#### In the City's Suburbs

Political Issue Discussed Before the Electors of Victoria West Last Night.

The Opposition Candidates State Their Case and Solicit Support.

Fairall's hall was fairly well filled by Victoria West electors to hear the political issues discussed by the opposition

The chair was occupied by Mr. Rich. Russell, who has filled that position at the Turnerite meetings there for the last

Mr. McPhillips, who was first called on, specified the principal issue as being opposition to the Hon. Jos. Martin, who had come into power by a misuse of the constitutional prerogatives vested in the Governor-General.

The speaker referred to the action of the Semlin government, dominated by Mr. Martin, in introducing the Alien Exclusion Bill, and of their refusal to allow him to introduce an act repealing it. which was suggested by the speaker, supported by the opposition, in February, 1899. Even after its disastrous effects were evident to the whole country, the government had prevented the opposi-

Instead of studying the welfare of the province Mr. Martin had struck out the aid of \$4,000 a mile, which had been by the house of peers." guaranteed to the V. V. & E., which, with the Dominion government subsidy, that road, whereas he to-day intends to build it at the whole expense of the province. "Rank experimentalist" was leaving each of the provinces in which he had resided was followed by sighs of

Mr. McPhillips read, amid laughter, views regarding his constituents.

He also challenged the Premier's statements in regard to the British Columbia Southern land grant, and quoted thereon the opinion of a man whom the bar of British Columbia delighted to honor-Mr. Bodwell. (Loud applause.)

He also combatted the statements persistently made that Mr. Martin was a very clever man, and referred to the bungling of which he had been guilty in regard to many legal statutes.

He quoted the remarks of Hon. David any bill, it would be disallowed.

the Federal government had disallowed; would not tolerate. Men had been ernment.

It was childish for Mr. Martin to go it. The speaker entirely opposed such a

Mr Martin had said that he passed the Torrens land system, but that the Semlin government failed to put it into effect. Yet it was passed in February, 1899, and the act could have been made operative at once, yet he left office in July without putting it into effect. The province had been in the enjoyment of the best features of the Torrens system in the Land Registry Act, which had been inaugurated by Sir Henry Crease. The only effect which the introduction of the system at the present time would have would be to increase the burden of taxation,

Turning to Mr. Martin's plank looking to the abolition of the \$200 qualification drawing from public life. Yet he nofor candidates, he said that the Premier had subscribed to that plank in the Semlin platform, but had not raised a hand had been so unselfish as to come to Britto crystallize it into legislation. The ish Columbia, and become premier, min-

Mr. Martin, too, had assumed the responsibilty for the Governor's action. He way policy, yet he omitted to say that misjudged the province if he thought the province had not money to build 11, that they would endorse His Honor's and he had depreciated the province's course. He prophesied that the Premier credit so that the money could not be obwould be defeated and the Governor told tained. that his usefulness was gone

Richard Hall regretted that the province was not as prosperous as it had been-a fact due largely to the reckless legislation of Hon. Joseph Martin. He compared the province to a joint stock company, in which the electors were shareholders, and the members directors Power had unfortunately fallen to a director who owned no stock and who could pack up his carpet bag and leave the country at a moment's notice. Mr. Martin was a man who appealed to the prejudices of the people instead of to ers, who held that the only report on a their reason, who would wreck a government from spite, who was as much at home among his enemies as his friends, and who was a dangerous man who should not be trusted.

