## STANDING PAT

commons Dr. Sproule, East Grey, quoted Canadian Associated Press despatch to the effect that when interviewed J. Obed. Smith, assistant commissioner of immigration in London, stated that it was not the intention to exclude any but the worst class of immigrants. Had Mr. Smith correctly stated the attitude of the depart-

Hon. Frank Oliver said that he assumed Mr. Smith was misquoted, as the despatch does not correctly describe the attitude of the department as to assisted immigration. Hon. George E. Foster called attention

to the cabled protest to the Rt. Hon. John lorley of a mass meeting of Hindus on the Pacific coast, protesting against the treatment they were receiving. The matter side of Canada and the government should make a clear statement of its policy.

The premier said the matter was very easily explained. In order to avoid complications in returning undesirables to the and of their hirth, it was necessary they should come direct. Consequently new regulations were framed, which were not directed against the Hindus, buf against all nationalities. The Hindus were treated no worse than other people.

Three government bills passed, one permitting, bonds, debentures and other securities to be issued in terms of English,

French and German coinage.

The gold-silver marking act was amended to defer enforcement till March 13, 1909; as also was Hon. A. B. Aylesworth's bill amending the supreme court act, providing that appeals be divided and heard in order: 1. Election cases; 2, western cases; 3, time cases; 4, Quebec cases; 5, Ontario

The house went into committee of suply on the justice department estimates. In supply Hon. W. S. Fielding said that as the beginning of the new fiscal yea was rapidly approaching it was important that a portion of supply for carrying on the public service should be voted as early as possible. He proposed that all items which had already been passed should be concurred in and one-eighth of the of the remaining sum should be voted and

ncorporated in the supply bill. R. L. Borden said that the understanding was the same as in former years. It would house free in regard to all of

the remaining votes.

The total amount of the items passed is eleven millions, which, with one-eighth, and the 1907 supplementaries, will make a supply bill of twenty millions. Among the supplementaries voted the sum of \$15,000 to encourage the production and use of superior seeds on farms and for the enforcement of the seed control act.

At this evening's session after a further discussion on Duncan Ross' bill to incor porate the Shuswap and Thompson River Boom company, was given a third reading and the house again went into supply on

the I.C.R. estimates,

The debate on the budget will be resumed Senator McDonald of British Columbia, in the upper house today gave notice of a resolution against the purchase of gov-ernment supplies through middlemen and emanding open competition for all pur-

hases of over \$1000, Hon. R. W. Scott moved the second reading of the act respecting co-operation, exto organize for mutual benefit. He pointed out that in England and other countries farmers and other classes, had organized these societies with great benefit

Selves.

Lougheed wanted to hear evidence on the bill before the commons' committee. It was there only that it could be ascerthe objects aimed at.

The bill was given a second reading and was referred to the banking and commerce

The governor general has received a cable from lord No thcote, retiring governor general of Australia, regretting the inility of the commonwealth's ministers atshee tercentenary celebra tion. They have asked the governor gen-eral to designate the earl of Dudley to represent the commonwealth on his way to assume office.

Ottawa, March 24-The civil service commission's report is ready for parliament. It lays stress on the increased cost of living in Ottawa which practically means a mendation for increased salaries. Richard Wilkinson, manager of the Owen

Sound Dredging company of which A. G. Mackay, leader of the liberals in the Ontario legislature is president, was before the commons public accounts committee this morning regarding dredging done in Georgian bay in the summer of 1906. The had certified to work done by various dredges after statements had been signed by government inspectors and as far as he knew the accounts were correct, but W. H. Bennett, East Simcoe, wanted to know how inspectors could certify to work carried on at the same time by two dredges which were a mile and a half apart. Bennett quest'oned the witness regarding visits he made to Ottawa in 1905 o tender for dredging work and endeavored to bring out evidence of collu-sion between the Owen Sound Dredging Co. and the Penetanguishene Dredging Co., but

the witness denied all collusion Premier Scott, accompanied by Mrs. Scott daughter left yesterday for Regina. He had an interview with Laurier before leaving. Asked to correct the report that he contemplated returning to federal poli-

