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The Pacific Coast Improvement Company have recently purchased for the handling of coal from the Conox mines, the first class, British built steam collier, San Bonita, which has a carrying capacity of 6,000 tons.

Postmaster Shakespeare has received numerous communications, from people across the Sound, for the purpose of forwarding the following is a copy of the last letter received: Seattle, Wash. Feb. 2—1891.

The Reformed Episcopal Church, Pandora street, held last night, a religious conference, to which were invited all the members of the churches in the city.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Sixth Parliament. THIRTY-FOURTH DAY. MONDAY, March 9. The SPEAKER having taken the chair, at 2 o'clock, prayers were read by Rev. Bishop Crigg.

MINE REGULATIONS. Mr. KEITH introduced a bill to further amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act. Read a first time; second reading on Thursday.

MAIL SERVICE REQUIRED. Mr. HALL moved that a respectful address be presented to the Lieut-Governor, praying that he will cause to be pointed out to the Dominion Government the very urgent necessity for an improvement of the postal service on the coast.

Leave of Absence. At a special meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, Pandora street, held last night, it was decided to give the pastor, Rev. D. Fraser, three and a half months leave of absence, to enable him and Mrs. Fraser to visit their friends in the United States.

Mines Fireworks. The burning of the Chinese theatre and surrounding rookeries last night, furnished the people of Victoria with one of the finest fireworks exhibitions seen in many a year.

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the government had no right to interfere. The question therefore arose of whether or not the Government should surrender its check on the expenditure of the incidental fund and allow Trustees to expend any portion of it as they pleased.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY. TUESDAY, March 10. The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. Bishop Crigg, Mr. MARTIN presented the report of the standing orders committee, asking for one week's further time to report bills.

THE ASSESSMENT BILL. The House went into committee on the message of the Lieut-Governor with the Assessment Bill, which was reported to the House, and the bill was read a first and second reading Thursday.

THE LAND BILL. The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Land Bill having been resumed, Mr. SWORN said he should vote against the second reading because the bill did not go far enough in the way of regulating the sale of land.

PLACER MINES. Mr. KEITH introduced a bill relating to Placer Mines, which was read a first time and referred to the Standing Committee on Mining.

CHILLWICK RAILWAY. The same action was taken by Hon. Mr. Beaven, when this bill came up on report. The Chinese clauses were again discussed, and rejected by a vote of fifteen to nine.

REPORTS ADOPTED. Hon. Mr. BEAVER attempted to reintroduce the anti-Chinese clause, in each of the following bills, the clauses being each rejected by the committee.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS BILL. The report on the Religious Institutions Bill was adopted, and the bill passed its third reading.

Mr. BROWN remarked that a telegram was certainly read, saying that the Government would consent to the passage of the Lien law approved by the parties most interested.

to see lands set apart in different parts of the country, where we could settle the best of the working agriculturalists and farm laborers both in this country and abroad.

Mr. KELLIS said the bill was good as it stood, and he should vote for its second reading; but considered it did not go far enough. He should, he said, reserve to himself the right, in committee, to support or oppose any clause or any amendment to it as it suggested itself to him.

Mr. BROWN asked the Attorney-General: (a) By what authority, or under what act, was the annexed order in relation to all moneys paid into court, whether the Supreme or County court, must be paid by the party paying the same to the Bank of British Columbia?

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