The Torrens system would increase the earnings of the lawyers. Why disturb ier Laurier, Hewitt Bostock, E. V. Boda system which had worked well, At this stage one of the audience who had been specially demonstrative, asked "Joe, I can't help you." Mr. Bostock for Mr. Hall's opinion on the transmigration of souls, a subject which the speak-

ion upon. Continuing, Mr. Hall advocated a railway to the north end of the Island, and also the building of the Kitmaat road. The pretentious scheme of the Premier would leave no funds for the smaller ones. He would do what he could to

have these roads built. He thought the \$200 deposit was advisable, though if public opinion was against its retention he had no objec-

H. Dallas Helmcken thought there was quite as much at stake in the present campaign as in 1899. He took up the Mongolian labor question, and referred to his introduction of an anti-Mongolian bill a session or two previously. Mr.

perial authorities until they approved of referred to this mis-reports of the Vanperial authorities until they approved of referred to this mis-reports of the Van-such legislation. He thought the adop-tion of such a line of action would be the opposition had not had the courage tion of such a line of action would be the opposition had not had the courage idle. But the right of agitation remain- to come out against the government. ed and persistent agitation would arouse East. What the speaker advised was part taken in introducing it by Mr. Maran emphatic though respectful protest against the advantages these people en-

"The consular report, giving the returns of the foreign trade of Japan for the year 1899, says:

"Foreigners are debarred from the Tokio Chamber of Commerce and other but there is hardly any prospect that the right of owning land will in the immediate future be granted to other than Japanese subjects. Aliens have consequently to be content with acquiring 'rights of superficies' over land, which for whatever period procurable cannot be regarded as a satisfactory substitute for ownership. Yet it would appear that 'juridical persons' that is, associations or partnerships composed of foreigners and constituted comfortably to Japanese law, may acquire the right to own land.

"No foreigner is allowed to engage in the mining industry, or to be a holder of shares in mining undertakings. It was hoped that the amendment of the mining law, which came before the diet at its present session, would remove this disability, but the amendment turned out to be merely of a technical nature and to have no reference to foreigners at all. Since then the house of representatives tion from accomplishing anything to has adopted o representation in favor of mitigate the influence of that legisla- granting to 'juridical persons,' of which foreigners may be members, the right to engage in mining enterprise in Japan. The proposal was subsequently endorsed

Mr. Helmcken, continuing, outlined his plans to overcome the difficulty as would have led to the construction of indicated at a recent meeting in the A.

The present government could claim the term the speaker used in describing no monopoly of credit for seeking to im-Mr. Martin-a gentleman who upon his prove these conditions. The principal credit belonged to the opposition, The removal of the Songhees Indian

reserve formed the theme for the next section of Mr. Helmcken's remarks. The the Premier's reference to the matter had not been tackled in a busi-members of the British Columbia Board ness-like manner. He read the official of Trade, and asked his audience if they correspondence which he said showed intended to support a man who held such | that the government had taken no steps whatever to settle the matter. He advocated the building of a bridge at the foot of Johnston street and a park for Victoria West.

The government had made a great stand of its desire to protect the working man. Yet when Mr. Rothwell reported that the settlers in Cowichan had a grievance against the E. & N. railway the government had taken no steps in the matter.

There was an attempt to discredit the Mills in regard to the anti-Mongolian sincerity of the present opposition canclause in private bills, in regard to didates. They were at least sincere in which the Minister of Justice said that endeavoring to overthrow the Martin it was contrary to British policy and government. They had no side agreehenceforth, if such clause appeared in ment, but were engaged in one task to overthrow a government called into exit, and they had also disallowed the anti- | taken off the street to fill portfolios; af-Mongolian legislation of the Semlin gov- fairs had been carried on by gentlemen who did not represent a constituency,

A general desire being expressed to about saying that as often as the legis- hear Rev. Mr. Barber, the pastor of St. lation was disallowed he would re-enact Saviour's took the platform. He did not desire political prominence, and he did not think what a clergyman might say would assist anyone. It was essen tial though that high character should be found in public men. It was regrettable that any man who even admitted that he had got drunk should receive public support. It was regrettable that any such person should be elected to a high public position, (Applause.)

Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley said that it was only left for him to gather up the crumbs that others had left. He referred to Mr. Martin's address at Chemainus, when he had stated that because of his great abilities he could make a much greater stipend by withticed that there had been three gentlemen in a legal firm in Winnipeg who speaker would have supported that leg- ister of mines and deputy attorney-general respectively. (Laughter.)

