Mr. James J. Hill Makes Emphatic Declaration to Stanley Committee-Well Satisfied with Ore Situation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 .- James J. Hill told the Stanley investigating committee today that he would be a "first class angel with red and white wings" before he would go into the steel business, and predicted that competition would be the rule long after the present laws were wiped off the statute books.

Mr. Hill's last day of testimony was replete with the sage expressions for which he is noted. He said the stockhelders of the Great Northern railroad were not "wearing any crepe" because the United States Steel Corporation "in its fright" had cancelled the Great Northern ore lease.

"You will be in a comfortable position, no matter whether the lease is cancelled or not, wont you," Chairman Stanley suggested. "You could start a steel company of your own with four million tons of ore in the ground."

"I will be a first class angel with red and white wings long before I ever consider going into the steel business," Mr. Hill replied. "I'll be 74 years old my next birthday, and I don't mind telling you that I've done about all the hard work I intend to do in life,'

Just before tae railroad builder was excused, Representative Beall, of Texas, called his attention to the assertions of E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of the Steel Corporation, and other busi ness men, to the effect that the day of competition was passed, and that the time was at hand when the government pivst regulate maximum and minimum "I think you will have to tame human

nature and eliminate all selfish motives that rule human beings and every other form of life, before you will eliminate competition," Mr Hill remarked.
"There will be competition just as lung as the doctrine of survival of the

fittest lasts, and that will be operating long after our present statutes are wiped off the books."

# COUNTRY BLED FOR COMPANY

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from four to one. Mr. Cochrane made a statement showing that completed, the road is estimated to cost, icclu-sive of interest, \$171,726,000; and that interest would bring the capital cost on January 1, 1914, up to \$187,781,128. Adding interest and other charges, it will cost by January 1, 1912, \$236,000 -000. On Jan. 1, 1924, it will have cost \$258,050,000, or \$143,000 per mile. About 76 per cent of the grading is completed, and 1,378 miles of track

This statement so staggered the Liberals that Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for adjournment of the debate. The house adjourned at 11:25 p. m.

# FIRE FIGHTERS

IDEAL HOSTS

Continued from Page One. if not ceremonious manner, but he was soon back with other members of the light of the dancers was taken, and ubtless be a treasured memento of the first ball of the department.

To the various committees the great est credit is due for the completeness of the arrangements. The officers of the association are: Honorary president, Chief Davis; honorary vice-president, Deputy Chief V. W. Stewart; president, Blitch; vice-president, Crawford; secretary-treasurer. F. Herb ert. The executive committee is composed of F. W. Zeigler, A. Pike, A. Bishop and J. Barton, Mr Lancecott Oliver officiated as master of ceremon-

Invited Guests

The list of invited guests follows bieutenant-Governor Paterson and Mrs Hon. Dr Young and Mrs. Young, Hon. W. J. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser, the mayor and sidermen and ladies, Chic? of Police Langley and Mrs. Langley, Assistant Chief of Police Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, the members of the police force and ladies, Mr. W. W. North Ex-Alderman W. F. Fullerton and Mrs. Fullerton, Chief and Mrs. Stetson, Seattle. Chief and Mrs. McAlevey Tecoma Chief and Mrs. Raymond, Olympia; Chief and Mrs. Carlisle, Vancouver sistant Chief and Mrs. Thompson, Vanchuver; Chief and Mrs. Watson, New Vestminster; Chief and Mrs Dowell, Portland; Chief and Mrs, Murphy, San Francisco; Chief and Mrs. McCann. stockton; Chief and Mrs. Eley, Los Angeles; Chief and Mrs. Kenny, Berke-Chief and Mrs. Ball, Oaklands; Chief and Mrs. Haley, San Jose; Chief and Mrs. Meyers, Spokane; Chief and Mrs. Miller, Centralia; Chief and Mrs. Tamblyn, Aberdeen; Chief and Mrs. Bellingham; Fire Marshal and Mrs. Bringhurst, Seattle; Chief and Mrs. Taro, Everett; Chief and Mrs. Warren, Ailington, Wash.; Chief and Mes. Foster, Astoria; Chief and Mrs. Vaughan, Pendleton; Chief and Mrs. Shrewsbury, Long Beach; Chief and Mrs. Clifford, Pasa dena; Chief and Mrs Parkin, Nanaimo; Chief and Mrs. Guthrie, Rossland: Chief and Mrs. Alngran, San Diego; Chief and Mrs. Cochrane, William Port; Chief and Mrs. Kelly, Wallace, Idaho; Chief and Mrs. Grubb, Baker City; Chief and Mrs.

