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EXPRESS DELIGHT AT APPROACH OF RUSSIANS

Experts Think Togo Will Wait Until Fleet Approaches Japan Before Giving Battle.

Tokio, April 10.-Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific squadron has not been reported since it passed Singapore. Its whereabouts and the plans of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky are subjects of the keenest general specula- ing north.

It is quite generally assumed that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky does not desire an immediate battle, and that he will attempt to reach Vladivostock, where there are docks and shops, or seize a base. The latter course is deemed unsatisfactory on account of poor facilities and the danger of political complications.

Many believe that the Russian naval MONTREAL AND BOSTON commander has a second rendezvous in the Pacific ocean and that he will speed ily quit the China Sea and go eastward of the Philippines.

If Vladivostock is his objective the Pacific is considered to be more favorable for the accomplishment of his purpose, although it largely depends on Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky himself.

The Japanese newspapers and public express relief and pleasure over the ap proach of the Russian second Pacifi squadron, as well as confidence in the ability of Admiral Togo's fleet to van-

Strict orders have been issued to the officers on duty at the admiralty not to make public any portion of the long re-port which arrived here yesterday from Singapore. No anxiety is manifested at the admiralty, where the Associated Press was informed, in reply to a question, that "the foreign press and the Japanese were probably more worried about the location of the vessels than

There is reason to believe that Rojestvensky is on board the Kniaz Souvaroff, and that the division which passed Singapore Saturday is in command of a rear-

ARE IN DANGER OF TORPEDO BOAT ATTACKS.

New York, April 10 .- A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that naval experts consider that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet must forthwith proceed toward Vladivostock, as any stoppage, even within territorial waters, would greatly increase the danger of torpedo attacks, and that it is thought that Admiral Togo will probably choose to give battle near | the Kootenay Power Company's prothe coast of Japan, and a great engagement is therefore not likely to take place for three weeks.

RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE SITUATION.

St. Petersburg, April 10.-The outburst of enthusiasm, aroused in military and naval circles at the prospect of a sea fight which may change the whole complexion of the war, finds no echo in the Liberal press, which views with something akin to alarm even the remote possibility of a turn of fortune which would strengthen the government at home. The with long articles discussing Admiral wagon road runs to the now famous Rojestvensky's chase, but they are all Epu. Goldfinish and Bay mines. squadron has reached the China Sea.

the Novoe Vremya highly commends the admiral for having safely accomplished the difficult feat of bringing the squadron through, declaring the die is

The Bourse Gazette manifest undisguised pleasure at the scare in British shipping circles and the flurry in insur-ance rates, produced by the sudden appearance of the Russian squadron off Singapore after the British nad convincselves that the squadron would never go to the Far East. "Japan," says the Bourse Gazette, "now stands to lose the mastery of the sea, together with the fruits of her successes on land."

Other papers express doubt as to whether a sea fight is imminent, expressing the opinion that Rojestvensky is likely to await Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, and that Admiral Togo will retire close to his base before accepting a battle.

SHIPS ARE NEAR

ISLAND OF JAVA.

Amsterdam, April 10 .- A dispatch to the Handelsblad from Batavia, Island of Java, says that a Russian squadron is near Muntok and that it is expected to arrive at Batavia to-day.

STEAMER SIGHTED SHIPS AT ANCHOR.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, April 10 .- The latest information in regard to the Russian squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Enquest, which passed here on Saturday afternoon, was brought her to-day by the British steamer Gregory Apcar.

The latter yesterday sighted the Russian ships twenty miles northeast of Muntok, one of the island of the Anam-bas group, about 150 miles northeast of

Singapore.
The Russians were at anchor when the Gregory Apcar passed them.

Information has also been received here
to the effect that four warships, apparently Japanese, were off Cape St. James, mear Saigon, on April 7th.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS DISGRACED FOR COWARDICE.

Gunshu Pass (18 miles north of Tie Pass), Manchuria, April 10.—General Linevitch has pilloried a number of officers who displayed cowardice during the battle of Mukden, publicly disgracing them by posting their names at all di- ited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

vision headquarters, while some of them were drummed out of camp.

