy of the department has accomplished within the past five years and what substantial gains give been made in securing permaner ettlers who will add greatly to the wealth

of the dominion. \ For purposes of comparison let us take ten years previous to the conservatives going out of office, in 1896 and compare what they accomplished with the result of the next ten years under liberal adminis-

tration: Ten years ending 31 December, 1897, 32,300 5,168,000 acres. Ten years ending 31 December, 1907 172,015

27,522,400 acres. Surely there cannot be better evidence out forward to justify a policy than is fur nished by these figures.

Some figures in geeral immigration are also interesting as going to prove the class of citizens who are now entering Can-ada. This will disprove the arguments constantly advanced by the conservatives that British immigration is falling off.

IMMIGRATION Five years ending 1901-1902: Great Britain and Ireland, 56,043; other countries, 86,242; United States, 73,982; total ,236,886. An interesting comparison is made with the five years just ended which proves beyond peradventure the contention that an improved class of people are being ecour-

aged to settle in Canada; Five years ending, 1906-1907: Great Bri-187,705; United States, 230,874; total, 718,691. Carping critics who alleged that British immigration is falling away will do well o study these figures and if they are not nclined to give credit tot the governmen at least they should cease misrepresently

DOMINION LANDS REVENUE A well governed department should able to show a revenue constantly on the increase. This can be shown by the department of the interior. The following table gives the dominion lands gross revenue for ten years ending 30 June, 1907 bu loes not include the revevnue from the Yukon territory:

.\$ 274,254,32 371,695.40 346,537.08 531,874.91 1901-02 \$2,194,873.7 21 181 94 68 1,116,887.96

Year

932,644,18 1,727,246.68\$4,138,186.9

Within the last five years the revenue

ver four million dollars and is greater

from dominion lands alone has increa

to that extent than it was in the previou five years and this in face of the fac that the government is charged with care-lessness of the public interest in the disposal of public lands. How absurd and un true such a charge is may be determined by an examination of the figures here mitted. Tories would not believe in the honesty of the liberal government though one rose from the dead to testify. If the liberals have sold lands they have the money in exchange for them and the money was promptly paid into the public treasury The conservatives gave the lands away and at the end had neither lands nor money Whenever the liberal government disposed noney and as money was more useful to the government than lands, the people re-Vladivostock during the Japanese-Russian moneys of Canada are usefully employed to the effect that the legislature was so that all the people receive a permanent war. The policy was for about \$13,900 and

TRADE EXPANSION This is always an interesting subject and eflects very truly the prosperous or de-pressed state of things as the case may be; after 18 years of conservative rue the total trade of the country increased from 1878 to 1896, 505,005 or equal to an average increase per year of \$3,701,106.

After 11 years of liberal rule the total trade of the country increased from 1996 to 1907, 527,005,500 and puel to 2007.

That is the average increase per year under liberal rule was equal to half the total

TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN During 18 years of conservative rule the trade with Great Britain increased \$16,-297,311 or an average increase per year of \$905,406.

During 11 years of liberal rule the trade with Great Britain increased \$117,319,460 or an average increase per year of \$10,665,406. In other words the average increase per year under liberal rule for 11 years was almost equal to the total increase under conservative rule for 18 years. Conservaconservative rule for is years. Conserva-tive loyalty to Great Britain was by word of mouth, liberal loyalty is shown by pre-ferential tariff, granted without quid pro quo and the result is demonstrated by the

figures given above.

In 1896 the trade commissions service then known as the Canadian Commercial Agency service, practically did not exist. It was in a chaotic state, without instructions, direction or control. The reports of agents were printed in some instances months after they were received. They are now published in the weekly report within a few days of their receipt and dis-tributed in Canada free of charge. The efficiency of this service has contributed not a little to the very splendid expansion of Canada's trade and is additional evidence of what intelligent administration of public affairs will do for a people. Canadians have much to thank the liberal government for and the martufacturers and nerchants should be particularly grateful for the efforts which have been made

PROTECTION OF GAME

RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERN-MENT BY FERNIE ASSOCIATION

G. H. BOULTON SUCCEEDS J. S. VOL-UME AS CITY CLERK

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 11—James S. Voiume, city clerk, has tendered his resignation to the city council, to take effect Feb. 1, and S. H. Boulton of

the firm of Mott & Boulton, has been

appointed to the position. The Fernie Game Protective associa-tion held its annual meeting on Wed-nesday evening in the office of H. W. Herchmer, president, which was well attended and most enthusiastic. Game warden Jack Lewis was present and warden Jack Lewis was present and gave an interesting account of the sea-son's work and offered many sugges-tions for furthering the objects of the association. After an interesting disson's work and offered many suggestions for furthering the objects of the association. After an interesting discussion it was decided to forward to the government a petition requesting the following amendments to the game laws:

1. That sale of game and trout be 2. That bear be added to protected

list and bag be limited to two of each 3. That bag for sheep be limited to one ram, two goats, and deer, two each of each species.

6. That guides be licensed and regis-

game reserve in East Kootenay.

