At noon to-day Mr. J. Fred. Hume, member-elect for the Nelson riding of West Kootenay, was sworn in as provincial secretary and minister of mines. This appointment will for the time being complete the cabinet. It is understood that the intention of the government is to fill the fifth portfolio, which during the past four or five years was kept as a bait alike for ambitious and recalcitrant supporters of the late government. It is, however, not possible to do so at present. Legislation may be necessary. and besides, Victor a which is entitled to a representative in the cabinet, has as saying that the Penticton-Boundary not a man ready for the position. The Creek section of the Vancouver, Victoria greatest mining centre of the province it create any surprise. Few people put representative should be at the head of of Mr. Turner and his colleagues in rethe mining department. Equally so, the gard to the early construction of this capital of the province has claims upon the portfolio of provincial secretary and minister of education, and when enlarged and re-arranged as indicated we feel convinced the Semin government will be fully representative of the whole province and will be entitled to and will receive the support of its people.

HON J. FRED HUME.

Hon. J. Fred Hume is a native of Carleton county, New Brunswick, having been born at Jacksonville, Aug. 8th, 1860. His father, who had extensive farming interests at this point, removed gaged in the hotel business and became living off the salmon fishing and can-Fredericton schools, which are famed is alleged to be the traps on the Amerithroughout Canada, and for a time en- can side, just below the mouth of the gaged in the drygoods business at the Fraser, which catch countless thousands pretty little New Brunswck capital. In of the fish heading for their old haunts pretty little New Brunswck capital. In of the fish heading for their old naunts been made in the staff of teachers, Mr. 1883 he decided to take Horare Greely's in the river. This is a case where a Butchard of the West school and Miss 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely's in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Greely in the river. This is a case water 1883 he decided to take Horace Green Horac Hardware Company. A year later found him located at Golden, B. C., and for the next four years he visited and enferent points in the interior, finally lo- Point Roberts and thereabouts had in lating, in 1888, at Nelson, from which view the deliberate annihilation of the point he directed a number of steamboat interprises in which he was interested. He was for a time manager of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company, until that concern was absorbed by the C.P.R. Of late years his atten- fair competition, and unless some sort tion his been almost entirely given to the management of his mining and mercantile interests at Nelson and vicinity. He was elected to the legislature in 1894 and again at the late general elections. He is a Liberal in Dominion politics.

Confirmation of the suggestions made by Hon. Robert Beaven and others, that the crisis in provincial finances justified, even if it did not prompt the Lieutenant-Governor's action in dismissing the Turner government, seems likely to be made public earlier than was expected. The Mainland papers were the first to make known the fact that grave irregularities

AN IMPROPER EXPENDITURE.

sibly for the construction of the trail

without authority. A member of the government, while deexpenditure, confirms fully the existence point where medical aid could be procurfor the purpose named. It would be premature to go fully at this time into the securing the services of a physician. The details, but the Colonist will perhaps be statement as originally published and inrelieved to know that the new government is proving false the linsingations that they are doing nothing, by unearthing what will prove to be a most delectable subject for consideration by the electorate. If \$60,000 or any other sum has been expended on the construction of the Glenora-Teslin trail without an appropriation it will be bad enough But what will be said of the late immaculate administration, if it be proven that such an amount has been expended for some other purpose not unconnected with the Cassiar election, and was intended to be covered by an appropriation for work on the trail? Of course no work to the amount of \$60,000 has been done on the

Glenora-Teslin route. THE COMMISSION CANCELLED.

The commission appointed by the late government for the alleged purpose of enquiring into matters affecting the agricultural interests of the province, and, inter alia, to obtain information to enable Mr. Turner and his colleagues to determine, what was already known to every one else, the double nature of the mortgage tax, has been cancelled by the new administration, Hon. Mr. Semlin and other members of the government considering that the expenditure necessitated was not warranted by the amount of information likely to be obtained. The members of the commission had some pleasant faunts among the farming districts of the Is and and the lower Fraser and the result, so far as the public is concerned has been the announcement that "as it will be impossible for the commissioners to visit every locality of the province in which farming is carried on" farmers would confer a favor on the commissioners by sending to the secretary any information likely to be of use. The commissioners discovered, what was also well known to the public, that during the time harvesting operations are carried on is an inauspicious season even for Turner-appointed commissioners to be bothering busy farmers with questions intended to enlighten the wilful ignorance of those who, impervious to reason, fail to realise so stubborn a fact as the dual burden of the mortgage tax.