PREPARING TO

ENFORCE NEUTRALITY. Manila, April 10.-The American vice consul at Eingapore reports that the Russian fleet, consisting of six battleships, six cruisers, six convoyed cruisers eight torpedo boat destroyers, one hospital ship, one repair ship and sixteen colliers, have passed Singapore, headed

this way. American cruiser Raleigh, the torpedo boat destroyers Barry and Chauncey, and the supply ship General Alvado have been dispatched to patrol the west coast of Palawa island to en-force neutrality. Three other destroyers are preparing to sail.

DUTCH SQUADRON MISTAKEN FOR RUSSIANS

Weltyredem, Island of Java, April 10 —It is reported here that the supposed Russian warships sighted off Muntok are really the ships of the Dutch squad-ron, which has left its former anchorage under secret orders, and is now steam-

PLANT TO BE ENLARGED

Company Has Also Decided to Erect Converter to Treat Matte-Developing the Rawhide.

Greenwood, April 10 .- Following the important announcement made by Editor Wilcox, of the Phoenix Pioneer, that the Boundary shipments for the first quarter of the current year exceeded in value \$1,000,000, comes another equally important statement in the shape of official information given your correspondent for publication for the first time by Manager Pemberton, of Montreal & Boston Consolidated. Mr. Pemberton authorized the following:

"It has been definitely decided to erect the furnace at present on the ground and another which has been purchased. This will give the Boundary Falls smelter a capacity of from twelve to fifteen hundred tons a day. The company has also decided to erect a converter plant sufficiently large to convert all their own matte into blister copper. At present all the matte is shipped to the B. C. Copper Company's smelter and there converted.

"Extensive developments will be started on the Rawhide mine at once, and a obtained from Bonnington Falls by

"The company's mines can supply all the ore needed for the enlarged smelter output; and by midsummer it is expected that the changes will be effected."

Mr. Pemberton said after patient and rsevering experiments they were now

able to treat ores without using any for-

ign flux, the ores of the mines themselves when mixed being self-fluxing.
On Sunday afternoon Dr. Spankie and associates operating the Prince Henry claim on a development bond, struck the vein at a depth of fifteen feet. Prince Henry is one of the claims in the high grade belt on the opposite side of Chauvinistic organs, however, are filled the ravine through which the Phoenix

STEAMER CENTENNIAL ASHORE NEAR TOWNSEND

Went Aground on Marrowstone Point-Efforts to Float the Ship Unsuccessful.

Port Townsend, April 10.-Steamer ntennial, of the Kruse line, grounded on Marrowstone Point, three miles from this port, last night. She has at this hour (11a.m.) a heavy list to starboard, condition which will be aggravated as the tide continues in the run out. Fears are entertained that the vessel may tonple over at extreme low tide at 1.30 this Mexico. The latter is on a visit to this

The Centennial carried fifty passengers who were brought to this port this morn ing in the revenue steamer Arcala, and later sent on to Seattle by the regular passenger steamer. Aside from these, 35 Chinese, bound for the Alaska canneries, were sent up on the steamer Bel-

Tugs Wanderer and Bahada attempted to pull the Centennial off at high tide this morning, without success. Another attempt will be made at high tide toight, at 8 o'clock.

In the meantime the Wanderer is tanding by in case of accident. This afternoon lighters will take off part of the heavy cargo to lighten the vessel. As much as possible will also be stored in the forward hold, the bow being afloat. The vessel is fast for three-quarters of her length.

TERRIBLY DISTRESSING.

Nothing can cause more pain and more istress than Piles.
No wonder many Pile sufferers say eir lives are burdens to them.

Ointments and local treatments may ieve but cannot cure. Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid is guaran

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ed to cure any case of Piles. If Hem-Roid doesn't cure you, you get money back. Hem-Roid is a tablet taken internally, removing the cause.

\$1,000.00 guarantee goes with every A month's treatment for \$1.00, at all Druggists or The Wilson-Fyle Co., Lim-

OUTLOOK IN THE

BOUNDARY MINES ARE LOOKING VERY WELL

Great Activity in Fruit Growing at Nelson - Mining Operations at Frank and Coleman.

