In Pekin's Palace

Graphic Account of the Scene at Abdication of China's Emperor.

A Glimpse of the Inner Working of an Oriental Court.

.The North China Daily News publishes a translation of a letter it has received from a member of the Reform party in Pekin, containing an account of the scene in the palace when the Emperor signed his decree of abdication. The information was obtained from a eunuch of the palace, and the News vouches for its reliability:

"To 'begin at the beginning'-previous to the 22nd of January last, Peking was filled with disquieting rumors which gradually filtered into the palace. Some declared that the Emperor had already been secretly deposed; others again stated that the Emperor had been made away with by poison; but when the Empress Dowager heard of them she simply smiled in that grim way of hers, which to the terrorized eyes of those around significant of the woman that none-exactly what the Empress Dowager actually intended to do, although it was quite clear that some sort of coup was on the tapis. But when the fateful 24th of January, 1900, came, every one knew that, only a few hours before, the Emperor had been forced to sign his abdication and

A Gloom Spread Over the Capital like a pall, accentuated as it was by chilly, lowering skies.

"I was one of those who stood around with inkslab and pen for the Emperor to use, while the Empress Dowager herself held out the pen to him. Even then His Majesty hesitated to take it and sign the ready prepared 'Imperial' de-cree of abdication held out to him; but an imperious stamp of the right foot and those piercing, menacing eyes of the Empress Dowager frowning upon him seemed to enthral and fascinate the Emperor, who immediately stretched forth a trembling hand and the next moment, with a groan and a gesture of despair, as it ed the 'decree' from her nephew's hand. Then a sudden change occurred, which those around her were too accustomed to see to be startled or astonished at. The Empress Dowager's face became instantly suffused with smiles, her eyes became kindness and motherly solicitude for her Imperial nephew! He, poor fallen Ma-

Signing the Fatal Paper, while a sudden deadly paleness manifested itself on his countenance, and a moment after he had dyed his robe and the carpet beneath him with his life blood. His Majesty's excitement had been too much for his weak health, and it seemed that he had burst one of his lesser blood vessels. Very kindly and gently the Empress Dowager herself attended to the Emperor and, when he seemed to have somewhat recovered himself, herself supported him on one side, waving away the eunuch who had come forward to do so and with a surpassing solicitude for his health and comfort, arranged the pillows and cushion in His Majesty's sedanchair, which was to carry him back to his usual prison—the water-surrounded kiosk at the Southern Lake Palace, which is very near the Empress Dowag er's own residence of Eho Park. She herself escorted the Emperor to his place of retreat called the Ying t'ai, and have ing seen him securely confined within its high walls and the drawbridge once mor brought over, her face resumed that har inscrutable look usual to it as she and her numerous retinue returned to Peking All the way from Peking to his prison, heard the Emperor

Weeping of His Hard Fate.

He was so utterly broken down and op pressed. Poor Majesty! his meanest subject amongst his 400,000,000 people would have refused to exchange place with him on that day. Many of us who escorted His Majesty dropped tears of sympathy, and I peeped at the author of all his evils to see how she took it. He heart seemed to be of stone. There was that set, stern look in her eyes, bu not the least sign of softening.

"I can assure you that the Empress Dowager had everything prepared for the crowning of the new Emperor on th 1st day of the New Year (31st January) but on the 27th of the month th Tsungli Yamen handed to her Kin Lier shan's memorial, praying that 'the Em peror be allowed to resume the reins of government, even in his illness, for tha was the only way to satisfy His Majesty's millions of subjects throughou the Empire.'

"Oh. the rage of the Empress Dowage when she read that obnoxious telegram I have seen many of her displays of tem per and anger, but none like this one-i surpassed even her rage at Kang Yu-wei and his Reformers. We eunuchs and even the Prince of Li, who brought the

telegram, were simply Terrified and Trembled Lest her anger should fall on anyone present 'Who dare send such a telegram?' at las came her question-Kin Yuan-shar (Kin's official name) of Shanghai, and over a thousand others' was the Princ of Li's reply. 'Very well. We'll show them how we deal with traitors wh cross our path,' and the Prince of L backed out of the presence with a sense of relief clearly depicted on his face. As matter of fact. I really think if this had been the only protest sent, the Em-press Dowager and her advisers would all forts at Halifax barracks shall be the Jumbo in all its history never lookhave tried to brazen it out and have mounted with fixed bayonets. This is ed more promising than at present, The

king, one after the other, some a dozen in a day, until the Empress Dowager be lieved that there was really something in it, and decided to defer her coup. Mark e, not gave up her intentions, but mere deferred them.

