VICTORIA CONSERVATIVES.

Meet at Call of Chair

(From Tuesday's Daily Colonist.)

FISHING INDUSTRY.

Be Inaugurated Up North.

(From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.)

Last Night's Meeting Adjourned

king Is All Right.

ates Under Secretary r Though Presentng No Report.

te Commandants Make ate Efforts for More edding of Blood.

March 20-4 a.m.-The war ad no news up to this hour the report of the relief of but Mr. George Wyndham, ry under secretary for war, a private inquiry in the lobby se of Commons, about midingly said: "I think it is all

Staters seemingly have not sed. They are in consider around Smithfield, although irited. A British spy from reports that Commandant commando are going to The agents he left behind lesperate means to raise re nandcering the Boers under

dt. where the Boers are consurrounded by country of

acre is resting at Springfoninary to joining Lord Roberts. ler's hill work before Ladyven him an experience which be used in forcing the Bigange. It is believed that 25,-40,000 men are about to en-'s force and the next news of ll probably be from Natal. ers of the Afrikander Bund ting a petition in Cape Colony Imperial government not to

frica are now at sea. BY JEALOUS WOMAN.

the independence of the Boers.

vo thousand additional troops

n a Chicago Restaurant as l to Domestic Infelicity.

March 20 .- Miss Annie Stroer in a restaurant on 22nd shot and instantly killed last well-dressed heavily veiled no, entering at the front door, shots point blank at Miss Stroscaped. t shot struck the cashier in

Miss Strother turned and s the kitchen. The woman volver followed her, and fired shots. One of them nit her Miss Strother fell dead inchen door.
urs after the shooting Mrs.

ith. 26 years old, wife of a was arrested and made a saying she had shot Miss cause the latter had taken her

URBULENT PUGILIST.

Boy Keeps on Fighting After Declares Him Done For.

York, March 19. - Matty of New York met Eddy Con-St. John, N. B., at the Hercules Club in Brooklyn, and s so badly used up in the four-ound that referee Charley White and stopped the bout to pre-onnolly being knocked out. eclared Matthews the winner, d to continue fighting, ad a busy time in restrain is corner.

M. C. A. MAN LEFT. Not Join in Pursuit of Cronje ut Is Usefully Employed at Belmont.

to, March 19.—Dr. Barry, repre-e of the Young Men's Christian ion with the first Canadian nt, reports by cable that he is ge River assisting in the care ge River assisting in the care Canadian wounded. Military ons prevented Barry accompanyent on its march in pur Cronje's army and compelled remain at Belmont and carry on mong English troops guarding daily work of the reading and ndence room has been carried tin car house belonging to a

ETORIA VIA MAFEKING. ions That Relieving Force Will se Followed by an Investing

Army. on March 19 -Neither the adway of Fourteen Streams, nor movement has yet resulted in news of Mafeking. Bloemfontein and Natal there

arently no serious developments, ballic interest remains centred in daden-Powell's force, unrestricted nts of greater military importance. ppears likely that the converging troops towards Mafeking indicates Judging from Methuen's preat Warrenton, and the capture of arby passage of the Vaal at Fourtreams, keen observers believe Roberts meditates an advance in Meretoria by way of Rustenburg, night start either from Fourteen is or Klerksdorf, and would prob and Natal.
mandant Oliver has accomplished

er step in his retreat from north-lape Colony, evacuating Rouxville toing towards Kroonstad, where dent Steyn is.

LTAN YIELDS TO RUSSIA.

don, March 21.-The Constantinople spondent of the Times announces the Sultan has yielded in all essen-particulars to the Russian demands ing railway concessions in Asia

Sir Wilfrid and Chinese Tax

Labor Deputation Informed That Government Will Present a Bill.