Rowland Machin, agent of the Bennett Fuse Co., of Camborne, Cornwall, who prison to-day. has just returned from an extended visit to the interior, reports that the mines in the Boundary country are looking well, the high grade properties never having made a better showing. The Guggen-heim Company, of New York is in con-trol of the Boston and Montreal group, including the Stemwinder and Brooklyn nines, and Boundary Falls smelter. The St. Eugene in East Kootenay, which is now under the control of Jas. Cronin, to gether with the War Eagle and Centre GOVERNMENT MEMBERS Star at Rossland, will add a hundred men to its staff. Mr. Machin says he understands the St. Eugene people were never in as high grade ore as they are

at the present time.

In East Kootenay he noticed-that the umber mills seemed to be stocking up for want of an immediate market. Cran brook is rapidly coming to the front, and s destined to become one of the best towns of the interior. A new railroad ine, the Spokane International, is now being constructed from Spokane through the international boundary to Yak, a small station just below Moyie, which will make a considerable change in the traffic to Seattle Tacoma and Portland by way of the Great Northern. "At Frank," Mr. Machin added, "I met my old friend, Zincky Jones, who is supervising the erection of an up-to-date zinsmelter, costing from \$150,000 to \$200. 000. Operations are being pushed for ward with the greatest dispatch. The walls and buildings are being built in the

most substantial manner, while the pat-

tery and warehouses have already been completed. Mr. Machin also reports that Mr. Jebo has sold his interests in the Frank collieries to Mr. Frank, the Butte capitalist. At the same place the French company are increasing their output of coal and coke considerably. At Coleman the International Coal & Coke Co. is just getting under good headway after being held up by a strike for two or three months. Coming through to the Crow's Nest Company's sphere of activity, Mr. Machin says the tipple recently burned at Michel is being reconstructed entirely of steel so that hereafter there will be no danger of fire. Indications point to the rapid settlement of all available farming and along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Settlers are arriving from the south and east every week. At compressor plant installed. Power will Frank, Mr. Machin saw three carloads of settlers' chattels sidetracked for de-

In the Boundary the town of Phoenix appears to have taken on a new lease of life in consequence of the advent of the Great Northrn railway. This company has a very handsome station there, and there is every facility for handling freight and passenger traffic. The indications are that J. J. Hill intends to push through to Penticton and Similkameen spite of all adverse legislation. Mr. Machin comments on the large venture in fruit growing at Nelson. For some time past tremendous activity has been displayed in clearing land along the Hall smelter, has a tract of 120 acres, which is being cleared and placed under

cultivation In the Ymir district, contiguous to been bonded for \$40,000. Mr. Barnhardt, dared to move. formerly manager of the Ymir, has at the Second Relief, of which he is part short notice. owner. This also has a ten-stamp mill. is expected that this combination will be carried through. One of the parties to laid up with appendicitis.

At Rossland, Mr. Machin met Wm Thompson, who is operating the Jesus Maria mine in Okampo, Chihuaha, province for the purpose of reporting on the present outlook of the Portland Velmine. This report he is to submit to his London directorate. He told the Victorian that despite the fact that they had to pay a dollar a pound for dynamite, and transported their ore on burros some 125 miles, they were still able to make money for the owners of the Mexico mine. Some of the highest grade ore, he said, paid as high as 6,000 ounces in silver to the ton. Notwithstanding all assertions to the contrary, the Yaqui country can be traversed by an Englishman unmolested provided he is not protected by the rurales, who are re garded as the natural enemies of the Yaqui Indians. The country is high and mountainous, but has plenty of timber and water. Mr. Thompson was for years connected with the B. A. C. proerties at Rossland as assistant manager to Bernard Macdonald, who is now operating at Guanajuato, Mexico.

FOUR PEOPLE ASPHYXIATED.

Chicago, April 10 .- Henry Monroe, his vife Anna, their 11 months' old child, and a brother of Monroe, were asphyxiated by gas last night in their home in Canal street.