"I have not seen any newspapers since I went away but you can state there is nothing in the rumor as far as I am concerned. I am quite contented to my energies to the province of Saskatche wan, where there is plenty of room for work and where the prospects of the l'b-eral party are still bright." Mr. Scott has ed his health and will re-enter on recovered his health and will re-enter on his official duties in full vigor. The second reading has been given to

bills referring to the Western Alberta railway, R. G. Macpherson, and Occidental Fire Insurance company, Dunsan Ross.

NELSON ROWING CLUB

Well Attended and Harmonious Annua Meeting Last Night

(From Tuesday's Daily) man at the annual meeting of the Nelson

rowing club last night in the court house There was a good attendance and the gathering was enthusiastic and harmonious and a good season is looked for as a result of the rowing men and their friends all pull ing together for the good of the sport and the welfare of the club. It was decided to strictly enforce the rule this year that all club dues shall be paid up by June 1.

The finances of the club were shown to

he in a fairly satisfactory condition but a debt of \$250 remains to liquidated.

It is hoped that among the many new arrivals coming here this year some good ons may be got for the fours and singles. All rowing men are cordially in-vited to join the club at the earliest pos-

sible moment.

The good work of the crews sent to Se attle last year when the junior four won was referred to in glowing terms and the ward to, and the general feeling of the meeting last night was that Nelson would be creditably represented. Arrangements will be made to hold the regular home re-

gattas during the summer.

The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Dr. G. A. B. Hall, M.P.P.; president, E. C. Wragge; vice-president, W. F. Mawdsley; captain, F. Nott; vice-captain, A. Pool; secretary-treasurer, J. Teague; executive committee, T. D. DesBrisay, R. Sharp, C. A. Lee, H. W. Robertson and W. Pearcy.

### BUDGET FROM HARROP

A MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IS AN TICIPATED

MANY NEW ARRIVALS AND STILL MORE COMING

Harrop March 21-The fact that this sea son will be the most successful ever known among ranchers in this settlement is al-ready assured. New settlers are coming in steadily and taking up land while the older residents are making all necessa, y prepara-

A. D. B. Miller who recently purchased the Cellner ranch here, will take up his residence on the property shortly, b inglag with him his wife and family from Edin-

James Thompson, who recently purchase a tract of orchard land here has offered to donate five acres for the B.C. univer-sity to encourage its erection at Harrop and is taking the matter up with the au-

tho ities at the coast.

Don Pharez was here this week looking over several properties with a view to lo-cating here. It is thought that he will be an addition to the already large number of ranchers in this vicinity.

With the opening of the fishing season next week and until its close in the fall, numbers of tourists and fishermen will be entertained in this district. A meeting of the local school trustees will be held shortly for the purpose of ap-

pointing a successor to Rev. C. H. Reynolds, who finds that his clerical duties will not allow of his being a member of the board, and to make arrangements for the opening of the school here at an early date. Mrs. Parke Southworth has returned home after spending several weeks at the hospital in Nelson, having fully recuperated from her protracted illness.

Mrs. E. Harrop and family are spending

#### the week in Nelson. INTREASED PROTECTION

RAPID GROWTH OF FERNIE CALLS

FOR A CHANGE

CORONER'S JURY FOUND VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH

(Special to The Daily News.) Fernie, March 21-At the last meeting of the city council several matters of minor importance were discussed. The question of establishing a substation for the fire department was introduced, but nothing of a definite nature was decided on. The town has grown so rapidly and now covers town has grown so rap diy and now covers so large an area that there is a p.essing necessity for increased fire protection and it was suggested that a station should be erected at the east end to house a hose wagon and 500 feet of hose. As another team of horses will be required for city work diving the neurons, they could be work during the nsummer, they could be utilized by the fire department for the Ald. Procter said electrical engineer substation. Notice of motion was given that at the next meeting of the council a bylaw would be introduced making it compulsory to weigh all retail coal delivered in town. The city owns public scales but-the coal is never weighed except at the

special request of the consumer.