"As a consequence Kin Lien-shan is praised sky-high as a devoted patriot and supporter of the Emperor by almost everyone in Peking, always excepting the Empress Dowager, her advisers and their partisans; but on the other hand, these denounce Kin as the ringleader of rebellion; and I may give a warning that the Empress Dowager is

Determined to Have His Head even if it should cost her half the Empire. There will be nothing left undone perlain, can enter the palace at all hours of the day and night to see the Empress Dowager, that 'others of Kang Yu-wei and Kin's party must also be put out of the way before either she or the new Emperor will be able to rule the Empire quietly.' Finally you may not know that, ever since the fateful, enforced abdication of the Emperor, His Majesty has four times attempted to commit suicide; his last attempt being the refusal of food and drink in order to starve | the camp. himself to death."

CANADIAN LOYALTY.

London, April 5.-Mr. Gilbert Parker has been interviewed by the Morning Post on Canadian martial spirit in reference to South Africa.

Mr. Parker argues that the recent display of loyalty in Canada was not an "outburst" as it is generally called, but or for the defence of the Empire.

unite English and French-Canadians under a French premier, why it is not possible to amalgamate the British and Dutch temperaments, being closer, and there being on religious bar. I feel sure that something more in the direction of a federation of the Empire will come out of the present situation than the mere hoisting of the Union Jack at Pretoria. What direction the union will take is a matter of serious speculation, but some mind of every Canadian and every Australian. I have a feeling that three years hence the minister of war, sitting in Pall Mall, will be able to put his finger castle or Manchester."

THE MARKETS.

There is no distinct change in the marsoft and benevolent, and she was all ket quotations this week, and, although the present season causes considerable deare on the scarce side, other fish, howthis week are as follows: Flour-

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Brant, per pair Gen. Lord Seymour has issued an orfignored the telegram; but unfortunately for their schemes no less than forty-six protests of the same kind came to Pe
It is the best medicine out for colds and show of the San Francisco Kennel Glub, to be held in the Bay City on May 2nd, being cross-cut, is 300 feet from the surface. It is the extension of the same surface.

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Rossland Camp.

The Rossland Miner in its weekly mining review says:

The mining review this week presents feature which has not been known for several years, to wit, there was not a single pound of ore sent from the camp to the smelters. This is an abnormal in order to encompass her end, and I condition of affairs which should not be to the other side, and a cross-cut was heard the Empress Dowager say recent- allowed long to exist. The ore is in ly to Prince Ching, who, as Grand Cham- the mines, and it should be taken out. the vein. Judging from the levels above baum, J. P. Norman, W. S. Kittle, W. C. The Evening Star would have shipped but the road leading from the mine to the railroad is too soft for wagons to haul loads over. The big mines are shut down awaiting a decision on the contract system, and so there were no shipmeats. The Evening Star promises to send some ore to the smelter this week, and this will prevent an announcement next week that no ore was sent from