THE DEMON OF ALL DISEASE.-Kid ney diseases are rightly so-called-they're nexplainable, unaccountable and insidious is the function of the kidneys to filter out all impurities. If they're clogged South American Kidney Cure will put them to The Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara rights and defy the ravages of so grim a Falls, Ont. visitant as diabetes or other kidney complications. It relieves in six hours.-118. pletely is surely worth a trial.

FOOTBALL AT NANAIMO.

Ladysmith Team Defeated Coal City Play-

Nanaimo, April 10 .- The Ladysmith As ciation football team beat Nanaimo in the second game for a challenge cup yesterday by a score of 8 to 2. The match was a fast one, but towards the close of thesecond hali Ladysmith had Nanaimo going and kept scoring goal after goal. The next match is at Ladysmith on April 16th. In the series Ladysmith has won two games and Nanai no none.

Saturday's pay day at the mines was one of the biggest for many months, amounting more than \$65,000.

MURDERER ELECTROCUTED.

Ossining N. Y., April 10.-Martin Ebelt, who murdered his young wife in Mount Vernon, paid the penalty for his crime in the electric chair in Sing Sing

ATTEND A CAUCUS

The Socialist Influence Manifested During Closing Scenes of the Session of Legislature.

It was little wonder that Premier Mc-Bride sought an early prorogation. His party had become thoroughly dissatisfied with conditions as they existed, and were liable to break out in rebellion at any moment.

On Friday it reached a stage where the opposition caucus was attended by two applications were made prior to the esmembers of the government and the Socialist dictator to the Premier. Sunporters of the government contend that this was purely accidental, but certain it is that Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, president of the council, and J. H. Hawthorn-that, Mr. McBride? Can the department thwaite took seats with the opposition override the statute?" during the holding of a caucus on Friday norning. Hon. Chas. Wilson also attended, but his stay was somewhat brief.

For some days preceding the close of the session members were accustomed to drop in and follow; the proceedings of the committee inquiring into the Kitimaat lands. A short sitting only was held on Friday morning, and the opposition then went into caucus on general matters. All went on pleasantly until to the infinite surprise of all who should open the door and enter but Hon. F. Carter-Cotton. John Oliver was addressing the caucus, and Mr. Cotton approached the nearest empty chair and began to adapt himself empty chair and began to adapt missen to the circumstances. This open manifestation of disagreement with the government's policy by the president of the council came with no little surprise to some members of the apposition, but that it was not saltogether unexpected is proved by the fact that Mr. Oliver did not let up in his remarks. Finally Mr. not let up in his remarks. Finally Mr. Cotton realizing that a mistake had been made by him made a sudden rush for the door, followed by Mr. Oliver, who was willing to accord him all the privileges

Proceedings went on quietly only for a ew minutes longer, when the door again pened, the athletic figure of J. H. Hawthornthwaite entered and took up a po-sition in the meeting. He also remained Kootenay river and planting immense sition in the meeting. The also remained fruit orchards. J. J. Campbell, of the

cipitate retreat The laugh had only subsided and business resumed again, when Attorney-General Wilson dropped in to pay his Nelson, marked activity in mining is be- respects to the party, and show that his ing shown, the Yankee Girl having just heart was really with the opposition if he

The Attorney-General, however, reapresent two properties, namely, the lized the embarrassing position sooner than the others, and made his escape on

The closing of the session was marked The Wilcox is installing a new mill, hav- by a very manifest exemplification of the ing struck a large body of high grade ore influence of the Socialists over the govsome time ago. Rossland camp is on ernment. Hitherto the ribbon which the qui vive for the consummation of the according to custom, adorns the speech merger of the War Eagle, Centre Star, of his Honor on closing the House, has Le Roi and other Rossland properties, with the Snowshoe in the Boundary. It was all done away with, and instead of purple the Socialist colors adorned the speech. The ribbon, it was observed. the deal, Mr. Waterlow, is at present was of a bright red. It was surmised that the Socialist dictator insisted that purple, the emblem of Imperial power, should give place to the favorite red of the party. It would seem that the final stages of the session were made to exemplify Socialist predominance in affairs.