Alien Law Enforcement in Kootenay Now the Subject

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Ottawa, March 19.—A deputation from the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, consisting of J. A. Flett, Hamilton; E. P. Bremner, of the Western Federation of Miners' Association, the Stitish Columbia; G. W. Dower and F. H. Fitzpatrick, Toronto, and H. M. Draper, Ottawa, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day. The delegates expressed approval of Mr. Mulock's fair with the Chinese and alien labor laws. Mr. Bremner urged enforcing the alien day of the United States coming to Qanada on their own account. He quoted from a letter from President Gilkes of the Labor Association at Nelson, dealing strongly with the subject. In respect to Chinamen, he declared it was impose, sible to do anything with them, as it was part of their religion to be Chinese and to take away from Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to take away from Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to take away from Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United States coming to Canada to Chinamen, he declared it was imposed to the Armonian of the United

The Premier in reply expressed pleasure that Mr. Mulock's resolution was approved of. He said a bill would be introduced regarding the Chinese capitation tax, and they were also carefully looking to the troubles in the Slocan district

St. John Boy's Appointment as Aide-de-

Ottawa, March 7.—(Special to the Toronto Globe)—Lieut.-Col. Otter cables the militia department as follows:

"Kimberley, March 6.—Lieut.-Col. Mc-officially announced some time ago that

Lieut. C. W. W. McLean, thus honored by appointment as aide-de-camp to Gen. Colville, is the son of Col. McLean, of the 62nd Battalion, St. John, N. B. He was a second lieutenant in the 8th Princess Louise Hussars before going to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent. A short time ago Mr. Frederick Hamilton, the Globe's war correspondent with the first contingent stated that Lieut. McLean had been given a commission in the Royal Engineers, some of his maps of the battlefields at Belmont and Grass Pan having attracted the favorable mands the Ninth Division, consisting of the Nineteenth and Twentieth brigades, the Canadians being attached to the former.

To bring water power from Stave river, 30 miles above New Westminster, to Vancouver. The company are solicities in plans until they can secure their title. A certain amount of stock is being allotted to Victoria and Vancouver, and the rest will be taken up in England. The cost of installing the system will be, according to estimates, \$400.000.

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The fall from Stave river to Vancurer is said to be sufficient to enable the company to produce water power against any anticipated action on the part of my advisers, I must decline to entertain it. If, on the other hand, it is merely a request to be assured of a fairs complained of, I think it will be fully sufficient to again refer you to the scheme is an admirable one, and are liberally subscribing for stock.

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parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, said Her Majesty's government had taken and continued to take all necessary steps to protect British interests in this connection. He also denied the story published in the United States that the American government was sending warships to China.

GOT A GOOD FIGURE. Capt. Moore Sells His Interest in

Moore Wharf at Skagway.

(From Tuesday's Daily Colonist.) The Skagway Alaskan says: "As deals go in Skagway, one of the largest ever consummated was closed this afternoon, involving the transfer of Capt. William Moore's 22½ per cent. interest in the Moore Wharf Company's dock. The nurchasing party was the interest in the Moore Wharf Company's dock. The purchasing party was the Alaskan & Northwest Territories Trading Company, already interested in the property, and the price paid was \$18,000. This price was for the bare interest in the wharf property alone, and does not affect the Captain's interest in the accounts of the business or the townsite. Capt. Moore will immediately prepare for a business trip to Cape Nome, intending to send a loaded vessel from the Sound and go himself by the river route."

NORTHERN WEATHER.

Thermometer Dropped Some Points Below Zero a Week Ago.

(From Tuesday's Daily Colonist.) They have had another cold snap in They have had another cost afrom the North, the wave extending from Lake Bennett to Dawson, as can be seen by the following report telegraphed from the various stations on March 10: Skagway—Clear, north wind, 5 be-

w. Bennett-Clear and calm, 40 below: Tagish-Clear, calm, cold. Hootalinqua-Clear and calm, 40 be-

Le Barge—Clear, calm, 40 below.
Big Salmon—Clear, calm, 45 below.
Five Fingers—Clear, calm, 47 below.
Selkirk—Clear, calm, 45 below.
Selwyn—Clear, calm, 45 below.
Stewart River—Clear, calm, 48 below.
Ogilvie—Clear, calm, 52 below.
Dawson—Clear, calm, 45 below.

