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rovince. The greater number of the state of the st bates occurred. That concerning the formed was strictly confined to the question, but the hour's discussion on the License bill was largely composed of the talking of politics. In either case Mr. Joseph Martin took a leading part, being supported by Messrs. Brown, Oliver and Curtis, while the Hon. Messrs. Eberts and McBride, with Messrs. Pooley and McPhillips, ably met the opposition's attack and upheld the disputite of the government.

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The amendment to the Evidence Act
was intended to afford protection to a
witness whose evidence might tend to
incriminate him or make him liable to a
civil prosecution. The clause, Mr.
Eberts stated, was similar to that in
force in the other provinces of Canada.
Mr. Martin, however, contended that the
clause introduced would not meet that
end, and as a result a long and technically legal debate ensued, as a result of
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Mr. Kidd took the chair in the committing of the Notaries Public Act, and that measure was soon reported complete without amendment.

The second reading of the Liquor Licence bill followed. In explaining the features of the bill, Attorney-General Eberts stated that it combined certain of the features of the acts both of 1888 and 1899. It provided, however, against the old difficulties regarding the signatures of the petitioners applying for a new license, by limiting the district to a radius of three miles and defining the householders who may sign their papers. An amendment is also promised which will extend this right to the wives of the

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Routine business largely occupied the attention of the legislature yesterday afternoon, with the result that mumer out bills were introduced or advanced as attention of the legislature yesterday hough had been found to secure the late province. The greater number of these house of the province of the province or advanced as attention of the legislature yesterday help roporate or advanced to point of a single instance of this, and was sure that one could not be found. Surely hough had been could not be found. Surely hough had been found to secure the late of the province or advanced as a stage in their respective steps towards

not having been closed, the amount can-not be accurately stated, it may ap Is Drawing preximate \$25,000:

set license law. However, the old act was and the bill be allowed to be introduced. The far grom being a good one. It had with many others been dumped into the statute book by the ex-Attorney-General introduced to the bill be allowed to be introduced. NOTICES OF MOTION.

On Tuesday next Mr. Stables will move for a return of all hydraulic leases granted since let January, 1898, in the Atlin district, with names of lessees, dates of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also names of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also names of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also names of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also names of application, name of creek or river, with location of ground on it covered by each such lease; also names or water leases, number of inches applied for in each case, those granted, and those in abeyance.

On Monday next Mr. Curtis will introduce a bill intituled "An Act to Amend the Mechanics' Lien Act." On Tuesday next Mr. Hunter will move for a return showing in detail all ges, allowances or disbursements recipied and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and having to a certain extent, to the challenge of the Minister of Mines, and h

Mesdames Hill, Cunningham, and Scouler, all of New Westminster, waited upon the government yesterday. Introduced by Hon. Mr. McBride, they were received by the Hon. Messrs. Prentice and Wells. The ladies' mission was tourge the claims for financial assistance of the Woman's hospital of New Westminster, for which such relief was sought as would wipe out certain arrears of debt and aid in maintaining this excellent institution. It was represented to them

sum of 50 marks per annum and pay the subscription of the workman while serv-ing in the army or navy. A pension is not

obtainable before a certain amount has been

Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women
About Ended.

duty of each individual to lay by Source and the old age and disablement insurance does not attempt to provide full means of support, but only an addition to it, which, in cases of need, might be made to suffice though on a very modest scale

Early Closing Movement Under
Discussion Yesterday—To
Class of need, and an every modest scale, At the same time the act imposes the duty of contribution to this fund upon the employer, the employee, and a third interesting factor, namely, the community. The empire contributes to each annuity the fixed the community of the community of the community of the community of the community. morrow's Business.

With yesterday's proceedings the contributed, namely 235 weekly subscriptions, or four and a half years, as minimum to procure an invalid pension, and 1,410 of the National Council of Women of weekly subscriptions, or 72 years, for the Canada may be said to have practically old age pension. Last year there were 265. Canada may be said to have practically old age pension. Last year there were 205, closed. The most important feature of the deliberations of yesterday was the meeting which dealt with the local early closing movement. Mrs. Gordon Grant occupied the chair and after some discoupled t

closing movement. Mrs. Gordon Grant of ceupied the chair and after some discussion the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that we desire to express our satisfaction in learning that the proprietors of certain dry goods stores in Victoria have agreed to close on Satturdays at 1 p. m., and they hope that their example may be followed by other merchants and employers of labor."

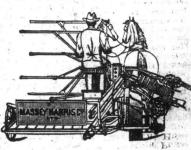
At the conclusion of the morning's session, a drive around the city and outskirts was enjoyed by a number of the distinguished visitors, others attending at 11 o'clock the annual meeting of the King's Daughters at Wait's hall.

In the afternoon it was intended to pay a visit to the United States battleship lowa, lying at the entrance to the outer harbor: but this was foregone owing to the heavy wind prevailing. At p. m. the members of the National Council and friends were entertained to a garden party at the residence of Mrs. Henry Croft, "Mount Adelaids and the Firth Regiment band supplying the security from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and a private and final meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the executive from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and a private and final meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the executive from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and a private and final meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the executive from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and a private and final meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting of the council at 2-p. m. The latter meeting o

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London, Aug. 2.-(4 a.m.)story of Pekin has been told Dr. Morrison, in to-day's ' up the Chinese governmen world as guilty to a degre and duplicity that exceeds of its worst detractors. In spatch he gives a more hope the prospects of the besiege been expressed by any of the have been heard from,

Simultaneously there con Belgian charge d'affaires at official statement that the a pected to reach Pekin in abo they being 18 miles from Tier

Another letter has been r Tien Tsin from the British I Claude Macdonald, dated Ju "We are surrounded troops," he writes, "who are continuously. The enemy is e but cowardly. We have pro about a fortnight and are

"The Chinese government, one, has done nothing whate us. If the Chinese do not p tack we can hold out for, sa so no time should be lost, is massacre is to be averted."

The Times this morning prolowing despatch from Dr. nest Morrison, dated Pekin, "There has been a cessatic tites here (Pekin) since July fear of treachery there has laxation of vigilance. The diers continue to strengther laxation of vigilance. The diers continue to strengthe cades around the besieged at the batteries on top of the wall, but in the meantime to continued firing, probably are short of ammunition.

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lief forces. Supplies are come in and the condition sieged is improving.

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"The Tsung li Yamen forw Claude Macdonald a copy of telegraphed by the Emperor Victoria, attributing all det lence to bandits and requ Majesty's assistance to extri nese government from its nese government from The Queen's reply is not graphs that the United States would gladly assist the Chi

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been killed.
"All the ministers and r gations and their families health. The general healt munity is excellent and we edly awaiting relief." After enumerating the ready reported and givin deaths as 16, Mr. Morriso

follows:

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siege. "The greatest peril we from a d the siege was from a de destroy the British legati the adjoining Han Lan Toollege), one of the most s in China, sacrificing the The Chinese throughout a acteristic treaspery." London, Aug. 2.—(4 a.m special says Li Hung Cha a decree dated July 28:7 of to inform the consuls tha