A TORONTO MAN TRIES SOMETHING NEW AND IS DELIGHTED.

FEELS LIKE A BOY.



Mr. M. N. Dafoe, Manager The Dust less Brush Co., 20 Colborne St., Tor onto, is telling his found health after years of illness and "I have been a Dyspepsia for many treated by local doc-

tors and have taken Mr. M. N. Dafoe. nearly all the advertised remedies with only temporary relief. f any at all, but since using Anti-Pill I can eat anything the same as when a boy. I have been taking one Anti-Pill at bedtime for the past three months, and find they regulate both stomach and bowels. My old time vigor has returned, so that my spirits are buoyant and temper normal. As a result of this unhoped for experience I am in duty bound to give all credit to at the department." this wonderful remedy, Anti-Pill."

Every druggist sells Dr. Leonhardt's The remedy that cured Mr. Dafoe so com

PROROGATION WILL INTERFERE WITH IT

Committee Looking Into Issue of Crown Grants at Kitimaat Must Stop Inquiry.

(From Fiiday's Daily.) A mistaken impression by W. J. Bowser that the inquiry into the Kitimaat land grant matters should be governed by strict court rules, caused a spirited passage at arms between him and the doughty member for Delta, John Oliver, this morning. Fortunately Chairman Macgowan appreciated the proper function of the committee, namely, the collection of information, and ruled that the inquiry should proceed on the broadest be ready to present a report under three | fer a right to Robinson in regard to the years. The first witness examined this application made in his name orning was Premier McBride.

He said he was Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for part of the year 1903, during which applications from Messrs. Hunter and Munro for lands at Kitimaat were laid before him. In reply to the one from Mr. Hunter he wrote a letter (the one already reproduced in these columns). It was submitted to him that other parties had secured grants to lands subsequent to the establishment of reserve, and the applications from Messrs. Hunter and Munro being perfeetly in order there was no reason why the titles should be withheld. No particular circumstances were brought to his attention in this connection. tablishment of a reserve and everything was bona fide and above board. It was customary for the department to exercise discretion, providing the public interests did not suffer.

Mr. McBride: "I mean just what I

Upon Mr. Oliver pressing for an answer the Premier said that in matters not amply covered by the statute the officials bound to exercise discretion.

Mr. Oliver inquired if, when the applications were brought before him, the Premier knew the purchase was not completed within 18 months, although the statute limited the time to six months. The Premier said that probably all the aformation was laid before him, and he felt justified in following the custom that had been adopted by his predecessors. Furthermore, the provisions of the statute were substantially observed. He ad mitted that the granting of other lands than those applied for afforded sufficient justification for a cancellation of the

Mr. Oliver drew the attention of the Premier to the map showing that lands granted to Messrs. Murray, Hunter and Munro were specified in other locations than those applied for.

The witness replied that unless it was an error that could be explained the granting was inexcusable. He could not conceive of an error of this kind being made. When he gave authority to complete the purchases he thought it was obtaining crown grants for land around for land that was applied for. He con-Kitimaat. He told witness that if he sidered that this was sufficient to justify | would be satisfied with 40 acres he would a cancellation of these grants or any get him a crown grant for it. He would

others of a similar character. cations of Messrs. Hunter and Munro had any legal status.

Hon. Mr. McBride could not recall all the circumstances surrounding his action, but remembered Mr. Munro called upon him several times and he (the Premier after consulting with his deputy decided there were good and valid reasons for authorizing the purchase, and he had therefore written the letter produced. The Chief Commissioner in the Semlin ministry was within his authority in refusing all these applications, but he (witness) was not prepared to say that this refusal invalidated them when subsequently made. Neitner would he say that his refusal, in conjunction with the establishment of a reserve, deprived the

applications of any legal status. Upon further questioning by Mr. Oliver, the Premier again alluded to general discretionary powers resting with the Chief Commissioner on matters of

Mr. Oliver: "Will you point out those owers in the statute?" Hon. Mr. McBride: "I just make the

eneral observation." Mr. Oliver: "What would you say to statement that there were no such powers as you refer to?"