Douglas-Hunter.-Mr. Leslie Belor, who has been at the Douglas-Hunter mine on Sophie mountain for the past seven months, is in the city. This mine 400-foot levels. A drift, now in about is located about 3,000 feet south of the 400 feet, is being driven on the 500-foot Velvet, and is owned by an incorporated company with headquarters in Spokane. Mr. Belor says that the property is opened by a series of tunnels. The first tunnel is in for a distance of 138 feet, her, meant that she had decided on some course which, even if it were paved with into a nation." Her position, he says, ledge. It is a true fissure vein which the blood of thousands, would not deter has compelled her to provide for the de- cuts the formation southeast and her from her subsequent goal. It is also fence of her own border, because in the northwest. In the upper tunnel the event of war it would be impossible for ledge is about fout feet in width, and cept, perhaps, her favorite eunuch, Li Great Britain to help her, at least in the the ore chute is three and a half feet Lien-ying, and Prince Ching-of those initial stages, and the Canadians have wide. The ore will average from \$12 to who daily attended upon her, knew ex- always anticipated a war either for the \$18 to the ton on this level. The breast defence of their own shores and borders, of the tunnel has a vertical depth of about 85 feet. The second tunnel is "The development of the federation about 225 feet below the first one, and which culminated in the election of Sir has been driven along the vein for a Wilfrid Laurier has been therefore syn- distance of 330 feet. The ore has been chronous with military development un- cross-cut in this tunnel in four places, til Canada now possesses a sound militla and the ore chute in the breast in ten establishment of 35,000 men. Canadians feet wide of solid shipping ore. The are asking if it has been practicable to values are about the same as in the upper tunnel, averaging from \$12 to \$18 to the ton. Of course, assays as high as \$50 have been got, but the average is from \$12 to \$18. The lower tunnel is 250 feet below the middle tunnel. This has been driven along the vein for a distance of 325 feet. The ore chute in this tunnel is about four feet wide, is solid and seems to be richer than that which was found in the two upper tunsuch closer union, I believe, is in the nels. There is about 250 tons of ore on the dump. The ore carries gold, silver and lead. The last assay went \$2.80 in gold. \$14 in silver and the balance in lead, or a total of \$18.75 to the ton. ficent horses, including a span of bays groan and a gesture of despair, as it were, the fatal deed was done and the bourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, with as Douglas is certainly a mine. It could manager of the Albion Iron Works. The Empress Dowager triumphantly snatch-full knowledge of their military possibili-furnish a considerable tonnage now, and animals were purchased from the stables ties as he is now able to do with New- with more development could furnish of F. C. Talbot, of San Leandro, and are considerably more. Two shifts have splendidly matched. The other horses been working on the property all winter, were purchased by Mr. McNeil for his and the work is in charge of Robert own use. Smith. Mr. Belor says the formation on the hanging wall is porphyry, and on the foot wall it is the same. mand for seeds, the market is inclined to true fissure vein with well defined walls. had sunken down on his chair af- remain steady. In connection with fish, Le Roi.-A new double decked cage the salmon run on the rivers, notably the has just been finished at the B. A. C. Fraser, not being quite under way, salmon machine shops, and is now ready to be Queen's hotel, at which the place for the day before. The ties of 14 and 16 for put in place. At the Black Bear the ever, being plentiful. The retail prices brick work for the three new batteries to contain three boilers is being put in position. Work has been started on the 5.00 extension of the timber framing shed. nderground there is little going on. azetted, has acquired the property years. nown as the Umatilla group, on Sophie

ountain, which consists of five claims. hese have lain idle for some months. is the intention of the new company get to work as soon as possible, and re could be shipped as soon as the proected road is made to the Velvet mine. Nickel Plate -The assembling of the oist is still in full operation, but some ttle time will elapse before the head number now nearly fifty. vorks will be completed. Although near ut of the ore is begun, it will be seen hat full knowledge of the big strike pon the property will not be arrived for some months; although a little ospecting which is to be undertaken the level now so nearly reached, will oubtless well inform the company as to

ne probable results. Centre Star.-Work is still going on railway level. Timber framing for ne big gallows is covering a large space ground. Nevertheless, the works are eing put up as expeditiously and as conomically as is well possible under ne conditions obtaining.

War Eagle.—Some minor alterations the big hoisting building on the top the hill necessitated by the assembperation.

vay. Occasional kidneys and bunches Canadian league will continue, f ore are being met in tunnel No. 1. No. 2 tunnel the work of cross-cuting the vein is in progress and stringrs and seams of ore are being met. The Big Four company has purchased the urface rights of their four fractions;

Evening Star.-The work of developng the ledge in the connections made the east drift is in progress and with he most satisfactory results. Arrangenents are under way to make an upraise rom the lower to the upper tunnel. The

e past wek. 1.00 on the second level is in progress with satisfactory results. The ore body has lish setter and pointer belonging to Frank been cross-cut for a distance of seven Turner.

body that was found in No. 1 tunnel, | prizes for dogs of every class and grade. When this has been fully explored in level No. 2 the intention is to also locate it in No. 3 level. This will be at depth of about 450 feet.

Velvet.-The work of drifting along the ledge on the 300-foot level is in progress. The ore chute on this level is 12 feet wide and the ore is on a high grade, carrying large values in gold and

Iron Mask.-Superintendent Hall reports that good progress is being made with the two shafts which are being pursued for development purposes. The No. 2 winze is now within 35 feet of the 500-foot level. The drift through the big dyke and displacement has got started on Saturday to the north to find the ledge should be distant about 30 to 35 feet, and it will probably be reached early next week. As the work is purely development in character and no ore is being encountered, there have been no shipments to the smelter. California.—The new 10-drill compres

sor, which was installed a few days since, is doing satisfactory work. One machine is now at work in the tunnel No. 1.—The shaft is down about 520 feet, and there is also one machine drifting on the 400-foot level west. Josie - Cross-cutting is proceeding or the west drifts on both the 300 and the

level to the eastward. Iron Colt.—The shaft is down depth of 43 feet. One machine is at work in the shaft. Another machine is in use in drifting along the north ledge. tered, shows that in the semi-finals Adams White Bear.-Drifting and cross-cutting on the 350-foot level continues. Arthur.—The work is being pushed

and the tunnel is in for a distance of 60 feet. Frequent bunches of ore are being met which leads to the impression that the main ledge will soon be encountered. Sunset No. 2 .- Work on the No. 3 ledge continues.

