ReplyPassed, No Division

The Opposition Contented With **Promising Sensation That** Did Not Materialize.

British Columbia For First Time in History to Show No Deficit.

most excellent result that the order paper was cleared by 4 o'clock, an illustration being afforded of what can be accomplished when application without obstruction is the rule.

The petitions of the day, which took the usual course, were somewhat monopolized by the member for South East Kootenay, Mr. E. C. Smith, who had no fewer than four committed to his care. These were the petitions of Dr. Hugh Watt and others, respecting the Kootenay Central Railway; of C. H. Holland and associates, respecting the construction of a railway in South East Kootenay, and of the same gentlemen regarding the Kootenay, Cariboo and regarding the Kootenay, Cariboo and construction of the same gentlemen regarding the Kootenay, Cariboo and construction of the same gentlemen regarding the Kootenay, Cariboo and construction of the day which the der when such things could be, that the day was a cleared as released by the company having no shadow off a claim to receive them. He declared that there had never been a suggestion of surrender by the company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; indeed this company having no shadow off a claim to receive them. He declared that there had never been a suggestion of surrender by the company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; indeed this company the manifested its intention to earn them as prescribed by seeking and obtaining from the House an extension of time. All this, he urged, but went to show that in order that there had never been a suggestion of surrender by the company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; indeed this company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; indeed this company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; of the legislature indeed this company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; of the legislature; of legislature indeed this company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; of legislature indeed this company to whom they had been awarded by the legislature; of legislature indeed this compan

PASSING THE ADDRESS. In opening his remarks upon the moreply, Mr. Oliver observed that whether the outlined legislation would or would not be made productive of general public good, depended wholly upon the manner of its construction and enforcement. He noted that efforts were contemplated for the extension of the agricultural industry, and recalled in agricultural industry, and recalled in this connection that pressure had been brought to bear upon the government to secure particular relief for those interested in dyked lands along the Fraser, it being even suggested that the government should, in certain cases, take over one-half of the lands in question and religion, the symptomic distribution and religion and religion and religion and religion. tion and relieve the owners of all liabilities in consideration. This would be ill-advised indeed, and he trusted that no such counseis would prevail. He hoped that on the contrary the government would meet the subject with

pose of the matter in a way assuring the welfare of the province and of the ary last, and his manifesto to the enc-tors of West Yale, and upon these, to-gether with the speech placed in His Honor's hands, the legislature might fairly judge the intentions of the ministration. In the House on Mon-day, the First Minister had replied to the opposition leader denying that he had changed his position with respect to the Canadian Northern Railway, ashad changed his position with respect to the Canadian Northern Railway, asserting that he was ready to stand by every word he had uttered on this subject, and that when the railway legislation of the session was brought forward, the House would see what it was proposed to do in this regard. In direct contradiction of this announcement by the Premier, the members had before them a published interview with fore them a published interview with the member for South East Kootenay,

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to settlers. He quoted from a press report of a speech delivered at North Saanich, in which the Premier was made to say that under no condition would he favor the extension of assistance to a railway having its terminus at Port Simpson, from which it was evident to the member for Delta that the object of the government in foster-ing construction of this particular railreaches of the country, but solely to develop a little boom to benefit Victoria.

When the fact had been brought to the attention of the Premier last December, that assistance to the extent of upwards of three millions had been already pledged to various railways, he had replied that railways were what

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construction of the road had been advanced to Penticton.

But the government had not in a single instance insisted upon the carrying out of these restrictive provisions in the country's interest. The company had been required by the statute to put up securities under certain conditions, and to forfeit lands if it failed in the performance of portions of its contract. Instead of seeing that these provisions were complied with, the government had gone out of its way to give away 900,000 acres of the public domain to which no shadow of right had ever existed, and to grant the power of selection in the whole of the Yale and Kootenay district, a privilege never contemplated by the people's representatives. Instead of acting as the guardians of the people's interests, the government appeared to have strained the statute to the breaking point by securing the passage of an order-in-council, getting it signed by the Lieutenant-Governor, and afterwards disposing of it by having the Chief Commissioner of Lands each

Government's Ready Recognition of South African Heroes Excites Applause.