### WATER RIGHTS IN RAILWAY BELT

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them, while thirty days' clear notice wil Speech From the Throne The speech from the throne.

water board have been arranged ose no time whatever in bringing ab adjustments, so much desired by residents of the belt, and within sixty days from the date of the enactment of the necessary federal legislation confirming and ratifying the transfer of adnistration, the board is confidently exected to be in a position to "get down to business," holding the first of its meetings for the consideration of rail-

way belt applications. It is expected that during the pres ent session of the legislature the water act will be opened by Hon. Mr Ross for minor amendment in no way affecting its principle and designed chiefly for its simplification and clari-fication. Under the competent experts whom the minister is setting about him. as members of the board, the act is proving an altogether practical and workable piece of advanced legislation.

# SENSATIONAL SPEECH

Austrian Clerical Leader Thinks Ris Country is Threatened by Italians and Eussians

VIENNA Feb. 15.—A speech by the Cierical leader, Baron Fuchs, who in the recent delegations sharply criticized the foreign policy of Austria-Hungary, and yesterday, at a Catholic meeting in Saizburg, continued in the same strain, has caused a sensation in all politicat circles. The baron commenced by asserting that Italy was arming against. Austria and threatening the present satus of the Austrian possessions. "Three hundred thousand Italians, armed to the teeth;" said he; "stand on the frontier of the Tyrol. Why, notwithstanding this, does Count Achrenthal persist in his friendship for Italy? As soon as the war in Tripoli is ended, the King of Italy must either fight Austria or go into exile. Unfortunately, our intimate relations with Germany are weakened. Count Achrenthal has not afforded our German ally that moral unnow in the Morecommentation.

fortunately, our intimate relations with Germany are weakened. Count Aehrentha has not afforded our German ally that more support in the Morocco question which is expected and of which the German Kaise complained at Donaueschigen. Our relations to Russia have not been well handled. It should not be forgotten that since the Japanese war Russia has striktingly recovered herself and is again an important pewer. Russia considers she has cause to mistrust our Baikan policy.

"I have received accurate information regarding the differences existing between Austria and Germany, and on the ground of this knowledge I was justified in demanding from Count Aehrenthal in the Delegations explanations on this important point. The minister, however, remained silent. When we take a general view of our policy we find differences in every direction. Therefore I was perfectly justified in planly declaring our dissatisfaction with Count Aehrenthal's policy. Few and quiet as my words were, they nevertheless were ded with a bomblike effect both in and out of the Delegations, and also made an impression abroad. Those words were spoken at the right time and in the right place."

Many Die in Storms.

DDESSA, Feb. 13.—For several days past of whole country, from the western from a across Southern Russia, the Black Sea, e Caucasus and Transcaspia, as far as shkent, has been swept by a series of sient furricanes and bizzards. Nearly a indred persons are reported to have been osen to death in southern and southwest. A Russia and the lament-sie tale of similar fatalities in the Causasus and Transcapacieris remains to be told. There are been numerous shipping casualities in have been numerous shipping casualities the Eurine, more especially along the Circassian coast and the Anatolian littoral The Russian astronomical authorities at tribute the unusually violent meteorologica disturbances throughout Europe and part of Asia to lunar causes, that it to the recent and abnormally close proximity of the moon to the earth.

# VICTORIA CITY OF WHITE LIGHT

Manager of Light and Power Department of B. C. Electric Prophecies Light Brilliancy Unsurpassed in Canada

That the B. C. Bleotric Railway pany, Ltd., intends to heartily coate in the movement to make Victoria a better lighted city was made clear yesterday in a statement to a Colonist re porter by Mr. S. J. Halls, manager of the light and power department of the company. He also made a very timely reference as to the exact benefits which the consumers may expect from the new rates which are made effective from today in furtherance of the terms of the agreement between the city and the company at the time the Jordan river power project was launched. Mr. Halls said:

"The reduction of our lighting rates means a net saving of, roughly, 25 per cent, to the ordinary consumer, to about 35 per cent, to the large commercial user. The discount will be 20 per cent, for prompt pay; and it is the intention of the management to extend the same rate as is given in the city those consumers within the three-mile circle. This will practically mean, at the present time, all our lighting customers in Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich districts. These latter items are an extra concession and are not called for in the special agreement with the city in regard to the Jordan river development, but are made quite voluntarily by the company. In regard to the carbon lamps and the renewals, we will continue the same policy of supplying the first outfit of lamps free with free renewals for blackened or burned-out lamps.