************ Klong the Waterfront. ******************

THE GUN.

AMERICAN HANDICAP Interestate Park, L. I., April 5 .- There vere 23 straight scores among the two hundred and eleven wing shots who faced the traps yesterday in the Grand American handicap. Among them was H. D. Batts, of St. Thomas, Ont. The handicap will be completed to-day.

THE TURF.

SPLENDID IMPORTATIONS. J. A. McNeil has just returned from California, bringing with him four magni-

THE OAR.

EXECUTIVE MEETING. Toronto, March 30 .- A meeting of the years in succession, is after it again. It toria, winning from Captain Taylor. will be suggested to limit the number of prizes that individuals may win. In addition, an endeavor will be made to do something towards improving the condi-Umatilla Group.—The Umatilla Gold tion of amateur rowing in this country, fining Company, which has just been which has not been satisfactory for some

YACHTING.

NANAIMO CLUB MEETING.

pointed to ask that the yacht club be al- this morning. A sealing man who has lowed to take the aquatic part of the programme in charge.

BASEBALL. TO ORGANIZE A LEAGUE.

An effort has recently been made at Dethe big compressor house on the low- league. It is proposed to organize a league received to admit Chatham. It is propos-Grand Rapids and Muskegon, and a comng of the new steam gear, are under Huron made application to be one of the four Michigan cities, and it is possible Big Four.—Work is making good pro- that it will be taken in if one of the ress on tunnels Nos. 1 and 2. Drifting other cities falls to come in. In case an

THE KENNEL. SEATTLE BENCH SHOW.

Seattle Kennel Club, which commences in hat is, they have bought all that is not Seattle on April 10th, is Emil Pferdner. overed by the rights of way of the who is confident that his fifteen months Red Mountain railway and the public St. Bernard dog, Vancouver, will show up well. Entries for the show will close on Friday next.

VICTORIA'S REPRESENTATIVES. Among the dogs which left in charge of Frank Turner yesterday morning for Tacoma to compete in the Tacoma kennel ore that is now being met is the richest Dr. John Duncan's and Dr. Garesche's show were: Mrs. Hitchcock's Great Dane, hat has yet been found in the mine. Irish setters, O. C. Bass's Gordon setter, The road has been soft and on this ac- Emil Pferdner's St. Bernards, five cockers count no shipments were made during from the Royal City Kennels, three of J. W. Creighton's cockers, Mrs. Bradley-Jumbo.-Cross-cutting the ore body Dyne's five Irish and Scotch terriers, Mr. Plimley's two English setters, and an Eng-

THE 'FRISCO SHOW

of silver cups to be awarded, while other prizes will be offered in abundance. The entries will close on Sunday, April 21st. and as soon thereafter as practicable the exhibitor will receive a ticket for identification, and a numbered tag corresponding with the stal! number of his dog. The rules for the government of the show will be those adopted by the American Kennel The Sub-Committee on Engineer. Club. The club officers are as follows: President, A. B. Spreckels; 1st vice-president, John E. de Ruyter; 2nd vice-president, J. L. Eppinger. Directors, A. B. Spreckels, John E. de Ruyter, J. L. Enpinger, L. S. Greenebaum, J. P. Norman, Henry J. Crocker; secretary and treasurer, H. H. Carlton; acting secretary and treasurer, J. P. Norman; bench show committee, N. H. Hickman, L. S. Greene-Brown; judge, James Mortimer, of Hempstead, L. I., will judge all classes; clerk, D. J. Sinclair; superintendent, J. C. Langenderfer; cashier, H. D. Laidlaw; veterinary surgeons, F. W. Skaife, D. V. S.,

GOLF. THE TACOMA TOURNAMENT.

Montreal, M. R. C. V. S., London; K. O.

Steers, D. V. S.