A Sudden Chill often means sudden ill-ness. Pain-Killer is all that is needed to ward it off. Unequalled for cramps and diarrhoea. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis. 25c. and 50c.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS

Fire Water Makes Indian Murder Case -Chinese in a Newspaper Venture-The Victoria Meeting.

rom Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, March 20.-Charlie Sey- Answer of the Lieut.-Governo mour is held to-day for the murder of a klootchman named Mary Williams. Seymour, who gets his name from the creek opposite Vancouver, was selling mats with three klootchmen, and when the women had exchanged their wares for money he proposed to buy firewater with it. This was done, and they all got drunk, raising a great disturbance last

WATER POWER ENTERPRISE. PROMOTION FOR A CANADIAN. Local and English Capital to Be Inter-

ested in an Attractive Proposal. From Our Own Correspondent.

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Lieut. C. W. W. McLean, thus honored by appointment as aide-de-camp to Gen. Colville, is the son of Col. Mc-Lean, of the 62nd Battalion, St. John, N. B. He was a second lieutenant in the 8th Princess Louise Hussars before some time ago that a million dollar company has been capitalized under a British Columbia charter to bring water power from Stave river, 30 miles above New Westminster, to Vancouver. The company are soliciting private subscriptions, but are not giving away their plans until they can secure their title. A certain amount of stock is being allotted to Victoria and columns and the stock is being allotted to Victoria and columns.

The Reply of His Honor

to the Business Men's Memorial.

Refers the Delegates to Prorogation Speech and Pre-

but I take this to have been written without due consideration, as you can readily understand that I cannot receive, nor reply to, any "confidential" communication from a large and indefinite number of merchants and representatives of mercantile firms. You may consider this reply as made publicly to a public petition. As I stated in our interview, I deeply regret to hear of the unsatisfactory condition of business affairs in Konteany but cannot say but the unsatisfactory condition of business affairs in Kootenay, but cannot say but what I was partially prepared to hear of it. You say:

"In approaching Your Honor direct in this connection we have been impelled by a deep sense of public duty, believing that it lies with Your Honor,

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Canada's Offer

Ministers Criticised in

Col. Prior Ouotes the Western

adjourning the meeting at the call the chair, to not later than April 9. From Commons Hansard, Feb. 20. The house resumed the adjourned de pate on the proposed motion of Mr Fielding: That the house resolve itself Operations on a Large Scale About t into committee of the whole to conside certain proposed resolutions to provide for the payment of the expenditure in-Another forward step is about to be curred, or to be incurred, in sending

Mr. E. G. Prior (Victoria, B. C.)-Mr canning and freezing of salmon for export, and the curing of hardly sufficient fish to supply the local market. The deep sea fisheries have been left to the Speaker, as I moved the adjournment deep sea asheries have been left to the American companies. A change is being brought about. A company is being organized in Victoria to erect a cannery and curing establishment on the Skeena river for the treatment of salmon and halibut for export on a large scale. They are to use the Kirby patent system for canning smoked salmon and halibut.

Another firm, Messrs. Wallace Bros., of Vancouver, who have operated on the of Vancouver, who have operated on the Fraser river for a number of years with marked success, have purchased the

Of Volunteers, There was a large and thoroughly epresentative attendance of Liberal-conservatives at the adjourned meeting Hesitation of Some of the

held in Foresters' hall yesterday evening, and the provincial political situation was discussed in all its details.

As at the previous meeting, a resolution was passed to the effect that the proceedings should not be reported, so the Colonist conforms to that decision.

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The meeting was a most interesting one, and speeches were delivered by a number of those prominent in the party on the complex political situation. After much discussion a resolution was passed adjourning the meeting at the call of the chair to not later than April 9 Movement as Spirit of the Dominion,

taken in the development of the fishing industry of British Columbia. Hereto-fore little has been done outside of the contingents of Canadian volunteers to South Africa.