The coroner's jury enquiring into the death of Mrs. A. Uasserini, who was killed on the tracks of the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel railway in the Fernie yards, brought in a verdict exonerating the company and train crew, finding that the unfortunate woman was trespassing at the time she met her death. It is mi. aculous that more fatal accidents do not occur at this point for the people are daily employed gathering coal from the tracks and stealing it from the cars and the company has recently held an investigation into the mat-ter. They have discovered that several tons of coal are stolen every day. They now intend to place a watchman in the yalds and will prosecute to the full extent of the law any persons caught steal-

ing their property.

Two exciting runaways occurred on Victoria avenue yesterday and though the sleighs were badly smashed fortunarely no one was injuied. These accidents have been of frequent occurrence littly and are mostly caused by the neglect of the driv-

SLOCAN NOTES

(Special to The Daily News) Slocan, March 23—The Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks died at the home of his parents of pneumonia. The interment was made in the Slocan cemetery. the Patrick Lumber company, have arrived here from Pembroke and will live in

Slocan. The Slocan rifle club, N. Morrison, captain, used the new Ross rifle for the first time at last Saturday's practice. The club has lately enlisted several new members. The Slocan band has been reorganized.
A steady rain has been falling since early

(From Tuesday's Daily) The council meeting last night was fully attended and a good deal of city business was transacted. The chief points taken up were the safety of public buildings and the sale of the school debentures. After the reading of the minutes the

report of the finance committee reco

and the payroll was adopted.

Mayor Taylor objected to paying \$5.50 a cord for wood for the power plant boarding house and instructed that bids be procured for the supply of this wood. Fur thermore, ascertaining that there was no real check on groceries being sent down to Bonnington, the mayor ordered that such a check be instituted in future.

It transpired that the payroll had not

been properly checked up and a resolution was passed that in future payrolls would not be considered by the council unless in

A legacy from the old council came ut This was an unsettled bill against the city by judge P. E. Wilson for legal services matter was turned over to the present city solicitor for settlement and the treas-urer was instructed to draw a check for the amount for which judge Wilson will compromise, \$500, to hold until further in-

Fire chief Deasy reported on the contion of various public buildings in the city. As to the opera house the furnace room was directly under the stairway. It was not in charge of a person in attenda during performances. The stairway did not run straight out of the building. The exits were not lighted, nor marked with red lights. There was no fire proof curtain, neither any sprinklers on the sta City engineer Lawrence reported building "fairly structurally st.ong," as far as the exits, passages, heating a lighting were concerned, the place was chief Deasy said, "a death trap."

The council on a general discussion su nace room, the placing of fire escapes, the alteration of the stairways and other mi

instructed to make a thorough investigation and submit a report to the council as

to desirable changes.

As to the central school the fire reported the furnace room unsafe and re-commended the substitution of stoves in all class rooms. The high school was not provided with fire escapes. The Baptist bas

This matter was left to the same com mittee to report.

The convent school was in good shape The churches were also fairly safe. In the Congregational church an additional stairway was requisite from the gallery. The fire, water and light committee was instructed to investigate these buildings

The roller rink was in good o der but the windows should never be covered winflammable materials such as bunting. conclusion chief Deasy recommended that the fire chief and building inspector pre-pare a consolidated bylaw covering the

Mayor Taylor thought a consolidated bylaw might be advantageous and a resolu-tion was carried asking the fire chief and building inspector to submit the bylaw. The sanitary inspector made a request for an extra team of horses.