The spring tournament of the Tacoma Golf Club was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, the playing of the finals being productive of the keenest excitement. Un- B. W. Pearse (chairman), Ald. Brydon, doubtedly the greatest interest centred in | F. B. Pemberton and Mr. Sorby, the result of the men's open competition, which was begun on the first day of the neeting and was concluded Saturday. Griggs won in the finals after a close game with Adams, who defeated Eberly in the semi-finals. A summary of the men's open, in which seventeen were enbeat Eberly 3 up, 2 to play, and Griggs beat Burrill, 6 up, 5 to play. In the finals Griggs beat Adams, 1 up.

In the semi-finals of the women's open competition Mrs. Loomis beat Mrs. Pot- furthermore remarked: "I have made ter, 3 up, 1 to play, and Mrs. Jones won statement absolutely uncontradictable from Mrs. Anderson by default. match between Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. I shall not remain at this meeting. You week.

In the men's approaching contest, H. J. Bremner won the prize for the nearest approach and Mr. Van Gillison, jr., made to say. the best average of four balls. In this contest two prizes were offered, one for left the room. the best approach and one for the best average. Two balls were played from 75 yards and two from 50 yards, with

The women's driving contest was over course forty yards wide with a carry of forty yards. Mrs. Jones made the longest drive and Miss Kershaw secured the best average of four balls in this event. In the men's open handicap there were thirty-four contestants for honors, and the event was followed with great interest.

bunkers 25 yards from the hole.

tent to give it. The engineering com-Three prizes were offered in the handimittee were certainly not competent to caps, one for first, one for second, and one for the best scratch score. Yesterday's give any estimate of the cost of the best score over the 18-hole course was enade in this event by Strout, who scored 93, wirning thereby the prize for the best scratch score. Eighteen entries were received for the

omen's open handicap, 15-hole course, and resulted in Miss Kershaw winning the scratch prize, Mrs Potter first with handicap, and Mrs. Jones second with handicap In the putting contest, same rules as those governing previous putting contests, E. A. Strout, of Seattle, won in the playoff of the tie with Captain Taylor, also of Executive Association of Amateur Oars- Seattle. The highest score at putting yesnen has been called for Saturday at the terday was 14, while 16 was made the S annual regatta will be selected. Brock- Thursday's and Friday's games were playville, which has now had the regatta two ed off on Saturday, W. N. Ward, of Vic- vestigate the scheme from an engineer-

The passengers who have been waiting the sailing of the Alpha here went to Vancouver by the Islander this morning, as the north bound steamer, whose officers are to endeavor to take her through the ice pack first of the fleet, sails from there this afternoon. All her passenger and freight space has been taken up. The meeting of the Royal Yacht Club of freight on her are: J. D. Thagard, who ment wall, as proposed to be built of lumbon Mr. Sorby, owing to the want of detail, Among the larger shippers who have any estimate of the cost of the revet-Nanaimo was well attended and showed is taking up large quantities of lumber, that the members are taking an active and and Frye Brulan & Co., the well-known increasing interest in the affairs of the packers of Seattle, whose freight bill for club. Seven new members were ballotted the goods sent up by them will amount for and accepted, which makes the total to over \$7,000. Their freight consists During the evening some discussion been sent to Vancouver on the S. & I. he 500-foot level last week, that depth took place on the question of having sperailway. There is among their goods s yet has not been attained. And when cial aquatic sports in connection with the eggs, beef, general produce, groceries, s yet has not been actained. The queen's birthday celebration, and a cometc. The question of when the Alpha will eet is to be pierced before the blocking mittee was appointed to interview the be able to reach Cape Nome was a central committee when it should be ap- much discussed one on the waterfront made many trips to the Arctic says that

even as late as May 30th he has been

unable to get through the ice-packs. The ice extends south from Cape Nome for plans in many respects, the consequence between 600 and 700 miles. Some mariners believe that the Alpha will have to troit to organize an intermediate baseball steam about for some time or find an anchorage to wait for the breaking up of of eight clubs, four in Canadian cities and the ice when she gets to the edge of the four in Michigan. Hamilton, London, St. packed ice. Others believe that every-Thomas and Woodstock were presented at thing points to the fact that this will the meeting yesterday. An application was be an early spring in the North, taking ed to put clubs in Jackson, Saginaw, winter. The Alpha's officers intend to into consideration the mildness of the mittee was appointed to pay a visit to the west-these cities. None of the Michigan cities ward and working their way round by go by the route usually followed by the were represented at the meeting. Fort the channel opened by the north-easterly winds, which usually blow from the Arctic in the spring. By this route she is expected to arrive at the goldfields much n the vein on No. 1 tunnel is under international league is not organized, the attle Times commenting on the sailing of the Alpha, says: "It was reported on the water frontto-day that the Alpha people have been guaranteeing their customers and passengers to land them and Among the Victorians who will enter their freight at Nome ahead of all their dogs in the circuit bench show of the their competitors. No one seems to know anything of any new orders touching the customs regulations and all manner of comment is heard on the Alpha's proposed trip. Some even go so far as to say that she is liable to be seized if she makes entry at Dutch harbor and starts out for Nome without landing her York enforce fixed rates. This was difficargo. It is possible, they say, for her