"Yes, we are going to keep pace with the times and try and make Victoria "The City of Lights." There is no reason why we should not make it as beautiful by night as day. Merchants and others will be interested to know that we intend in the very near future to adopt the system of supplying Tungsten low voltage sign lamps free. This will mean a much whiter light and a more attractive sign all round. I firmly believe that with the reduction which comes in force today that there will be a very great improvement in store and window lighting, and with the extension of the cluster lighting system lighting, and with the exwhich, by the way, compares favorably with any, that a year from now we shall have the best lighted city in

# FIGHT BEGINS ON HOME RULE

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keen interest, was a great disappoint ment because of the coloriess tone of the King's reference to epoch-making legislation mapped out by the government. The speech was a short one.
Included in legislation outlined in the peech is a bill to be introduced to give effect to the unanimous recommendation of the last Imperial conference for the amendment and consolidation of the law relating to British nationality and naturalization of aliens.

No mention was made of relations with Germany, nor was there any allusion to Viscount Haldane's recent trip to Berlin. It briefly referred to the No intimation was given as to the nagnitude of the coming paval esti-

mates and the suffragettes were not ness at 4 o'clock on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. It is expected the discussion will last until

the end of next week. It is still doubtful if it will be pos sible to introduce either the home rule or the Welsh disestablishment bill before Easter.

The first official glimpse Anglo-German agreement was given by Premier Asquith in the debate in the House of Commons today. The premier said that the British government last month received an intimation that the visit of a British minister to Berlin would not be unwelcomed and might facilitate the attainment of the common object of the two nations. There was, Mr. Asquith said, perfect freedom of speech and frankness of explanation between Lord Haldane and the German authorities over a wide area of discussion

Premier Asquith, who referred to the verclouding of anglo-German rela tions as a "most lamentable fact," took ceasion to deny the story that the British fleet last autumn was prepar-

"It was a pure invention without a shadow of foundation," he said.
"Both the German government and our own are animated by a sincere desire to bring about a better state of understanding. The visit of Viscount Haldane to Berlin in this connection involves both sides in a departure from conventional methods, but it was felt by both nations that frankness of statement and communication would be better in the first instance if there were informal non-committal conversa-tion rather than regular diplomatic

"Such an exchange of views under such conditions ought to dispet the suspicion that either government con-templates aggressive designs against the other. That by itself would be a speat gain."

Mr. Asquith concluded: "I cannot, of course, at this stage, enter into malters of detail, but I may say that in the course of Viscount Haldane's visite Berlin, there was unmistakable evidence of the sincere and resolute desire of both sides for the establishment of a better feeling between us without either side in any way sacrificing or impairing the special relationship in which each of us stands 19 other

Home Bule

Mr. Asquifh, turning to domestic affairs, with particular reference to home rule, said the government had now what it had not in 1893-it had a majority for home rule in Great Britain.
Mr. Bonar Law interposed with the remark: "You haven't a majority of the independent Irish voter'

The Premier retorted: "Eliminating the Irish vote in this house, we have a majority. It is a matter of political

The opposition leader, who preceded and foreign policy of the government India. As to home rule, he insisted that the Premier had adopted an unusual rse in leaving, the explanation the measure to his colleague Mr. Churchill, instead of making the ex-planation himself. He hoped soon to be in possession of information as to the future position of Irish members of parliament and whether the customs would be entrusted to an Irish parlia-

The debate was carried on in the House of Lords by the Marquis Lansdowne and the Marquis of Crewe The former said it was impossible to dok at the general situation of inter national politics, without uneasiness In the effort to improve relations with Germany, however, he said, the govopposition. The government's executive programme he described as pre posterous. He was unaware of any weakening in any section of the Unionist party with regard to home rule. Both houses adjourned.