Ald Procter asked what had been paid last year for hired teams. City clerk Wasson was not prepared to answer the question off hand. The tramway and health committee were instructed to report at the next meet

team charges, the city clerk was instruc to pay no more than \$7 for a double horse day and \$11 for a four horse team. Ald. Kerr proposed \$7.50 and Ald. Hale seconded, but the amendment was lost. Reporting on the progress of the work at the power plant, the mayor said the weir dependence of the power plant, the mayor said the weir government's neglect to appeal to the power plant, the mayor said the weir government's neglect to appeal to the progress been passed at the meeting this progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the progress been passed at the meeting this progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the government's neglect to appeal to the progress of the work at government's neglect to appeal to the government to the government

had been completed and the wheel pit was being filled up and the masonry had now reached a height where it would be possible shortly to fill around the form for the draught tube. There had been delays in the construction of the weir cross-walls owing to the foundations not being as ex-

Brown had stated at the last council meeting that the draught tube would be com-pleted by March 25; yet it had not even been started.

Mayor Taylor said that all despatch was being used and that the man really in charge, W. Shackleton, was a first class workman and the city was lucky in having ris services. Delay was owing to the large amount of rock which had to be taken out. Mr. Brown was only nominally in charge, the man really in that position being Mr. Shackleton

Re claim of G. F. Motion on a water p'pe bursting, city solicitor Macdonald advised that the city was not responsible. dian exports to Britain exceeded by twelve millions the entire export to the world in 1896. Schell was still speaknot in a position to put in a sewer this year. The matter was laid over for future con-sideration.

Ald. Hale asked if the sewers had been

flushed. City engineer said this would be done a fornight's time. In the meantime the catch basins, etc., had been cleared. The extension of the sewer across the flats would be attended to presently.

Ald. Procter pointed out that it would

on be too late as the water was coming up rapidly.

The Canada Zinc company's contract then came up. This was a question of security for the due performance of the contract for the proper construction of the pole line within a certain definite tilme. The personal security of R. S. Lennie and W. Wilson for \$2000 was offered. This the council considered to be sufficient and the city solicitor was accordingly instructed to accept the bond of two persons for \$2000, the bond to be to his sat'sfaction As to the cutting of trees in the city park near the hospital, the mayor reported that there were few trees cut in the park but

some had been cut on what was really the Mr. Boyes' salary then again came up This was a charge for overtime. Mr. Boyes had been given employment in December in lieu of 30 days' notice. Mayor Taylor said 30 days' natice was not

requisite in the case of city employees. No notice was required. Ald. McMorris remarked that the matter had been three times threshed out and this was the first he had heard of the overtime

March 12, the directors submitted the

extended to Canada, put an end to any dealings of the kind.

The realization of all metallurgical

in the value of metals had materially in-

creased the company's losses,
Mining—The Silver King mine, under

manager estimated that about 300 tons of good ore could be relied upon month-

ly if a certain amount of developmen

were undertaken, and this was done with the result that shipments were

resumed in the month of September, and the manager was instructed to continue shipping so long as there was a margin of profit. Several adverse circumstances occurred about this time,

amongst o hers which could not be fore-seen, the Trail smelter raised its rate for treating Silver King ores, the price of metals still further declined, and the

or metals still further declined, and the crude ore fell off in quality. In Novem-ber, the manager reported an excess of liabilities, chiefly for wages, over assets of \$10,000, and he was at once instruct-

ed to suspend all further operations. The board having no funds to meet this

liability, called a meeting of the de-benture holders with a view to obtain-

wages, to meet the interest on the de

bentures up to the end of September, and to provide a sum for necessary up-

keep, pending an agreement in process of arrangement, for leasing the mine on tribute with an option of purchase, in which the shareholders would have had

an opportunity to take part.

Time, during the financial depression

Ald. Procter seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted. The mayor suggested that the fire, water and light committee take up the question of the management of the power plant, consider what applications might be made and present a report on April 6, after comfollowing report:
Smelting—At the last annual general meeting, shareholders were informed that it had been decided to adopt the sulting with the city engineer. This cours Huntingdon-Heberlein process. The new plant was finally completed, and opera-tions commenced on the accumulated lead opes in November, 1906. The re-sult of the first month's operations was

charge. He moved the application be filed

was adopted. vas adopted.