Hon. Mr. McBride: "I've nothing to say except that it is not so. All heads f departments have certain discretionary powers with regard to public works. Questioned along another line the wit-ness agreed that an application not made within the required time should not have been accepted unless special circumstances were presented. The application submitted six years after the necessary time, appeared to be a rather long abeyance. In the absence of some special circumstances he didn't think it should

Reading the application referred to he admitted there were no special circum- site required by him. The department stances, and that it could therefore have no standing. Mr. Oliver: "How do you account

e recognized.

The Premier (hesitatingly): "Well, I can't account for it, Mr. Oliver, but this secondly I wanted to collect \$20 I had might have been a case in which proper bona fides were submitted to the officials

Mr. Oliver pointed out that there were a number of similar cases—four or five and the Premier said he could give no explanation. He would say, however, that these crown grants had been im-

He thought there was some provision

in the statutes permitting the transfer | did not know that it was the same party of crown grants to others than those who of crown grants to others than those who who in both cases.

W. C. Wells, the next witness, said he applied for them when special circum-was chief comm stances were brought to the attention of the officials. He admitted that the re-the officials. He admitted that the requirements were not complied with when tions for land in the Kitimaat reserve two grants were issued to the same per- He did not understand that the previous

To Mr. Bowser: He understood that the Semlin government would not allow tory requirements up to the time of the the alienation of any lands of the prov- establishment of the reserve. ince. When Hon. Mr. Wells was chief commissioner, he thought, might exercise commissioner in 1902 several crown with the crown grants, but he (witness) grants were issued to original locators. With the crown grants, but he (witness) was always very particular in seeing that It occurred to him that it would be unfair to deny crown grants to Messrs. plied with. He must have thought that Hunter and Munro under these circumstances, and this was one of the reasons that prompted him to authorize the the lands applied for did not come under the intention of the reservation—that they were occupied lands.

Mr. Oliver: "You wouldn't consider that because Mr. Wells did an improper thing, you were justified in repeating it, department in issuing and designating would you?"

Hon, Mr. McBride: "I am not prepared to say that Mr. Wells did an im-

proper thing." Mr. Oliver: "Well, suppose he did?" for, and the latter had to get it wherever Hon. Mr. McBride: "Two wrongs don't make a right." The Premier further stated that unless there were special circumstances the question of crown grants was never brought to the attention of the chief commissioner.

H. G. Hall wished to correct the impression that might have been caused by ossible lines. Had Mr. Bowser's ideas his evidence yesterday, that he undereen followed, the committee would not stood something was being done to transnot exactly the case, but he had a hazy impression that Mr. Robinson had mentioned something about an application.

Frank Mitchell, of Kitimaat, was the next witness. He said he knew Geo. Robinson, with whom he had business dealings with regard to the land on which he was located. He produced a draft of a contract between Mr. Robinson and himself, and Mr. Oliver was about to put it in evidence when Mr. Bowser objected. This was only a copy, said the member for Vancouver, and ergo wasn't evidence. "I'm examining the witness, not you,"

quoth Mr. Oliver. "This inquiry, I understand, is being conducted strictly under court rules," Mr. Bowser contended, with forensic "No it is not," replied Mr. Oliver.

Finally the chairman decided that Mr. Oliver could bring out the evidence contained in the contract by questioning the Mr. Oliver was proceeding to read the contract to the witness when Mr. Bowser again objected. Mr. Oliver, he contend-

ed, had no right to read this draft to the stenographer. "I'm reading it to the witness," Mr. Oliver said. He handed it to Mr. Mitchell to peruse, and again the legal

uminary from the Terminal City put in an objection. Mr. Oliver: "I can assure my honorable friend that he might as well keep quiet for I am going to get this evidence in, if it takes me a week.

Mr. Bowser: "Not if the committee Mr. Oliver: "Yes I will in spite of the Mr. Bowser: "Then the chairman might

just as well leave the chair. I'll leave it to Mr. Brown." But the chairman knew something more about the function of a parlia restary committee than Mr. Bowser, and he ruled that court rules were not supposed to govern this inquiry, or a legal man would have been appointed to the chair.