With the address of Mr. Oliver of Delta, lasting just one hour, yesterday afternoon, the debate upon the Speech from the Throne was disposed of with unusual promptitude, and the reply to that document passed the house without suggestion either of amendment or a division. Mr. Oliver it had been darkly whispered would, when his opportunity came, explode a bombshell that would annihilate the government and bring its several hopes tumbling in ruins to the ground. The deadly explosive machine proved on appearance however to be more of the flash-iu-the-pan description, and the Delta member's allegation of governmental wrongdoing in the matter of the Columbia & Western land grant was immediately met by the government's invitation of the fullest inquiry in the matter. The sitting then became a strictly business one, with the most excellent result that the order paper was cleared by a o'clock, an illustration being afforded of what can be accomplished when application without obstruction is the rule.

construction of a railway in South East Kootenay, and of the same gentlemen regarding the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway. Mr. McPhillips led before the House the petition of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, for certain changes in its charter; and Mr. Oliver presented the petition of A. Anderson and others, respecting a certain road.

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The debate upon the speech was then resumed, after a formal protest had been entered by Mr. McPhillips on the opposition's behalf, that the government was not proceeding in the usual course in giving this business precedence without a formal resolution of the Honse in that regard.

statesmanlike recognition of the diffi-culties of the settlers and of their re-sponsibilities to the country, and dis-pose of the matter in a way assuring without opposition for second reading at the payt subsequent sitting of the

without opposition for second reading at the welfare of the province and of the sections interested.

With respect to the general policy of the government, while the Speech from the Throne must necessarily be taken as merely embodying the sessional programme in the rough, the House had nevertheless before it other embodiments of policy to go upon, such as the Premier's definition of his position in January last, and his manifesto to the elec-

The second control of them a published interview with member for South East Kootenay, was quoted as saying that, now the Premier had abandoned his estimate had only provided for \$2,480,-adian Northern project that men ber could see his way to conscientiously accord him his support.

The member for Delta maintained that there was no way of reconciling these two positions, and that if the First Minister were not deceiving the House as to the Canadian Northern scheme, it must be that the member for South East Kootenay was deceived.

Nor did it seem to him that the loyalty of the Premier to the Canadian Northern sections of the Premier to the Canadian Northern sections of the province and give them as a home to settlers. He quoted from a press report of a speech delivered at North Saanich, in which the Premier was

ready pledged to various railways, he had replied that railways were what was needed in the country, and to get them the government was prepared to give the promoters land subsidies as well as money bonuses. They would be built under the best arrangements the government could make, but built they would be, even if the government thad to supplement the cash bonus with lands.

And yet there was nothing in the speech with respect to this important facelared feature of policy.

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The Promise of new legislation, both private in its origination, grows with the days. In addition to be the bills foreshadowed in the Speech House, Mr. Green (Slocan) intimates an intention of moving for the amendment of the Coal Mines Regulation Act—by seem with the suggestion.

EASTERN SEALERS.

Steamer Arrives With 24,000 Skins and Reports Others Fishing.

St. John's, Nida, April 6.—The steaming the proposal standard eight-hour day in coal mines by amendment of the Coal Mines and province of the coal

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Law stamps
Registry fees
Bureau of mines
Survey fees
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for a better system of collection, and the substitution of compulsory annual sales instead of optional sales at unstated intervals. He would have pleasure in complying with the request contained in the resolution.

Mr. Tatlow acknowledged the courtesy of the Finance Minister, and the resolution thereupon carried, immediately after which the Minister of Finance presented the return that had been asked for, reading as follows:

REVENUE.

Tion by the opposition leader for a return of all correspondence with respect thereto, while Mr. Neill asks for a discussion of all correspondence respecting the appointment of a road foreman in Alberni since the 1st June last. Lively debate is promised with respect to the South East Kootenay coal and oil lands reserve, upon which subject both Mr. Tatlow and Mr. Oliver have questions on the paper.