> THE BEST IN THE WORLD. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Rem-

edy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see now it would affect us. It cured us beore the bottle was more than half used. The premium list for the fourth annual It is the best medicine out for colds and agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

The Sorby Scheme

ing Held a Meeting This Morning.

Cannot Estimate Cost of Revet. ment Wall From Sorby's

Although the general committee on pre liminary investigation into the Sorh harbor scheme, several weeks ag ed out that they could not end scheme from a revenue standpoi sub-committee on engineering consider their duties ended, and quently convened this morning ly for the purpose of resuming th gations for which they were There were present Mayor ex officio a member of the The limited number present did not preclude any possibility of a spirited

session, however, for the prostages were marked by an exhibition indignant repartee, in which the chair man and Mr. Sorby were the principal actors. After the reading of the minutes the chairman asked for a plan, which Mr. Sorby immediately submitted, Mr. Pearse remarking that this was certain ly not the original plan. Mr. Sorby or the other hand declared that it was, and The and my word is not taken. Consequently Jones for the finals will be played this have made a statement which is absolutely without foundation."

Mr. Pearse-If you will repeat that outside I perhaps shall have something

Mr. Sorby-"Bosh!" and with this he The ominous silence that followed was broken by the chairman, who pointed out that Mr. Sorby's plans had been changed so many times that it was absolutely impossible for the committee to investigate the scheme in a thorough manner. Ald. Brydon considered that the engineering committee were not competent to investigate the engineering phases of the scheme, but their duties on the other hand were to gather expert engineering information from such as were compe-

work. The mayor remarked that in the first place Mr. Sorby's plan, as far as the revetment wall was concerned, did not mention cement. The wall was to have been a dry stone rubber wall. Now, the plan includes cement without any allowance for the additional expense which

would be incurred. Ald. Brydon said that the mayor was opposed to the scheme, anyway. That was the reason why he did not choose to understand the plans.

The Mayor-I am not opposed to the Mr. Pearse considered that the committee were certainly competent to ining standpoint. Some of the members had had considerable experience-he, himself, certainly had, and as a body

they were certainly capable of dealing with their department of the scheme. Some further discussion ensued, in the midst of which Mr. Pemberton submitted the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Hayward: Resolved: "That this committee finds it impossible to make drawings, specifications, showing how the wall is to be built, length of same, distance apart of anchors, and other similar details, but they are of opinion from the information they have gained, both from men used in such work, from engineers and from the best works on the subject, that the cost of the revetment wall would not be less than probably double the amount mentioned by Mr. Sorby, and would certainly cost considerably more than that in its amended form. That the committee begs to call the attention of the general committee to the fact that Mr. Sorby has altered his of which is that much valuable time has been wasted by the committee, and, as maintained by Mr. Sorby, are liable in future to be again altered and modi-

Ald. Brydon emphatically protested against the foregoing, and he considered the committee would be "giving themselves away" to the people. mittee had never asked Mr. Sorby to submit his plans, and in that resolution the committee admitted that they had no data.

The resolution was passed, Ald. Brydon strongly dissenting, after which the committee adjourned.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

London, April 5.-At the meeting today of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, the report of the president, Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, was adopted. He said that he believed the reorganization of the Chicago-Grand Trunk would be carried out, though one third of the first bondholders still dissented. There was no indication, the president added, of better freight rates, such powerful interests as those of the Pennaylvania Railway and the Vanderbilts being unable to maintain the tariff, nor could the great financial interests of New to land her passengers, but they will not be allowed to take ashore any freight or be great shippers were able to compete the great shippers were never reductions. Some shippers were never reductions. cult to explain, but it seemed to him that known to pay full rate, and the smaller and weaker struggling shippers were obliterated. The remedy was legalized pooling. The bridges of the Portland division, Sir Charles continued, would be reconstructed in time for the winter traffic. The president also said the Central Verment was doing most satisfactory work, the Detroit & Grand Haven was doing fairly well, and the Chicago-Grand Trunk

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