The duty of the committee was to get all

the information it could touching the matter under investigation. Thus was Mr. Bowser squelched. Continuing, the witness said that Mr. ers of the lots under investigation Robinson had a great deal to do with obtaining crown grants for land around be surprised to learn that lot 310, in the Mr. Oliver referred the Premier to subsection B of section 30 of the act, and and the survey accepted by the govern-asked if under its provisions the appliment. There was nothing to show that it had been Lot 311 had not been staked Rheumatism is caused by an acid in before the reserve was established. It the blood. That is a medical truth would be hard to say what lots Geo.

Robinson was connected with; it would be easier to state what he was not connected with. Mr. Bowser: "Where is your land?" Witness. "My land? I've been looking for it. I made application for a pre
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This new emption on the reserve two years ago. It was accepted by the deputy commissioner at Port Simpson, but six months and a half afterwards I was notified that it was not accepted by the department. In the meantime I had erected a house and executed \$200 worth of improve-

ments on it.' Continuing, he said lot 310 was not urveyed by Mr. Gray, and he was prepared to swear that no post had been can hardly tell you how much I suffered can hardly tell you how much I suffered Mr. Bowser then adopted a profound

inquisitorial atitude, and treating the witness as a lawyer would a hostile one to see me during that time, and in a court, asked: "What is your interest in this investigation?" "That's a funny question,"

Mr. Bowser: "Won't you answer?" Witness: "No." Witness: "No."

Mr. Bowser (triumphantly): "Then and I am thankful to say that our evidence isn't much good?"

But to the chairman, who put the question in sensible shape, witness said he had no interest in the inquiry. He

he arrived here. Fixing an eagle eye upon the witness, Mr. Bowser then began to press him for rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago and backthe circumstances leading up to his appearance in this inquiry. The member for Vancouver acted as if he was under the impression that he was on the scent \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' of some gigantic conspiracy. But he didn't get much satisfaction out of his cross-examination. The witness denied that the investigation would affect a mill had already accepted his application for

this site, and granted the land to somebody else. for the issuance of a crown grant of this | Mr. Bowser: "What brought you to Victoria?"

Witness: "Firstly, I was broke, and paid into the department on the mill site they gave to somebody else." To Mr. Oliver witness said he first met him (Mr. Oliver) in the Dominion hotel on Tuesday or Wednesday of last week. The first time Mr. Oliver had asked him

to give evidence was yesterday. Mr. John recalled, was questioned about the two grants that were made to Geo. Robinson, and said the department

twelve applica government had refused to authorize purchases. The view he took was that the applicants had conformed to the statu-

E. B. McKay, chief draughtsman of the lands and works department, was questioned regarding the procedure of the grants. He admitted it was unusual to grant lands a mile and a half from where they were applied for. Somebody else had got the lands the grantees they could."

The committee adjourned to meet again on the call of the chair.

The committee of the legislature in restigating the issuing of crown grants about Kitimaat resumed its duties this

The only witness was A. K. Munro Witness said that he had applied for land at Kitimaat in due course. was never refused so far as he knew. A reserve was put on the land.

he did not know of the lifting of the Referring to the Gazette, Mr. Oliver howed that a reserve established March 3rd, 1898, was lifted on April 14th, 1898. Witness admitted that he might, in view of this, have completed the necessarv steps to have secured the land. He had made a proposal to Mr. Wells to renew the application. He did so because he understood that other crown grants were being issued. This was shortly before Mr. Wells went out of office.

"Would it surprise you," Oliver, "to learn that Mr. Wells had no ection of this application?" Mr. Munro said it would surprise him

o hear that. The witness was then asked if application for renewal was not later made to Mr. McBride? Mr. Munro said it was

The application, Mr. Munro said, was for land on Kitimaat Arm or Inlet. That was the description which he got. Mr. Oliver wanted to know how it was that he got land a long distance away from where he made application.