John Bowles, the well known Yukon telegrapher, is anxious to wed. He in-vites tenders for his heart and hand, addressed to him at Blackwater. T. D. Stark is the newly chosen president of the Nelson board of trade, W. F. Roberts being vice-president, E. K. Beeston, secretary and W. J. Meagher

treasurer. The carnival committee has issued over five hundred invitations to ex-Rosslanders to attend the forthcon

Kenneth MacDonald, from Kamloops, the latest Nelson Jail prisoner to c tract smallpox, is making a very rapid recovery.

Cranbrook closed 1911 with \$340,000 worth of new buildings completed or out under contract within the twelve month. W. H. Anderson is the new president

of the Otter Point branch of the V. I. Development League. H. T. Dods is secretary-treasurer. James McLean of Merritt has been

given four months in jail without the option of a fine for selling liquor to Siwashes. Some thousands of revolvers and other small arms are said to have been purchased in Vancouver by Chinese and sent home, not to either the royalists of the revolutionists, but to relatives for purposes of self defence.

Extensive Programme of Naval Construction is Approved by Chamber of Deputies-Must be Solidly Armed

PARIS. Feb. 13.-The Chamber of outles adopted the naval programme onight by a vote of 452 to 73.

M. Delcasse, Minister of Marine, in submitting the proposals, said that France must have enough warships to insure security in the Mediterranean, but that it was not necessary to keep ce with the construction activities of

An additional article was adopted prohibiting the giving of government contracts to firms which have, or have and within a year, members of the

The senate adopted the aviation programme, for which approximately \$5,000,000 yearly is asked.

The trend of the discussion today in both houses was that France must strongly develop all lines of defense and offense, so as to held her rank among the great powers and maintain her status, thus exercising an influence in the world of peace.

During the discussion of the naval budget in the chamber of deputies, Gas-ton Thomson, former minister of marine, hairman of the naval committee, said rance will be ready to practice a specipolicy-involving the limitation maments, but the policy of peace east that she must be solidly armed. "America couples her proposals for ternational arbitration with activity

in navel construction. England never built so many battleships as now, Germany, Austria and Italy are developing their navies."

Senator Alexandre Millerand in the senate outlined the aviation programme. Fifteen dirgibles, he said, would be constructed, but the special arm of France was the aeroplane. This year the army could mobilize 324 aeroplanes, divided into 27 squadrons and manned by 244 officers, pilots and 244 observers.

Discovery of Body of Mr. William Grimm Solves Mystery of His Disappearance from Home

The mystery surrounding the disce of Mr. William Grimm, who arted from his home, Boleskin road, Friday, January 5th, without saying family where he intended to go when his body was found floating in he waters of the Arm just above Burdiscovery was made by Mr. . Craigflower , road, who sead the body and tied it to a boatding, after which he notified the lice. Sergeant Carson, in a launch, ant to the spot and brought the body

It was impossible to identify th y from the features, but the clothatch and the tin case in which the deceased's spectacles were ned by Mr. Grimm's son, while enger, jeweler, also identified the

The late Mr. Grimm was sixty-eigh cers of age and for many years had.

Luch of Farmers at Blaine Lake, Has

Hill his four sons, carried on a care.

Linds in Serious Battle—One Man building establishment, first on on street and latterly on Pemavenue. At first it was thought e had gone to visit an old-time friend lying at Shawnigan lake, but after he had been absent some days, inquiry was made and it was discovered he had not been there. The police were then ommunicated with. Prior to his departure he had been worrying some what over a previous transaction, whereby he had gone security for a friend and had had to make payment. But in view of the fact that he had o evibus occasions left home in a sim flar manner, it was not thought he had intentions against his own life. nquest will be held. The body is lying at the undertaking establishment of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company

# GRAIN EXCHANGE

Powers Asked for by Vancouver Incorporators Said to be Altogether Too Wide

A bill to incorporate the Vancous Grain exchange came before the private bills committee vesterday morn walkee and St. Paul railway, President A. J. Earling of the latter company late today gave out the followng and met with considerable opposi on. Mr. H. B. Robertson acted for he incorporators and the attack or the bill was led by Dr. McGuire, Mr.