Mr. Martin's strong point was his rail-

Mr. Martin said that the eight-hour law was dead, because he had left the capitalists and the miners to fight it out among themselves. Why didn't he leave them alone in the first place? He promised the province plenty of trails and roads, and proposed to tax them for it. Wouldn't Mr. Turner and his government do the same?

He also ridiculed the prospectors' school scheme of the Premier, which he said would be laughed at by old minmine which was worth anything was one made by dynamite.

All of the value of Martin's policy lay sors had all gone back on him. Premwell and the Province newspaper had all been his friends. Now Sir Wilfrid says: says: "Joe, I disown you." The Province assails him bitterly, and Messrs, er modestly declined to express an opin- Bodwell, Davis and all the brains and ornament of the Liberal party in British Columbia say: "We will have nothing to do with you."

The speaker also challenged the statement that Mr. Martin was an able man. He entirely lacked stability. If he was the light of the eyes in Manitoba why did he come West? He also lacked tact as was shown by his attack on Lord Strathcona at Chemainus.

Concluding, the speaker said he saw in the audience a number of Mr. Martin's future constituents-the dogs. He a daughter of the Kujem family, at Towas going to the dogs and the electors should assist him there.

Mr. Turner thought that the supporters of the government were not so con-Martin's plan was to hammer the Im- fident as they had previously been. He presented an address.

Continuing, Mr. Turner referred to the the sympathies of Canadians in the baneful legislation of 1899, and to the

The speaker also challenged the com position of the ministry, and dwelt on This was all the more objectionable in the fact that each minister as he was view of the treatment of foreigners in appointed seemed to give the Premier Japan, as shown by the following ex- an emergency letter of resignation. He tract from a resume of the laws characterized as contrary to the constiobtaining in Japan as reported in the tution of the province the present sys tem of filling the portfolios.

Mr. Martin had said that his railway would pay from the start because he would have the hauling of the interior ores to coast smelters. As soon as he ownership of real estate in Japan. The advanced that in the upper country he was asked what was to become of the associations have expressed themselves interior smelters, where coke was availin favor of the concession being made, able and all the facilities for making smelting profitable.

> The proposal to borrow money for building roads, etc., had been the system followed for twenty-five years and it must therefore be an endorsation of the policy of previous governments

> Referring in conclusion to the convention on Monday night Mr. Turner said he and his colleagues had previously been elected by voters of both shades of politics. It had been said that if he and his Conservative colleagues were elected they might join in a plan to have a Conservative party government after being elected by both sides. He denied any such intention and he believed his colleagues felt as he did on the matter. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

## **Once More** Delayed

Turkey Will Settle Indemnity Claims but Asks for a Little Time

To Enable Abdul's Representative to Submit Propusals to the United States.

(Associated Press.) Constantinople, May 10.-The matter of the settlement of the indemnity claims is temporarily delayed. Well-informed circles say that the Turkish minister in Washington, Ali Ferrouh Bey, has given assurances of the settlement of the claims, but asks for a short delay, which

Abmed Pasha has left Constantinople He is going to the United States with proposals, the object of which is the

The impression here is that Abmed Scott, under superintendent Sagnich; government to change the system. will not succeed. The Porte has present- Mt. Sicker and lumber camps, Chas. W. In regard to the Alien Exclusion Act, istence in the way which the people he Federal government had disallowed would not tolerate. Men had been Calling The Council of this city has decided in favor of independent political action and Gallipoli. The object of this movement, street, James Calvert; Nanaimo, Chinese it is believed, is to establish a precedent for the subsequent imposition of like tendent Wallace street; Nanaimo Japduties in other towns. It is expected that the embassies will again refuse to assent as the measure is contrary to the treaty.

WAS HE MURDERED?