The mayor reported that he had met the school trustees that evening at 7:30 and a resolution had been passed authorizing Aemilius Jarvis to sell the school debentures in \$5000 and \$10,000 blocks, that he should be given until April 15 to complete the sale and that if half of the amount were sold by that date a further extension of ten days be given. Nelson is to net 95 on the debentures.
Ald. McMorris brought to the attention

of the council the tacking of signs on tel phone and other poles. nnone and other poles.

Instructions were issued to all city offi-cials to tear down any such signs.

Complaint was made by Ald. McMorris having been a success at other smelters in the same district, and considerable stocks of ore remaining to be treated, the servies of Mr. Blaylock, who was

as to chickens running at large. Mayor Taylor thought that this was not confined to chickens. The chief o police was instructed to issue proper war Mayor Taylor said the police had instru

The council then adjourned.

supplied by Mr. Hedley, more especially, as the company's bankers had made large advances on the strength of them. When these circumstances were disclosed all further advances by the bank Ottawa, March 25 .- When the hous met this afternoon, D. W. Bole (Winnipeg) explained that the government conwere stopped, and instructions were given by the board to treat and sell tract secured by his firm amounted to \$142 and consis ed of drugs for the nenitentiaries" Neither before nor since he ing in parliament had he permitted soligitat on f r gove mment business. This was the first he had heard of the occur rence and the government officer must have solicited the business or it would never have been done.

The premier made a statement that up to March, including the Chaudiere bridge and the railway approaches, the Quebec bridge had cost \$6,899,000, to which he added interest from June 30 on advances, for which bonds of complany were pledged, amounting to half

as possible, but, chiefly owing to insufficient roasting power, it was not until October that the work was completed; meantime the continued fail H. H. Miller (South Grev) continue the budget debate, reviewing at length what the liberals had accomplished for agricultural interests, particularly claiming cold storage. He defended the the arrangement with Mr. M. S. Davys yielded a profit of \$17,382 to 31st De-Fruit Marks act and the purchase of the Ross rifles, and ridiculed the claim cember, 1906, when the agreement was ended by mutual consent; the company that Laurier had ever stated that the continued mining operations on its own account and, up to 30th June, 1907, realized a profit of \$12,296. The mine

R. S. Lake (Qu'Appelle) replied, The government claimed a surplus of \$19,000,000, but to enable the government to make a \$5,000,000 loan to the banks to assist in moving the western crops, they had to issue paper money to that amount. They would have been wise to have set aside a reserve during the days of prosperity. Mr. Lake remarked that although the banks had secured aid, they still refused to advance money on bills of lading. Hitherto the usual course of the grain movement was not facilitated to any extent. The liberals could no longer drive people with their claim in favor of free trade. Many things were in the nature of raw ma-terial to the farmer. All the western liberals voted against the resolution to out the duty on agricultural implements in two last session, while it was supported by the conservatives. He expressed the opinion that the C. P. R. would continue to be relieved of the would continue to be relieved of the necessity of paying taxes, owing to the prior lien bonds. privy council for over two years. The disposal of thousands of acres of lands to speculators will in the end prove inrable Coal timber lands and fish ing rights were al enated to frie government had neglected to take steps for the construction of the Hudson's Bay railroad and were making slo progress with the Transcontinental, The government had done nothing to place the grain trade of the west on a better footing. Drastic steps should be taken to secure the transportation of grain to the Great Lakes before the close of navigation. Westerners were not satisfied with the "kind of tinkering recommendations of a royal grain comommendations of a reyal grain com-mission." Lake declared that a system of terminal and transfer elevators was necessary to free the grain trade from corporation control. He concluded by taking issue with Hon. Sydney Fisher that the farmers were not anxious for

M. S. Schell, liberal. (Oxford) replied

that in 1907, under the preference,

ing when the house rose for recess.