Mr. Munro said that the only explana tion he could give was that the descriptions had become mixed. Mr. Munro said he dealt directly with Mr. Wells and Mr. McBride. He had correspondence with Mr. Gore and Mr.

John. The putting of the grants through was delayed some time. "Was any suggestion made that if you made it worth while that this might be hastened?" asked Mr. Oliver.

"By any of the officials?" returned Mr.

"Yes," replied Mr. Oliver. "No," said Mr. Munro. In reply to W. J. Bowser, witness said that the money for both his application and Gordon Hunter was deposited and never returned. The application, so far as he knew, was never refused.

Mr. Oliver expressed a desire to have Geo. Robinson appear, but as prorogation was likely to take place this evening this would be impos An order was made for a return from the registry office of the registered own-

The committee then proceeded to prepare its report.

PAINFUL RHEUMATISM. This Trouble is Caused By an Acid in the Blood, and Can Only Be Cured Through the Blood.

every sufferer from this trouble should bear in mind. Liniments and outward applications cannot cure what is rooted in the blood-the disease must be cured through the blood. That is the reason rheumatism yields almost like magic to blood conquers the painful poison, sweeps out the aching acid, soothes the nerves, loosens the muscles and banishes rheumatism. Mr. Robert Morrison, one o the best known and most esteemed resi dents of Guelph, Ont., gives striking testimony to the truth of the statements made above. He says: "My trouble came gradually and was pronounced muscular rheumatism, and was located I was confined to my bed for fifteen months. A great many friends came think I am safe in saying that most of them had very few hopes that I would get better. I tried a great many remedies without any lasting benefit. Then I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, through the use of these pills and the indefatigable nursing of my wife I am again on my feet. My neck is still some what stiff, but the pain is gone. I am came down ten days ago from Vancouver.

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CHANGE OF NAME.

Winnipeg, April 8.-At a meeting of the town council of Rat Portage last night it was decided to change the name

-Captain Thor pointed to take o ment steamer E Ottawa. The which acts as t quarantine stati Captain Gould had charge of eight years, dur competent and f bian, having he steamer Iroquois,

-On Thursday time card on the go into effect. affect the morn change being that urday and Sun which will leave of 3 p.m., as train arriving instead of 7 p.m

-It is probab of the filling in around the new he carried out P. R. company. o undertake the its own filling in cents a yard, but the council are more than 50 cer price, for the higravel, the cost will be \$9,000. has 25,000 yards which they are Haggerty 60 cent property in Sprin that the city carrithe work, and he council on Monda

-Another car b tric Railway Con minster arrived f day and will be street run imme four of these to d tended for the ou Hill runs, the ser points should be a ready mentioned cars are only sligh those running on

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and of the Finlay ference Thursday extension of the Ridge and also wi ing of permanent ter's property. I other on Douglas s the owners of the jection, but as a re it is believed an ar be arrived at.

-A special com terested in providir tablishment of the o Royal Jubilee hospi further sum, in add collected, is necessa with the object of t women and mo has been thought would give her mite object in the name their sake, or me sum could not be af realized that if eve would give fifty cen dered. The comm subscription lists is Rocke Robertson, Luis Russell, Jubil street; Mrs. Bickfor Henry Clay, Fort Douglas street; Mrs.

The lists were open

-W. J. Brandrith Kipp, a prominent i Fruit Growers' Asso the Times office on and expressed the ability of the fruit ince to sweep every the approaching Do New Westminster. pretty big competi remarked, "the pre-being very attracti test is open to the toughest competition and Oregon. But. apprehend any trou fruit growers of the done it on their own it again. Not on London last year, British Columbians feature of the frui display of the promercial purposes, t -On Sunday afte

of which, Master I nothing more than riding his bicycle ar dock he carelessly doing so slipped into the icy waters splash attracted th mmediately threw gling lad. With th ter was able to re ported himself unti rescue. The bicyc dropped from the after about an h brought to the surf then taken into th hoped that boys in from these wharves from the extremely unpleasant experie sey. There have b of the recklessness of the ocean docks, an rence has the salut something more seri pen.

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