Friends of Miles Rombough Ask for An Investigation.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, May 11.-The Vancouver friends have asked for an investigation into the death of Miles Rombough, the gambler, who met his death in the Sandon fire. Rombough's head was detached from his body and it is said that he was murdered. He had \$300, none of which was found after the fire. It is suggested that the murderer set fire to to be sent, under superintendent Mount the house in order to cover his crime No satisfactory explanation has yet been given as to the cause of the fire.

Vancouver bankers are seriously considering the discounting of American Maple Ridge, G. Howard Osborne; Misbank notes by ten or twenty per cent. An action will probably be taken at next and Hot Springs, Aykroyd Stoney; At-Monday's meeting.

Government Construction Superinten- to be supplied. dent Charleson returned this afternoon from Quesnelle, where he inspected the work done on that end of the Yukon telegraph line. Ninety miles of the line has been completed and is in good working order. Mr. Charleson goes North again next week.

SCENES IN LEGISLATURE.

Premier of P.E.I. Threatens Opposition With Arrest.

(Associated Press.) Charlottetown, May 11.—Owing to continued uproar in the Legislature the Premier yesterday made a motion asking permission to place two additional doorkeepers in order to preserve the dignity of the House, the Premier alleging that this was necessary owing to the tactics of the opposition. This action caused tumultuous scenes, and the Premier threatened the opposition with arrest if they did not desist. The Premier's motion finally carried

SUPPOSED SUICIDE

by a majority of one.

(Associated Press.) Edinburgh, May 11.-H. H. Norrie, manager of the Union Bank of Scotland, was found dead this morning at his residence. His head was half blown away by a gun. Apparently he had commit ted suicide. His action is attributed to the fact that he had been suffering from

JAPANESE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

(Associated Press.) Yokohama, May 11.—The wedding of the Crown Prince and Princess Sadako, kio on Thursday, was a simple ceremony. The contracting parties drank cups of wine before the shrine in the Imperial palace. The foreign residents

# Conference

Annual Assembly of the Methodist Church Being Held at New Westminster.

The First Draft of the Stations for the Province--Proposed Changes.

(Special to the Times.) New Westminster, May 10 .- The annual assembly of the Methodist church met this year in the new Queen's avenue church, New Westminster. The ministerial session convened at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday. After an hour's devotional exercises, under the direction of the president, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A. of Vancouver, the session was duly opened and the roll of conference being called, forty members were present.

The following transfers into the conference were reported: B. Hedley Bald- in hands of missionary board. erston, B.A., from New Brunswick con ference; A. E. Roberts, from Manitoba conference; R. F. Stillman, from Bay of Quinte conference; J. B. Westman, from London conference: Elliott S Rowe, from Toronto conference: John Pye, from Newfoundland, and W. C. Schlichter, a probationer from the Manitoba conference.

Transferred to the Toronto conference. Rev. J. C. Speer. Recommended for superannuation on account of ill-health, James Turner,

John E. Gardiner. The resignation of W. E. Moody from the ministry was accepted. Bro. W. C. Schlichter was received into full connection with the ministry and will be ordained on Sunday morning." The following are the probationers for the ministry: Of four years at college, Geo. A. Cropp; of two years, D. W. Scott, C. W. Nelson, Robt. Hughes; of one year, W. G. Mahon, W. G. Tanner and G. K. Bradshaw, Dr. R. W. Large.

nelius Bryant, Thos. R. Pearson, James Turner and John E. Gardiner. The supernumerary ministers are: J. E. Rosoman and D. D. Birks. The special ministerial session adjourn ed to meet at the call of the chair. The following is the first draft of sta-

The superannuated ministers are Cor-

Victoria District. Victoria Metropolitan, Elliott S. Rowe; Victoria Centennial, William H. Barraclough, B.A., Cornelius Bryant, superannuated; Victoria West, John D. P. Hughes; Victoria Chinese mission, one mission, one to be sent, under superinanese mission, to be supplied under superintendent Wallace street; Wellington. James Hicks; Cumberland, William Hicks; Cumberland Japanese mission, P. Hicks, chaplain to the Wesleyans H. made in favor of British goods. M. fleet at Esquimalt, by permission of

Vancouver District.