Brewster and Mr. Miller. Dr. McGuire said the powers bein asked were altogether too wide. It looked as if there was nothing to preveilt the incorporators getting a cor-ner on the grain business and squeezment of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound rallway. ing out all competitors. Mr. Robertson said they were not

going to buy or sell, but were simply asking powers like those of a board of trade for purpose of regulating or siness of members and imparting information. Mr. Brewster instanced Winnipe where the grain exchange had such a monopoly that the governm

Mr. Miller said that it seemed to him that the exchange was trying to sweep the whole province.

Mr. McKay asked jocularly whether if the intentions of the incorporators were as good as Mr. Robertson made it appear, they had better not incorporate under the Benevolent Societies

Finally it was decided to hold the oill over so that the members might have a chance to look further into it; and compare it with similar measures in other places. They promised that if they found the bill to be harmless after all they would pass it.

The incorporators on the face of the bill are Messys. George E. Macdonald, Charles S. Meek and Robie L. Reld.

# FORT GEORGE ACTIVITY

Progress Made with Survey of Tewn-site and Prospects of Energetic Work on Ballway

FORT GEORGE, Feb. & 14. - The Grand Trunk and government engineers have put in their last strokes at Fort George preparatory to the arrival of the graders; the last street and section lines have been tied in and, according to authoritative advices from the railroad officials, actual con-struction in both directions from this point will commence within six weeks
Mr. Higgins, assistant to Engineer Taylor, the chief for this division, has left for a short holiday at the coast, and when he returns to this city in the near future it will be in connection with the eversight of the contractors grading operations.

Railway officials in this part of the untry do not hesitate to say that Fort George will be the most impor-tant point of construction in the division with the actual opening of spring. Large gangs will be put on by contractors here in a few weeks and, with the completion of the short gap between Tete Juane Cache and the end of steel after the break-up of winter, be made to operations in this neigh-

During the past week Engineer Jes sup, of the provincial government staff, has been in town tying in the street ends and completing the final lines be-fore the arrival of the graders, and days ago, the ground is now ready for the contractors. In view of the fact that Messrs. Foley, Welch and Stew-art have received definite instructions plete the main line to Fort George be-fore the close of the coming fall, they have decided to rush operations throughout the spring and summer, and it is figured that they and their sub-contractors will have at least ten thousand men, at work in both direc-tions from this point.

Already the winter has shown un-mistakable signs of going to pieces and while there probably will be one short cold snap before the final entrance of spring, the ninety-nine chances are all in favor of an exceptionally early season. Building activity is already very marked here and preparations are being made for the real opening of Fort George's assured period of progress and development.

Mother Burns Her Baby

HADIFAX, N. S., Feb. 14.—'I put the baby in the stove and burned it. I'm sorry from but I did it when a strange feeling came over me." These were the words of Ada McCarron, wife of James McCarron of this city, in con-fessing to the police this afternoon that she put her five-weeks old child in a it alive. She said she did this nine days ago and then spread the story that the child had been kidnapped. Mrs. Mc-Carron is locked up on the charge of murder.

Sixty Turks Killed

DERNA, Tripoli, Feb. 14.—The Turks force made two determined attempts were driven off after desperate hand-hand fighting. The Turks lost sixty ki ed, while the italian casualties numb-ed three killed and twenty wounded.

# FIGHT FOR CARS

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 14.—In a pitch-ed battle among a hundred Galician, French and Doukhobor farmers at Blaine Lake, one Doukhobor sustained a broken skull and it is said he will die Stones, bottles, clubs and whips were used by the combatants in the fight, which was for the possession of grain

Two hundred cars were needed and Blaine lake to carry off the surplus grain and only a scattering few arriv ed. As the first man reaching the car is entitled to have his grain carried away in it, there was a general rush of of farmers when the cars pulled in.