Other interesting items standing the notice page.

the notice paper may be briefly summarized as hereunder:

Mr. Helmcken: To ask the Premler,
What steps have been taken by the government to facilitate the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Indian reserve? What steps do the government contemplate taking in obtaining the removal? the removal?

locations?

Mr. Garden—To ask the Provincial Secretary: Have any further communications taken place between this government and the Dominion government in reference to a resolution of this House of May 3, 1901, advocating the removal of the few Indians occupying a reserve on False creek, within the limits of the city of Vancouver, on fair terms to the Indians interested? If not, will the government again bring the matter

Session of City Council

Ald. Barnard Indulges in Severe Reference to Chamber of Commerce.

Many Tenders For Water Meters Referred to a Committee For Report.

ment contemplate taking in obtaining the removal?

Mr. Helmcken—To move for a return of the judgment delivered by the Privy Council in re Tommy Homma.

Mr. Helmcken—To move for a return of correspondence touching the settlement of the Alaska boundary.

Hon. Mr. Prentice—To introduce numerous minor amendments at the committee stage upon the bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Neill—To ask the Chief Commissioner: Does the reserve placed on all Crown lands on Graham Island by Easter the Council paying much attention to its recommendations. He was led to make such remarks on Ald. Yattes' resonable exist? If so, will the government, in view of the demand for provincial lands and minerals, cancel this reserve?

Mr. Kidd—To ask the Chief Commissioner: Have any leases for foreshore been issued by this government up to the present date (6th April, 1903), for the present date (6th April, 1903), for the purpose of salmon fishing by traps of otherwise? If so, how many have been issued, to whom, and for what locations?

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s. Joyce, re success and outen. Duchess street.

Alex. Lemurre calling attention to the condition of a drain on Cedar Hill road.

Received and filed.

The Victoria Machinery Depot have also sent in a tender for pipe in 9 feet lengths at the rate of \$47 per ton; the specification calls for 12 feet lengths, and the difference in length would entail an extra expense on the whole shipment of about \$200. Allowing for this it is still the lowest tender, but does not comply with the specification as to lengths. This pipe would be shipped by the next China Mutual steamer, leaving Liverpool on the 28th inst., and would arrive here about the 1st July. The specification calls for delivery in eight weeks.

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Ald. Stewart moved that the tender of the Victoria Machinery Depot be accepted And. Dinstale in amendment moved that the contract be awarded to Robt Darling. The amendment was not put, the motion carrying unanimously.

The city treasurer explained the status of the case, Symonds & Cocker vs. the city respecting the vehicle tax. Received and filed.

The market superintendent submitted his monthly report, collections being \$61.80. Received and filed.

John Meston, et al., residents of North Park street, called attention to the poor lighting of the district. Referred to the electric light committee.

Tenders for water meters were then opened. The National Meter Co., of New York, submitted tenders for a variety of meters trunging in price from \$11.60 to \$10.40 each: Worthington Water Meter Co., \$8.90; Standard Water Meter Co., New York, \$6.50 and \$0.90. city to pay duty; Chas Timson, Varieuser, the Trenton Meter, \$9; H. Darling, Vancouver, \$10! Victoria Machinery Depot, \$10.60; and \$11.50. J. L. Beckwith \$2.240 net for 350 Keystone meters; C. G. Henshaw, Magara meter, \$2.940; gun metal, \$1.70; New American \$37.80; gun metal, \$1.70; key vorthington, \$8.825; Wm. Bowness, Magara meter, \$8.45, or \$2.925 for 350; gun metal, \$1.70; key vorthington, \$8.825; Wm. Bowness, Magara meter, \$8.15; to \$2.925 for 350; gun metal, \$1.70; key vorthington, \$8.825; Wm. Bowness, Magara meter, \$8.10; Union Water Meter Manufacturing Co., Worcester, Meter Manufacturi

American Interference

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