Vancouver, Homer street, Edmund E. Scott; Vancouver, Princess street, Robt. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., president of conference; Vancouver, Mount Pleasant, Chas. H. M. Sutherland; Vancouver, Fairview, W. G. Mahon, under superintendent Homer street; Vancouver Chinese mission, including Richmond, one Pleasant: Vancouver Japanese mission, including Sapperton and Steveston, Goro Kaburagi: Richmond, Arthur N. Miller: Van Anda, W. C. Schlichter, B.A. sion City, Robert Wilkinson; Agassiz lin (under general board of missions),

Westminster District.

New Westminster Central, John F. Betts; Wilford J. Sipprell, B.A., principal C. M. College; Thomas D. Pearson, superannuated; New Westminster. West End, John P. Bowell, secretary of conference; New Westminster, Sapperton, to be supplied under superintendent West End; Chinese, Westminster and Lower Fraser, Chan Sing Kai; Ladner, Elihu Manuel; Cloverdale, A. J. Irwin; Langley, William L. Hall; Sumas, to be supplied; Chilliwack, T. W. Hall; Cheam, to be supplied (J.E.P.); Joseph Hall, principal of Coqualectaz Institute. by permission of conference.

Kamloops District. Kamloops, Charles Ladner; Kamloops Chinese mission, to be supplied under superintendent of Kamloops; Thompson River, to be supplied; Nicola, Thomas Neville; Salmon Arm, W. D. Misener: Revelstoke, Samuel J. Thompson; Trout Lake City, T. W. Hunter; Golden, James P. Westman; Enderby, R. Newton Powell; John E. Rosoman, supernumerary; Vernon, Ebenezer Robson; Okanagan, G. B. Kenny; Princeton, one to be sent; Cariboo, to be supplied; Ashcroft, Robert B. Laidley; Lillooet and Clinton, one to be sent; George A. Cropp to attend Victoria College

Kootenay District.

Rossland, George H. Morden; David D. Birks, supernumerary; Trail, John Pye; Nelson, John Robson, B.A.; Ymir, one to be sent (J.S.); Kaslo, James A. Wood; Ainsworth, one to be sent; Sandon, Albert M. Sanford, B.A.; New Denver and Slocan City, E. A. Roberts; Grand Forks, Geo. K. Bradshaw; Phoe nix, one to be sent; Greenwood, B. Hedley Balderston, B.A.; Cranbrook, James H. White, one to be sent; Fernie, R. Forbes Stillman; Michel, one to be sent,

Simpson District. Port Simpson, S. Stanley Osterhout,

Ph. D.; Albert E. Bolton, M.D., (medical missionary); Naas River, William T. Rush, M.D., (medical missionary); native agent under superintendence of the chairman; Skidegate, Q.C.I., Barnabas C. Freeman; Port Essington, Dennis fennings; Kitselash, to be visited from Port Essington; Hartley Bay, missionary teacher, under superintendence of chairman (G.R.); Kishpyax, William H. Lord Roberts, It Is Predicted, Pierce; Kitzegucla, native agent under superintendence of chairman (P.R.); Hugwiilget, missionary teacher, under superintendence of chairman (R.H.C.)

Bella Bella District. Bella Bella, Richard W. Large, M.D.: River's Inlet, lay agent under superintendence of chairman (E.N.); China Hat, native agent under superintendence of chairman (G.E.); Kîtamaat, George H. Raley; Kitlope, to be visited from Kitamaat; Bella Coola, John C. Spencer, M. D.; Kimsquit, to be supplied by native agent under superintendence of chairnan; Cape Mudge, missionary teacher (R.J.W.); Lower Fraser (Sardis) 'Inomas Crosby; native agent (Capt. J.); Cowichan tribes (Duncan), Charles M. Tate; Victoria, lay agent under superintendent of Cowichan (W.H.G.); Nanaimo, missionary teacher under superintendent of Cowichan (G.R.W.); Nitenat (Clooose). William J. Stone: Claoquaht, one to be sent (medical missionary); Nootka Sound, to be visited; Glad Tidings left

### Newspaper Postage

Canadian Press Association Urge the Government to Remove It.