In the senate today senator Power re

sumed the debate on senator McMullin's

motion, that public ownership was not in the interest of Canada. He pointed

out that the progress of the world was the result of individual effort and in

Europe, where corporate monopolies prevailed during the midde ages, indi-

vidual effort was destroyed and the abo

lition of guilds and monopolies pro-moted progress, notably in Berlin. Par-

liamentary or municipal legislation did

not make the progress individual effort did. He cited Russia, where the state

operated mines, railways and steel works and great progress was made in communal effort. Public operation had

increased Australia's national obligation

New York, March 27-Daniel Leroy Dres

er, former president of the Trust Com pany of the Republic, who recently was arrested on a charge of larceny, today was

declared not guilty and discharged by

agistrate Barlow, when he was arraigned

vithout providing corresponding

a preference.

turns.

in America and Canada might reason-ably be expected to pass away, would have been given to enable the company to deal on more favorable terms for the disposal by sale or lease of its smelting roperty.

The debenture holders not having reen fit to meet the view of the board and liens for wages having been placed upon the mine, the only alternative has been

for the trustees to act and to take posession of the properties.
Subject to the approval of the debenture trustees, negotiations are pending to lease the mine and smelter, with the option of purchase, on terms that it is conserve the shareholders'

nterest in the property.

The directors are: lord Ernest Ham. ilton, George Freeman and Stratten Boulnois. The above report was signed by the first two.

The profit and loss account and the

halance sheet submitted to the share holders shows that smelting working expenses for the year amounted to £65.798 18s 11d, while the earnings are placed at £44,537, a loss of £21,261. The total loss for the preceding 18 months, ending 31st December, 1907, is placed at £24,171. The mining pro were: Silver King and American Flag, £2243; emma, £3874; total, £6027. Readers of The Daily News will no tice that J. J. Campbell's name does not appear in the directors' report. It is stated that up to the time of Mr

Hedley's resignation, December, 1906, and for some time after this date, Mr. Campbell had no share in the manage-Campbell had no share in the manage-ment of the smelter but for a period was business manager. When Mr. Hed-ley's resignation was finally accepted, Mr. Campbell, under pressure from the directors, agreed to take charge and do what he could to retrieve the day. As stated in the report, what ever

chance there was of this last attempt being successful, was swept away by the financial crisis of last fall.

The negotiations between the debenture trustees and M. S. Davys and others to lease the mine and smelter with the the shareholders of the Hall Mining and option of purchase, are, it is said, still Smelting company, Limited, held on

### IS SUDDENLY SUMMONED

CHARLES E. MILLER DIES AFTER FEW HOURS ILLNESS

HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY FOR PAST TWELVE YEARS

most disappointing, the cost of working being about \$3 per ton in excess of (From Friday's Daily)\_ that under the old conditions. In December, the smelter manager, Mr. R. R Death came with startling suddenness to Nelson home at 11:15 last night, when Hedley, having entirely failed to justify Charles E. Miller died at his residence on his estimates of working costs, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Silica street after a few hours' illness.

Mr. Miller was in the city during the day The Huntingdon-Heberlein process as usual and chatted with some of his many friends and acquaintances on business matters and appeared to be in the best of health. During the late afternoon he was looking over the garden at his resi-dence and moved about some rather heavy objects and it is the supposition that in familiar with the new process, was secured. The costs were at once reduced by about \$4 per ton, but as the accumulated ores were being gradually worked up, it became evident that a grave error had been made by the late lifting some of the articles he more or less strained the nerves of the heart. About 5:30 he felt so ill that he went to the telephone to call for medical assistance and fainted almost immediately afterwards. The message was sent to Dr. Willson, smelter manager in largely over-esti-mating the metallurgical contents, the values and quantities of the stock on hand. Subsequent enquires showed that the furnaces had been fed with far larger charges of ore than had been who at once responded. The physician found Mr. Miller complaining of a great pain in his chest and it was thought he was suffering from acute indigestion. After spending some time with his patient the doctor, having administered some medi-cine, left the house, Mr. Miller having ralreported.