# FRAUD STORIES DENIED President Barling, of Milwaukee Roads Issues Statement Platly Contra-dicting Late Rumors

CHICAGO, Feb. 14-Taking note of persistent rumors in connection with the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railway and the Chicago, Mil

ing signed statement:
"Certain sensational matter appeared in the press on Wednesday, the 7th instant, to the effect that an investigation by stockholders of the Chicago, Malwaukee and St. Paul Railway Co. had disclosed grave irregu-larities in the construction and equip-

These statements are promptly met with the following denial:
"The statement that the Chicago,

Milwaukee and Puget Sound railway has been defrauded of the sum of a tillion dollars, or any other sum of money, in connection with the con-struction and equipment of that rall-

papers to the effect that a conference grieved persons and officers of the raliway company and that a compro-mise was reached by which restitution was to be made. I desire to state that there has been no such conference, and any statement to the effec that there has been a conference on a necessity for a compromise is en tirely without foundation. I desire also to reaffirm that there has been no diversion of misuse of the funds of either corporation."

LONDON, Feb. 14.-At a suffragette demonstration held here tonight James Ramsay Macdonald, socialist and member for Leicester, said the labor party would use its influence to secure adul suffrage at the coming session of parlia ment. The party, he added, was prepared to turn out the government if it refused to pass the bill.

# ATTRACTED TO NANAIMO Meat Company Regotiates for Purchase of Local Shops—Presentation to

Departing Pastor

NANAIMO, Feb. 14 .- The Prince Rup ert-Vancouver Meat Company, owners of markets in all the important cities of the province, are negotiating for the purchase of the local shops of E. Quennell & Sons. Representatives of the big company were in the city yesterday discussing the proposal, but a definite understanding has not yet been arrived

The People's Trust Company, with eight branches throughout British Combia and headquarters in New Westninster, will open a branch in Nanaimo soon as offices can be secured.

Rev. D. G. McDonald, who has resign d the pastorate of the Baptist church ere to go to Vancouver, was presented with an address and gold handled um brella, the address being read by Mrs. Troup, and the presentation made Mrs. Thompson Mr. McDonald is succeeded by Rev. Mr. Howe, of Robson, B. C.

A jury empanelled by Coroner Drysdale held an enquiry yesterday into the fatal accident which befel Harry Mansen, and returned a verdict of dental death. This rider was added "We, the jury, request that the attor-ney-general's department be petitioned that in all cases where jurymen are summoned to take part in inquests meaning a loss of time, they be remunrated for their services."

White at work in No. 1 mine yester-day, John Moffat had an ankle fractured by being struck by a car. He was taken to the hospital and his injury attended to: J. Spourt was injured about the back and head by a fall of rock. He was removed to the hospital for treat-

# CARRIER DOVE

Government Steamer Quadra will Reach Victoria Today with Survivors of Fishing Vessel

The fishing power schooner Carrier Dove, Capt. Daniels, was wrecked on tter Point, Discovery passage, during tick fog at 3 a. m. Tuesday, and with the exception of three men left to stand by the wreck, the crew is on board the rights of the individual elector, Pherson, on the way to Victoria. Quadra will arrive here this aftern with the survivors. The Carrier Dove, an old vessel, built

et San Francisco in 1864, was on her

way to the fishing frounds in Hecate Straits with a full crew of fishermen on board, and was passing through Discovery passage, the channel between Van couver island and the group of islands stretching off the mainland, during heavy fog when she struck heavily on reef off Cinque island. The majority of the crew were asleen and awakened by the shock they hurried on deck and launched the dories. The fishing vessel filled quickly, and lies partly submerged. The Quadra was signalled by the shipwrecked company when on her way south, and she picked up the majority of the fishermen and crew three m being left on the beach to stand by the wreck.

Capt. McPherson reported by wireless from the Quadra last night that he considers the vessel can be saved, if assistance is sent. The Carrier Dove is a vessel of 54 tons gross and 51 tons ne egister. The dimensions of the vessel are: length, 69 feet, breadth, 22.7 feet and depth 5 feet. She was built at San Francisco nearly half a century ago, and is owned at Seattle.

A petition is being signed in the upper Fraser district asking the federal government to levy a duty on American hay coming into Canada. The first train passed through the big tunnel at Mile 44 on the G.T.P.

out of Prince Rupert on the 26th ul-Timtohy Baldwin was crushed death at the Granby mines at Phoenix last week, being buried under tons of

ore loosened by a near-by blast. Fred Butcher, assistant car repaire it the G. N. R. yards in Fernie, narrowly escaped being burned to deat last week, when his clothing ignited through the explosion of a lamp he was carrying. Prompt action on the part of a fellow workman in smothering the es saved his life, although he he for some time longer a hospital pa

An electric light company is being formed to supply the requirements of the city (in prospective) of Duncan.