9. That appointment of game warden J. Lewis be made permanent.

10. That resident as applied in the game act be defined as follows: "A British subject who has resided continu-ously in the province for three months prior to the opening of the season, or an alien who has resided in Canada

for 12 months, and three months in the

It was also recommended that the noney secured from the suggested taxes and fines should be devoted to a game male domestic servants. and fines should be devoted to a game protection fund. An effort will be made to secure the co-operation of the other game protective associations in bringing these desired amendments to the act to the attention of the government. At a meeting of the Ladies' Benevo lent society, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. H. Johnson; 1st vice-president, Mrs. F. G. Watson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. C. P. Higgins; treasurer, Mrs. Sherwood Herchmer; secretary, Miss C. T. Alexander; com-Mrs. E. Wriglesworth, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. H. McLean and Mrs. McIntyre.

BUY OUT BRITISH SYNDICATE Pekin, Jan. 17-The officials of Shansi sovince have recovered from the Pekin Syndicate, a Britishr corporation, all the ncession rights held by the syndicate in Shansi. The long negotiations deavor to reach a compromise, were clos vesterday by the syndicate agreeing to accept 2,700,000 taels, payable in four hours, and quit the province. The matter of "rights of recovery" recently has brought about a revival of the demonstrations against the syndicate which had the sole rights over an immense mineral fields in Shansi.

TROOPS TO REMAIN Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.President Roosevelt today informed governor Sparks, of Nevada, by telegraph that he would permit the troops to remain in Nevada for such reasonable length of time as would give the legislature time to organize the police functions of the state. The information was in response to a communication from the governor

ters occupied the attention of the house of commons during the entire sitting today.

E. N. Lewis' bill to amend the immigration act by providing that foreigners knives and other weapons, was intro-duced and explained ,and shortly after Mr. Cockshutt, Brantford, moved:

That in consideration of the great the labor market in many of the industrial centres throughout the country, it is highly expedient that assisted immigration, with the exception only of the agricultural and industrial classes, should immediately cease and that no further bonuses shall be paid to indiing or bringing in such immigrants. Further, that the time has now come for strict enforcement of the law that requires that only the financially, moral-

The debate which ensued followed place between the mover and Oliver on the same resolution. On that occasion Cockshutt charged Oliver with making public a private letter which had ac-companied an enclosure from an em-ployment bureau he had sent the minister, pointing out where there were open-ings for immigrants. This letter was quoted by Oliver to prove Cockshutt had quoted by Oliver to prove occasinate man-encouraged the bringing into Canada of immigrants, thereby contributing to the congestion of labor. Cockshutt said the minister had been unfair in seeking to make him responsible for circulars sent out by the Canadian Manufacturers' association. Cockshutt, in attacking the immigration policy of the government and the description of the government and the gove ernment, said the department had been looking for quantity rather than quality. He also claimed that under the existing system any persons were allowed to enter the county provided they said that they were going in for either farming or railroading. He did not farming or railroading. He did not entirely blame Mr. Oliver for his policy, which he had imported from "a more

uneruptive predecessor."

Speaker Sutherland interrupted and Cockshutt withdrew the expression. As the result of the government immigration policy he claimed that the country was being flooded with undesirables. He did not stand for a small Canada but rather for a Canada open for all who have instincts that are human and are ready to work for a living

ready to work for a living. Replying, Mr. Oliver had with Cockshutt as to the writer of a letter, when it transpired

McClellan, the emigrate Aberdeen, Scotland. The this official did not un policy of the government ceeding his instructions. Oliver told Cockshutt that

not to make any effort to en immigration of the class of settlers who were required in Canada. He argued, in conclusion, that C. Lazarus, the agent in London of the Canada Manufacture. ers' association, had been largely re sponsible for the labor market of Can

R. L. Borden supported Cockshutt in 4. That a tax of \$2 be levied on guns, and 50 cents on fishing rods.

5. That trappers be compelled to Legarus was a friend of W. T. R. Preston ,who had been a partner with Lazarus in the North America Immigration rus in the North America immigration company. Borden thought the government could learn something by studying the immigration policy of the United States, though he would not advise the adoption of it entirely. They did not give a bonus but they charged a head tax, yet, in past years, over one million people had entered the country. A grame act he defined as follows: "A Britpolicy should be adopted which wor bring in a class of settlers who we not a drag to the country.

Alex. Johnston, of Cape Breton, who followed, moved an amendment to the effect that the house approved of the government's policy of confing the couragement of immigration to farm Uriah Wilson moved the adjournmen

of the debate at 6 o'clock.

The public accounts committee this

morning opened up enquiry into the

payment of \$264,722.55 to the Ross Rifle

company in the last fiscal year.

Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., represe the Ross Rifle company, said he had more to do with securing the contract than had Ross himself. He did it out personal friendship to sir Charles, who had been the victim of circumstances which had made him greatly misunderstood. There were three sa tures to the original contract, that the rifles should be manufactured according to sealed patterns, that changes should to sealed patterns, that changes sho made only after two months' notice and that advances should be made not on the plant and machinery but on actual materials and wages. Sir Charles Ross had invested over \$1,250,000 in the plant. Over 80 distinct changes had been made, which had involved prac-tical reorganization of the machinery.

Sir Charles Ross was at present \$100,-000 out. Sir Fred Borden said, in defense of the militia department, that the com-pany had co-operated with the government in making the changes. anxious for an investigation into the charges.

TO SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS Seattle, Jan. 17—The revenue cutters Perry and Thetis left Seattle last night to seek for the survivors of the British ship Hatof Vancouver island.

paid for something the other day-because you are not an ad, reader-might just as well been used to light your cigar.