> of the debate on Friday night, I wish to say a few words on this question on vote of money to pay the gallant men Canada and the whole Empire in the

Traser river for a number of years with marked success, have purchased the Claxton cannery, on the Skeena river, and will both can and cure salmon and halibut. They are making extensive alterations and additions to the buildings, and will be able to fill immense orders. It is said to be their intention to build two schooners and a tugboat for halibut fishing. The senior member of the firm last year took a trip through Europe and the Orient, looking into the needs of the markets.

LOCAL NEWS.

CFrom Tuesday's Dally Colonist.)

Aitken-Stocks.—At the Manse last evening Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Archibald M. Aitken, of the steamer Earl, and Miss Maud Grace Stocks, of Victoria. The groom was supported by Mr. G. P. Stocks, and the bridesmaid was Miss Florence B. Stocks. The young couple will make their home at William Head.

Child's Death.—Mr. and Mrs. George

The Claxton cannery, on the Skeena river, and the whole Empire in the struggle that is now going on in South Africa. It may, perhaps, not be out of place for me to mention here, if I may be permitted to do so, that within the last few minutes a telegram has come stating that the Boers are retreating from Ladysmith. Now, sir, the stand taken by the government in regard to sending the contingents has been most ably dealt with by the leader of the opposition and by other gentlemen, and they have shown, I think, the government to be in apything but an enviable position in this regard.

Some honorable members—Oh! Oh!

Mr. Prior — That is my opinion, whether gentlemen opposite agree with me or not. I must say that the stand taken by the right honorable gentleman who leads the government, and by his colleagues, in delaying so long before they offered assistance to the mother country is, in my opinion, quite incomprehensible. As to the vagaries of the Hon. Minister of Public Works, I think they are known from one end of the country to the other. I can only say that if the honorable gentleman thinks they are known from one end of the country to the ot

words of what he writes in regard to the Canadian contingents:

I am greatly struck with the magnificent physique and smart appearance of the mounted contingents mobilizing here. I know our officers and "Tommies" across the water will be struck when they see what Canada can produce. I never saw anything like the Northwest Mounted Police—they are simply wonderful on a horse. What impressed me so deeply was the intense enthusiasm of the whole contingent. Every officer and man is fired to the utmost and considers it an fired to the utmost and considers it an honor of the highest degree to have been selected to go out to uphold the honor of the flag. Then it is astonishing to think of men leaving comfortable homes and lucrative positions to serve as privates and troopers. this is not loyalty and love for mother country, I wonder what is.
Well may we devoutly thank Providence for this magnificent colony of
Canada. I saw the field batteries

Imperial battery horses. have just read that to show that a British officer, who has had large ex-perience, thinks that no better men perience, thinks that no better men could have been sent anywhere from the British Empire than Canada is sending to-day. I might also read a letter that I have received from the United States, just to show that there are some men anyway in the United States who are thoroughly in accord with the British Empire at the present time and are willing to go forward and take part in

ments can be completed. If this mat ter interests you I should be pleased to have a reply. I think that will meet with the hearty approval of the house. We are not, am glad to say, in need of any more

Piles and Ties.

Lien Placed by Government on Those used on the Crow's Nest Railway.

Premier Martin Contends That Timber Royalty Is Owing to Province.

Acting under instructions from Premier Martin, Mr. W. S. Gore, the assistant commissioner of lands and works, and was quite impressed with them. They were a very powerful looking lot and meant business. I made the acquaintance of several of the officers. The horses were very fine animals, many of them much larger than the Imperial battery horses. This will no doubt lead to litigation. In an interview in respect to the action of the government, Mr. Martin last

ish Empire at the present time and are willing to go forward and take part in the present fight. Here is a letter addressed to myself, which says:

Col. E. G. Prior, Victoria, B. C.:

Dear Sir,—I would inquire if the offer of a battalion of American volunteers to go to South Africa would be accepted by your government.