Hon. Mr. Semlin and his collegenes have displayed commendable alacrity in curtailing the expenditure of public money upon a commission the only tangible result of which was to provide pleasure

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trips for the commissione.s. It may well be that circumstances will arise necessitating the appointment of a comsion to obtain facts otherwise un obtainable, and the new government may depended upon at such time to do what is necessary, but under the admin istration of the Semlin government there will be no room for picnicking parties disguised under the high sounding title of Royal Commission.

THE V., V. and E.

Mr. Hugh Sutherland, in an interview with an interior newspaper, is reported protests or a general election will supply and Eastern railway will not be built the deficeiency, when Victoria will be until subsidized by the Dominion governgiven the provincial secretaryship and ment. Mr. Sutherland is generally be-Mr. Hume will take the portfolio of li-ved to be in the confidence of the mines. This arrangement will give gen- charter owners, McKenzie & Mann, and eral satisfaction. Kootenay is entitled no doubt speaks with a full know edge to cabinet representation, and as the of the facts. The announcement will not is emphatically fitting and proper that its any faith in the pre-e ection declarations. road. Mr. Turner was at the time known to be cajoling the electors. The further statement made by Mr. Sutherland, that a new arrangement has been made with the Victoria government whereby the time for beginning active work has been extended, thus preserving the life of the charter, will be news to the public. We were under the impres sion that the statute fixed the time and that it was not in the power of the gov ernment to override the law.

FRASER RIVER FISHERIES. Matters have come to a somewhat in 1870 to Fredericton, where he en- serious pass for those who make their widely known throughout New Bruns- ning on the Fraser river. The present wick. Mr. Hume was educated at season has been a failure, and the cause destroying an old-established and imgaged in general business pursuits at dif- when they placed the salmon traps at river; but no matter what they had in view, those traps are assucedly achieving that end. Thousands of persons are ing that end. Thousands of persons are suffering as a consequence of this unsuffering as a consequence of this unsuffering and unless some sort fair competition, and unless some sort ond reader grade, who live nearer the Spring Ridge school will be permitted to Quebec conference or the matter is aftend here. Indeed the crowded condimade the subject of special representation of the Central schools will make it by them to the United States government, it is not easy to see how the Fraser school. the future. Legally and technically the action of the Americans may be right which should have the widest and most

Walbran of the government steamer Quadra, for alleged inhumanity in not clining to state the exact amount of the conveying a wounded man to the nearest of a highly discreditable condition of af ed, The case happened on the northern fairs, no appropriation having been made coast a few weeks ago, the man dring finally in consequence of the delay in on which "Watcher" founded his criticism was very far from being correct. It was alleged, for instance, that the Quadra found the man on shore and refused to take him off. When Capt. Walbran first saw the wounded man he was on board the missionary steamer which was proceeding for medical assistance as fast as possible. Capt. Walbran rendered every assistance in his power, but it was not considered either necessary or advisable to transfer the sufferer from the Evangeline to the Quadra

The feature of Monday's session of the Ontario legislature was the introduction by Premier Hardy of the fisheries bill, arranging for the control of the fisheries of the province, in view of the privy council judgment that the province has the right of jurisdiction. The measure is not partisan and will not likey be opposed by the opposition. Mr. Hardy gave a sketch of the whole subject, and Mr. Whitney briefly replied, intimating that he was not disposed to treat the bill factiously. This question is one of the first that will have to be

taken up by Mr. Semlin's government, Most devoutly is it to be hoped that the new Governor-General will not as the Col onist fears he may, "inject" himself into Dominion politics. Any su picious move ments on his part in the direction of an 'injection" ought certainly to be met with an injunction-or something.

Ex-Premier Turner is conducting on side of a correspondence battle in the Monetary Times of Toronto, on the subject of British Columbia as a consum-er. Mr. Turner quotes a man who said Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts about the people of British Columbia: "On an average the people of this province being less frugal (than the othe people of the Dominion), eat, drink and wear three times the average of the poo-ple of the Dominion" Perhaps that ac-vitality, which malt extracts do not give. ple of the Dominion." Perhaps that accounts for ex-Premier Turner attempting to get the people of British Columbia t swallow statements three times as absurd as any ever offered to a people before, and failing at the job.

The Canadian Co-operative Society, Limited, at Ruskin, B.C., has made an assignment to E. H. Heaps, of Vancouver. This is the end of another attempt at carrying into practice the co-operative theory. The originators of the colony were all workingmen in the Terminal

City and for some time the undertaking seemed likely to prosper, but lack of capital has resulted in the oft-told tale of failure of co-operative industrial enterprises.