The board had relied upon the figures

the attack. About 9:30 Dr. Willson called again and it was thought that the patient was sleeping but a closer examination proved that he was in a critical condition and despite all the efforts of the physician, Mr. Miller passed away a little after 11 collect. every available ton of ore, so that the actual amount of the deficit might be ascertained. Seeing that without further advances from the bank it was imposand came to the west from Western On-tario many years ago, going to Moose Jaw first and later on to Brandon, where he was ing operations, negotiations were opened in the dry goods business for some time and were progressing favorably for leasing the smelter, when the financial crisis in America, the influence of which proposed to Control of the contro ness on Baker street with J. H. Wallace, retiring from that business about three years ago. Mr. Miller was the owner of a fine ranch on the no:th shore opposite 5-Mile point and also city real estate. Dur-ing his 12 years residence in Nelson Mr. Miller took an active part in business affairs and was an enthusiastic launchman. His many friends will be greatly shocked to learn of his sudden death and the sympathy of the whole community will go out to the sorrowing widow who survives the deceased

Celebration of the 17th-Death of James Stoddart-Settlers Coming (Special to The Daily News) Fort Steele, March 24—The birth of Erin's patron saint was duly celebrated by a ball, supper and literary entertainment in the band hall at Fort Steele. There was a large assemblage of people for the sur-rounding district. The chairman, Mr. Ker-rigan, in his opening speech, paid an elo-quent tribute to the memory of the great saint who did so much for the old land. George's society. Mr. Fenwick, who in his usual forceful style, praised the work done by the Irish in different parts of the world and their efforts to maintain and build up a great empire for the British people. The Canadian society was represented by Mr. Banmore, who emphasized the fact that Canada was a bright jewel in the

British crown, and urged Canadians to be proud of their great country and its re-The president of St David's society, spoke briefly and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and do honor to Erin's

Dancing was indulged in and then came proposal been passed at the meeting, sufficient funds would have been pro-vided to pay out the miners' liens for and in keeping with the hospitality of the old capital of the Kootenays. Mr. Jones-rendered a song that kept the audience in good humor. Mrs. Johnson sang, with pathog and sweetness "Scotland, the Land We Love," followed by Mrs. Baker in an excellent song. A recitation by Mrs. Henry Kershaw, junior, was much appreciated. During the evening a number of (f ctillous and humorous) telegrams were read by the president of the various societies which contained many local hits and kept all in contained many local his and kept up roars of laughter. Dancing was kept up till an early hour and the singing of the national anthem brought to a conclusion what was pronounced by one and all a most enjoyable evening.

The many friends of James Stoddart of Windows will regret to learn of his

Windermere will regret to learn of his death at his home of pneumonia on the 18th instant. He was a pioneer and was

A number of land seekers have been at Fort Steele recently looking up fruit and agricultural land. It is th intention of Mr. Fenwick to put in a system of irrigation during the sum-mer on his large farm south of Fort Steele which when completed will make one of the most desirable holdings in the district. He also contemplates other extensive improve-

The prospects of the valley never looked brighter and when the Kootenay Central railway is built the whole valley will be settled, the mineral resources develope and a number of properties at the presen time awaiting transportation facilities, will

be shipping ore.

The winter has been mild, cattle and horses requiring but little feeding. Lum-bering, especially tie making, has been faily good but not so active as in past years. Timber lands are being closely look ed after and being surveyed, indicating ex-tensive operations for the future.

LABOR NOMINATIONS

Toronto, March 27.—The independent labor party last night nominated candi-dates to contest four of the local constituencies for the legislature.

John H. Kennedy, Sheet Metal workers' union, is nominated for South Toronto; W. J. Hovey, Cigar Makers' un-ion, North Toronto; John Gardner, Journeyman Bakers' union, West Tor-anto, and J. W. Bruce, Plumbers and Steam Fitters' union, East Toronto.