Evidently not meaning my government,

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Distribution of meaning my government,

—I hold a commission as lieutenantcolonel, have seen fourteen years' service as guardsman in various states,
and can tender to your government a
full battalion of Americans, more
than half of whom are veterans who
saw service in the Philippines during
our late war, and the balance to be
National Guardsmen, all well drilled.
Of course, I understand that as an
organization we would not be permitted to leave the States, but there is
no law prohibiting us going to Canada
as an unarmed body, where arrangements can be completed. If this matter interests are interests and piles, and I have
been informed that the company have
been informed that the company have
been taking out immense quantities
along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass
railway and shipping it to Manitoba and
the Northwest."

AN INNOVATION.

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Grace Stocks, of Victoria. The groom was supported by Mr. G. P. Stocks, and the bridesmaid was Miss Florence B. Stocks. The young couple will make their home at William Head.

Child's Death.—Mr. and Mrs. George that if the honorable gentleman thinks he is loyal to the British Empire. it is mourning the loss of their little son, Jack Everett, which occurred on Saturday evening. The little one was just eleven months old. The funeral took place yesterday, the casket being buried beneath a wealth of flowers, tokens of sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Courtney's many friends.

Cood Fishing—Some fifty fishermen

they offered assistance to the mouner to the mouner counter to the bridge assistance to the mouner and the bridge assistance to the mouner than we can get in our own counters than we can get in our own counters than we can get in our own counters the six of the fountry, but this is an evidence of the good feeling which is extant in some parts of the British Empire in the present trouble. Before I sit down I wish also to call the attention of the house to a resolution that was passed in the city of Vancouver, British Columbia. It shows very fully the strikingly patriotic feeling that has extended from one end of the country to the other. At a meeting has a mistand up and tell the house what he says?

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The Applications for the War Lorson, today the Chanceller of the Scheme, in Active the Common, today the Chanc the mother country. I shall have other opportunities to discuss this matter, and therefore I will not say anything more in regard to this, except that I am heartily in accord with the vote.

The Blues in Spring.

Despondent, Melancholic and Tired People Are Made Active and Strong by

Poile's Colory Compound

Rundown and Half-dead Men and Women Obtain Health and Strength from the

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To discuss this matter, and there is not in Canada even one family in twenty non-Christian. In Canada there is no state church, and it is wisdom to keep them separate, to "render unto Caesar the things that are God's." Yet the state should not make laws for our schools which shut out the Bible, as if there were no God, or no hereafter, and Christianity were a myth. Should a man open a school and support it with his own money he may shut out the principles of Christianity, but it is preposterous for the law to do so from public schools which are supported in a Christian Country by the money of those who are Christians. This is just the condition of things in Canada. Christianity is ignored and atheism is recognized. The reflection often made that our "public schools are godless," and made so by a law framed by the representatives of Christians, is true, and the astonishing thing is that most of the Christian community think that it would be wrong to introduce the Bible into their own schools, schools supported by their own schools, schools supported by their own schools, schools supported by their own schools, schools of the education in religious lives of their children, in the home, by the church, and in the schools, especially the primary public schools of the province of British Columbia.

RAILS IN MICHIGAN.

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Detroit, March 19.—A special to the News from Menominee, Mich., says: "The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has absorbed the newly built Escanabe & Lake Superior railway, owned by Daniel Wills, Jr., of Milwaukee; Isaac Simpson, of Marinette, Wis.; and J. W. Wells, of this city. They will extend the road to Channel, Mich., forty miles, to connect with the main line."

A MONTREAL SUICIDE.

Montreal, March 20.—At an early hour this morning, Wilfrid Martin, an employee of an undertaking establishment of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself in the cabmen's shanty at the corner of Prince Arthur street and Park avenue, after telephoning the Notre Park avenue, after telephoning the Notre Dame hospital to send the ambulance.

TO THE COMMONS.

London, March 20 .- Sir Robert Gray, Conservative, has been returned as member of the House of Commons for the Brixton division of Lambeth, without opposition. He succeeds Hon. Mr. Hub-

ADMIRAL FAIRFAX DEAD. Naples, March 20.—Admiral Sir Henry Fairfax, the British commander-in-chief at Plymouth, died here to-day.