It is said the Scandinavian countries are deeply interested in Canada, No. wonder. Among the most successful Klondikers have been several Norwegians, Swedes and Danes, and the prosperous condition of most of tae Scanding as follows:

avians settled throughout Canada is sufficient to cause a large amount of interest among those at home. The Canadan agent at Christiania has received many enquiries from intending immigrants. He rangements for continuing operations.

the political situation in British Columb-

"It is all right for the Hamilton Spectator to worry about what will become of the British constitution if the Turner government goes out, but Lieutenant-Governor Mclinnes was burdened by the duty of worrying about what would become of the resources of British Columbia if the Turner government stayed in. Instead of following precedents which tend to aggrandize politicians, Lieuten-ant-Governor McInnes of British Colambia is making a precedent which can-not but tend to protect the people."

HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.

To-day marks the last day of the midsummer holidays which have been such a source of delight to the youngsters of the city, and which have been enjoyed as holidays can only be enjoyed by those on the sunny side of sixteen. The ex-tra week which was added to the usual vacation came as a delightfl surprise. and afforded therefore an amount pleasure out of all proportion to its length. Besides, it made the Victoria boy an object of envy to the less fortunate youths of surrounding schools and afforded him that unalloyed pleasure which only such a distinction can afford the small boy.

During the vacation two changes have garded as a young teacher of consider-

many years. additional teacher to the Spring Ridge school and Miss Lillian Grant was given salmon canning industry on the Fraser the appointment. Last year only the river; but no matter what they had in tions to the Dominion government, and necessary to admit no children of the seconder reader and lower classes who can conveniently attend the Spring Ridge

river canners and fishermen can take Some extensive alterations and repairs any comfort out of a contemplation of have been effected during the summer. The future Legally and technically the renovated inside and out to meet the requirements of the North Ward district enough, but morally it is all wrong, and Two of the rooms occupied last year by distinctly violates the good old maxim, primary classes of the North school were not originally intended as class rooms and were wholly unfit for the purpose. generous interpretation among the various neighbor states of North America- of separating the very young children "Live and let live." We trust some action looking to the readjustment of this determined the board to put! the Hillside premises in thorough repairs and have been found to exist in connection matter may be taken at an early ment being made that liabilities amounting to \$60,000 had been incurred osten.

"Watcher," in the Times of the 16th The Ward school on Monday as usual.

Boys' Central school huilding sides having received much needed coats of paint and calsomine throughout the interior, has had the plan of the rooms on the upper floor so changel as to make two very excellent class rooms, and a new lobby in place of the ill-lighted, ill-ventilated and otherwise nunsatisfactory rooms occupied by Mr. Stev enson and Mr. Winsby. The newgarrangements for pupil teachers provide for a more thorough and systematic arse of training than has hitherto been training of teachers throws the onus of making some such provision upon the city authorities. The pupil teachers appointed under the new regulations have been assigned as follows: Miss Mar-hant to the north school Miss Allison to the Girls Central; Miss Fleming to the Boys' Central, and Miss Blackburn (second term) to the South Park. Another applicant, Miss Brown, not yet appoint ed, has been assigned provisionally to the Victoria West school.

The well known poem, "Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night, in which a young woman by hanging to the curfew bell saves the life of her lover condemn ringing of the curfew, is only one of a how a woman will dare everything for Women are readier to make heroic sacrifices than they are to take

the commonplace, everyday precautions which insure their greatest happiness. Most wo men are careless about their health. They for-get that physical weakness and disease will wreck the fairest chance in life and shut them out completely from happy womanhood and wifehood. Weak, bilious, dyspeptic women are

robbed of their natural attractiveness and capacity. They lose healthy color and energy and ambition. The blood becomes directly upon the digestive powers and the liver, excating pure; red, healthy blood free from bilious impurities; it renovates every organ and tissue of the body, building up hard, elastic flesh and muscular strength

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vitality, which malt extracts do not give.

Mrs. Ella. Howell, of Derby. Perry Co., Ind., writes: "In the year of 1894 I was taken with stomach trouble—nervous dyspepsia. There was a coldness in my stomach, and a weight which seemed like a rock. Everything that I ate gave me great pain; I had a bearing down sensation; was swelled across my stomach; had a ridge around my right side, and in a short time I was bloated. I was treated by three of our best physicians but got no relief. I was so weak I could not walk across the room without assistance. Then Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery was recommended to me and I got it; and commenced the use of it. I began to improve very fast after the use of a few bottles. The physicians said my disease was leading into pulmonary consumption, and gave me up to die. I thank God that my cire is permanent."