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BRIDGE INSPECTOR MCKENZIE IS

DEAD

WAS SUPERINTENDING A WRECKING TRAIN

(From Friday's Da'ly) D. J. McKenzie, C.P.R. inspector of bridges, met his death yesterday near Cas-cade, in the Boundary country white superintending the operations of a wrecking train. He leaves a wife and three children, the eldest of whom is only seven.
It seems that Mr. McKenzie left Nelson early yesterday morning and went to 47.5, as it is known among railway men, or to a point near Cascade, where a new steel span is being put in. Here there had bee by means of the derrick attached to the by means of the derrick attached to the wrecking train. The engineer was not present. Deceased, presumably not thoroughly understanding the direction of the strain, threw such a load upon the derrick and in such a manner that it turned over. Deceased junped for safety but was unable to clear the falling derrick and was crush-ed by it. He lived for about half an hour afterwards, or until about 1:20 p.m. He was

special train and taken to the undertaking parlors of the Standard Furniture company. Mrs. McKenzie will accompany the remains to their place of sepulture tomorrow morn ing. The burial will take place at Nanton Alberta, on Sunday next. There will be services bold here this evening in St. Paul's church. Deceased had been for 26 years in the service of the C.P.R. He be

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BORDEN'S ATTEMPT TO LITICAL CAPITAL OU REPORT IS THOROUG PLODED BY THE READY REPLY.

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administrator, sir Charles attended in the senate today assent to a number of acts, in assent to a number of acts, inc following: to incorporate the Winnipeg, to amend the Irris an act respecting the Trans-Coway company, to incorporate of Vancouver; to amend the Court Act and to enter a sufficient of the Act and th be heard of again this session, portant revolutions, such as I maining resolution for open ceraminations for the civil se Knowles' resolution calling for construction of the Hudson's way, will no doubt be moved ments to a motion to go into In the commons this after plying to R. H. Borden's que day, the premier said that I Cassels had accepted a roya stonership on condition that not interfere with his work chequer court and that he restra remuneration.

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R. L. Borden then moved ad that the house might discuss in bringing down the print of the civil service commission that he was supported by the nent harliamentary writers in that he government was responded to the government was responded to the minister take the sanctioned by his colleagues, bounden duty to resign. He point out that while the civenquiry was conducted by a compointed under the depart commission itself was not appointed under the depart commission itself was not appointed a wider scope than se templated. The whole matter diture should be investigated diture should be investigated the alienation of the public do report called for an investigat itia and other departm service commission was work, but the government work, but the governmen departments and should sit for a two seminents fitted to cowork. Though the report was the size of an ordinary copy of which would appear in one day. port did not appear within its being tabled. The govern to assume that only the dementioned were concerned. It that the selection of Mr. jut sels was a wise one, but could stand why the civil service of was not empowered to invelously matters mentioned in their rewas the logical course, and not understand the limitation row compass. The present was similar to the one two when he (Borden) moved to the whole department but voted this down.

The premier briefly replies gretted that he had not the two days' notice, as then he oprovided himself with authorit

wided himself with autho overt the arguments made, tion had not much to co sition had not much to conbecause the report had not distributed. It was true that was not long, but the append voluminous. He agreed that try in a sense were responsible was his sole reason for appearants on charged to find out wrong with the civil service, done as a duty by the government existing evils. The gestpected every officer to do but if it happens that a minisficial is delinquent it does a that the government is to be a collectively. In 1891 a ministic cused and it was found on in sed and it was found on iny the charges that they were inistry of the day fully sponsibility when the was forced to retire. tish authority in support tions. The commission esty but gave no name wn their authority when putting it in their report. reason why they should one on further, had they so quoted Foster's speech the when he suggested a royal of The government thought it a me Mr. justice Cassels, doubtless prepare a powerful a tial report, and one withou or. He concluded by savin evernment was anxious to buth the whole truth and n the truth.

During the hour given to pr
an act amending the charter.