The body of an unidentified man, with fractured skall, was been found by Indians in Capilano creek, near Vancou-

It is the sage of the Greenwood Ledge who rises to remark that "the business Rube seldom advertises but a terror after rubber stamps."

# AND RECIPROCITY

Australian Minister Says That Basis for Negotiations Has Been Submitted to Canadian Government

MELBOURNE, Feb. 13 .- A meeting of Commonwealth cabinet was held to day for the purpose of discussing reciprocal trade with Canada, but what course was decided upon was not learned, and nothing will be made public until negotiations with the Dominion being carried on through the minister of trade and commerce, Hon. George E. Foster, are in more advanced stage Subsequently, however, to the meetin: today, Hon. F. C. Tudor, minister of

state for trade and customs, stated the all the Commonwealth ministers firmly believed in reciprocity between all the Dominions of the Empire, if practicable In connection with Canada, Mr. Tudor stated that a basis for negotiations had been submitted to the government of Canada, but would not be divulged until received by Mr Foster In South Australia the labor ministry

of Hon. John Ferran has been defeated in the general elections just held, and the Liberal party majority will be from four to seven. In the last parliament the Liberal majority was two

The industrial strike in Brisbane is collapsing, the places of the tram em ployees being filled.

Following the writ against the Com onwealth government by the Marconi company for the infringement of the patents of the firm, a wireless expert who has examined the government station recently constructed and equipped with wireless telegraphy, claims the system installed is different to the Marconi system, but refused to disclose the difference.

# MINE OWNERS MEET

ing in Melson-Looking to Lead Bounty Perpetuation

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 13 .- In view of he importance of the questions that will arise on the expiration of the lead bounty, an important step was taken today by mining men when at a largely attended meeting, the B. C. Mine Owners' association, which has not met since 1902, was practically reorganized. Nearly every prominent mine owner in the interior was present. The officers elected follows:

President, S. S. Fowler; vice-presidents, W. E. Zwickey and R. H. Stewart; secretary-treasurer, James Ander-

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to A. F. Starkey, the president of the associated boards of trade, for his serv-

ices to the mining interests.

Franchise in Quebec QUEBEC, Feb. 13 .- Henri Bourassa stated this afternoon, when the house had under consideration the secon reading of the government bill extend ing the franchise on the one-man one vote principle, that while he was in favor of universal suffrage, he was alwhich the father of a family had two votes, and the father of a family who was also the owner of propertythree votes. The speech was an interesting theoretical exposition of the which was grafted the Belgian system that while one-man-one-vote was the basis an additional vote should be acorded the individual who was the founder of a family or who had a universal na. The bill passed its second

# **NELSON BURGLARIES**

Several Stores Broken Into and Goods Stolen—Armed Suspect Is Taken Into Custody

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 14.—Hearing ncise in his store last night, Fred Irvine, of Fred Irvine & Co, who sleeps above the store, 'phoned for the police Investigation showed that the store had been entered, and subsequent develop ments showed that burglaries had also been committed at the Hudson Ba stere, the variety store, Cornwall's Queen's cigar store. Star grocery. W K. Butcher Co., J. A. Irving and Wood Vallance hardware. Revolvers, candies cigars, money, stamps and other had been stolen, and papers and goods scattered. The police immediately ar rested Howard Roach, of Calgary, on whom some of the stolen property was found.

When arrested Roach carried a full loaded revolver. While in the Sta grocery, the burglar stood on a chair leaving a clearly defined foot print which is said to correspond exactly with a boot worn by Roach. He will appear before the magistrate tomorrow.

Another burglary was committed last night, in which \$190, was stolen from a Chinaman's shack. It is not believed that Roach was connected with the burglary.

# Sealing Treaty Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- The bill a ake effective the convention between the U. S., Great Britain, Japan and Rus sia to stop pelagic sealing, was passed by the house today with an amendmen governing the killing of seals on land It provides for a closed season in 1912 and that only three year old males shall be killed thereafter. Of the three year old males a graduated number, varying from 2,000 to 5,000 a year, are to be reserved for breeding.

# Dominion Veterinary

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