Toronto Trades and Labor Council in Favor of Labor Candidates.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, May 11.-The Canadian Press ssociation at an emergency meeting yesterday passed resolutions urging the gov ernment to remove postage from newspapers and periodicals in view of the great rise in the price of paper in consequence of the destruction of Canadian mills. A resolution was also passed requesting parliament to empower the Governor-General in council to temporarily suspend or reduce the duty on news and printing paper for the same reasons mentioned above. A deputation was appoint-

ed to lay the matter before the govern-The annual meeting of the Methodist Book Room committee was held yesterday afternoon, when the year's business in Knox; Victoria, James Bay, Robert various publishing departments was carefully reviewed, showing gratifying results. settlement of the claims in an indirect to be sent (T.C.T.); Victoria Japanese The sum of \$11,000 was voted to the supermanner. In the event of the failures of mission, under superintendent Metropol- annuation fund, an increase of \$500 over Abmed's proposals, the United States itan; Saanich, Joseph W. Winslow; last year. The present system of newsgovernment will resume negotiations with the Porte.

Cowichan, Allen K. Sharp, A. Seymour; Salt Spring Island, David W. paper postage was strongly condemned,
and a resolution was passed urging the By a vote of 48 to 10 the Trades and

the bringing out of labor candidates in forthcoming Provincial and Dominion elec-

Ottawa, May 11 .- A deputation of woollen manufacturers is here to-day to wait on Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson requesting that the duties in these lines under superintendent Cumberland; John balance the further cut which is to be of goods be raised sufficiently to counter-G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the London Times, is here to-

day as the guest of Lord Minto. Montreal, May 11.-The fourth case of smallpjox has made its appearance. This, however, is in St. Cunegonde, a suburb.

VICTORIAN APPOINTED Resident Engineer of Public Works Department in This Province.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 11.—George A. Keefer, C. E., has been appointed resident engineer of the Public Works Department in British Columbia, in place of J. R. Roy, who gus, "now considers the mines safe. The was recently made secretary of the depart-

Mr. Keefer, who will go over to West- destroy the mines, wiser counsels now minster immediately to take up his new prevail. State Engineer Klink declined duties, has been a resident of Victoria to resume his duties unless the dynamite since 1884, prior to that time being engaged in Ontario and other fields. Since coming to this city he has been identified with a number of public works.

CABLE OFFER

(Associated Press.) Toronto, May 11.-The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "The Morning l'ost correspondent correspondent says the Eastern Extension Cable Co. is willing to sell its Australia to the Cape cable if the Imperial government wishes to purchase it. This is the proposition made by Sir Sandford Fleming to the Australian colonies interested in the cable service some years ago, as a means to settle the cable question still in dispute."

JUDGE FREEDMAN DENOUNCED. (Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Wis, May 11.-Judge Freedman, of the New York Supreme Court, was censured by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at last night's session. A resolution was adopted denouncing him for issuing an injunction enjoining the Cigar Makers' Union from contributing financial aid to the recent cigar makers' strike An appropriation of \$50,000 was made

to a charitable fund to be distributed to indigent members of the order. AN EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING

COUGH. Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted

the disease, having severe coughing We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure. John E. the war office had performed a praise-Clifford, Proprietor Norwood House, worthy work in transporting an immense Norwood, N.Y. This remedy is for sale army, this was an unprecedented busiby Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, ness and it also would be the better for Victoria and Vancouver.

### Advancing On Kroonstad

Will Enter the Town in a Few Days.

Burghers May Leave Work of Defending Pretoria to Foreign Mercenaries

London, May 11.-In the lobbies of the House of Commons last evening members were freely betting that Lord Roberts would be in Pretoria in two months. The ministerialists are building confident hopes upon the comprehensive plans he has communicated to the war office. Predictions are definitely made that he

will enter Kroonstad next Monday, and it is believed that his advance is probably already reconnoitering in the vicinity of Ventersburg, where the hilly country begins again. Beyond Kroonstad is an intricate and

difficult country, and if the Boers should elect to fight, it is possible they could check the progress of the British until Lord Roberts's numerous cavalry had had time to Ride Around Their Flank

and threaten their rear. From 15,000 to 20,000 is the highest estimate of the Boers under the personal command of Gen. Botha, who is said to have 46 guns. Botha and Dewet are reported to have quarrelled. Lord Roberts is pressing hard after

this force with 55,000 men and 140 guns, and more men are readily available. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says: "The Boers are now approaching their final agony. Lord Roberts has 40,000 men beyond the Zand River, with Gen. Buller there are 30,000, and with Gen. Hunter 10,000. Against the pressure of these various columns the Boers can make no effective resistance. A collapse must follow the first battle in which the Boers make a determined stand and are well beaten. Whether the Transvaal government will then submit, or will encourage the burghers to continue

A Hopeless Struggle to the point of their general ruin, is uncertain. The latter alternative is by no

means improbable." A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Welgelegen, dated Wednesday, says: "The burghers held a meeting recently, without the consent of President Steyn, at which the advisability of submission on the part of the Free State was discussed and approved."

The Standard publishes the following, dated May 9th, from Welgelegen: "The engagement on the Vet River caused the Boers to be dissatisfied with their leaders. I learn from Pretoria that the Boers intend to retire ultimately to Lydenburg, giving the foreign mercenand Pretoria. The foreign mercenaries are now advocating the sending out of guerilla parties from three hundred to four thousand strong, rather than a persistense in operations on a large scale, but the Boers are not dashing enough for that kind of work."

MINES ARE SAFE.

Preparation to Destroy Them Were Complete, But Wiser Counsels Prevailed.

Capetown, May 10 .- The Cape Argus publishes a report from Johannesburg said to have been suppressed in the crossexamination of Acting Minister Engineer Munnick, that in the recent mysterious Dempsey case Munnick testified that preparations had been made to explode 25 mines, and that under authority of State Secretary Reitz, he (Munnick) had already bored shafts in eight.

"Well informed foreigners in Pretoria," says the correspondent of the Cape Ar-Transvaal officials have issued appeals to the people to protect property, and although preparations were made to was removed, and the government agreed to the demand.'

Berlin, May 10.-The semi-official Post this evening denies that Germany has participated in any collective note informing President Kruger that the powers would hold him personally responsible for the safety of the mines and would support Great Britain in enforcing compensation in the event of their destruction,

Washington, May 10.-Respecting the statement telegraphed from Pretoria to the effect that the foreign representatives in that capital have jointly notified President Kruger that he will be held personally responsible by their governments for the safety of the Johannesburg mines, it can be stated that the United States representative, Consul Adelbert Hay, did not join in the representation, if any such were made. The department of state will adhere to its uniform policy in such matters of acting singly

Lessons of the War. London, May 10 .- Lord Rosebery, addressing the company at the banquet of the Glasgow University Club, given London this evening, said: "We shall come out of the war with triumphs for our arms and lustre for our national character, but we will lose the lesson if we fail to utilize it to reform and rearrange our administration to meet the growing requirements of an enormously

increasing Empire." Lord Rosebery cited recent cases where the colonial office had conducted diplomatic negotiations that were properly within the province of the foreign of fice, while the foreign office was burden ed with the administration of vast colonial tracts. Such matters, he said, called for reorganization, and although reform.

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