Mines and Mining.

T. G. Blackstock was interviewed a day or two since in regard to the purchase of the Centre Star. The interview which appeared in the Toronto Globe is

says Scandinavia will soon offer one of the most attractive fields for Canadian exports, such as wheat, flour, oats, oatmeal and other products.

Says the Toronto Telegram apropos of the Canadian pany. It is our intention to do with the war Eagle company. It is our intention to do with the war Eagle: Develop it vigorously, make a mine of it and form a company to opreate it when it reaches a stage where it can ship steadily. Development will Iprobably go on for a year before anything is done toward the pling ore, and we shall spend a quarter of a million or more on it in that time.

Not a Developed Mine. "I suppose that with a few weeks

preparatory work the Centre Star could ship about a hundred tons a day, but we do not regard it as a thoroughly developed mine. The ore bodies known to exist on it have not been thoroughly explored, but give indication that the property may become one of great value. a great deal of second grade ore in sight, but we have not taken it into our calculations in acquiring the property. It lies on the side of Red mountain, adjacent to the Le Roi and War Eagle, but there will, I fancy, economy in working it from the War Eagle shafts, as the ore bodies are located differently from those of the War Eagle. At present the principal develop-ment is by a tunnel, which at its inner end gives a depth of 300 feet f om the A shaft goes down from 100 to 150 feet further, but it is really a prospecting shaft, and the engineers wil probably rearrange the working plans when the mine is developed. The important feature of the situation is that the Le Roi has proved the ore body to a depth of 750 feet, or 450 feet below the Centre Star tunnel, while the War Eagle has proved it at another point 150 feet further down than the Centre Star tun nel. It is, therefore, an undoubted lact that there is ore at least twice as far down as the Centre Star workings now extend, and it is this ore we propose to

"The question of smelting becomes an important one in view of the extent of ore shipment probable within the next year. If the C. P. R. carries out its promise to smelt the ore at cost I see no reason why we should build a smelter for War Eagle and Centre Star ores. I am inclined to thing the Trad-smelter will be in a position to handle ore very cheaply when the output ore very cheaply when the output reaches 1,000 tons a day or more, as it There are enough varieties of ore to almost secure selffushing the manager of the smelter tells me, and with cheap coke from the Crow's Nest Pass by fail, rates at the smelter should go down. Our contract for War Eagle ore was \$7.50 um to a ertain tonnage, and \$7 if we exce ded it. I thing we are shipping enough now Ltd., with power to construct the tunexpect that when all the conditions which I have spoken are in operation the rate for freight and treatment shall not exceed \$5.50 per ton.

A Heavy Increase in Tonnage. "That the tonnage will be available seems certain. The War Eagle, now with only a second-rate hoisting plant, is shipping about 200 tons a day, and these two mines. The British America corporation from the Le Roi and its other properties will ship at least 300 tons a day, and the owners of other roperties would probably feel indignant we did not credit them with 300 tons a day also. I am therefore well within the mark when I say that in a year from now Rossland will be senging from 1.000 to 1,200 tons of ore daily to the smelters. Most, if not all, of this will be mandled at Trail if the C. P. R. carries out, as I think it wil', its promise to smelt at cost.

'It will give some idea of the value of the Rossland mines as a source of labor to the mines and revenue to the railway to know that the War Eeagle accounts of last month before we began the shipment of 200 tens daily showed 1,000 per day. Of this about \$1,400 a day went to the railway and the smelter, about \$1,000 went for operating and unital expenses in the mine and the balance of \$1,600 daily went to profit account, out of which the dividend at the rate 01\$24,750 a month is paid and a reserve is accumulated. With an output from the camp of 200 tons every day of the years the wages bill of the mines and smelters would tun into the millions. When one goes through the gold-copper districts of Montana one begins to understand what mining means for a country. On the run through Dakota the trains are empty, but whenever the mountains are reached the cars fill up with prosperous looking people from the mines and smelter centres. It will be the same in the Kootenays, which is just at the beginning of its development.

Profits of War Eagle. the Gooderham syndicate repeats with Centre Star the success made with Eagle it will be a very profitable are. War Eagle was bought for \$700,000, but other expenses brought the cost up to about \$750,000. The property was steadily developed, a company with authorized capital of 2,000,000 \$1 shares was formed, of which 350,000 shares remain unissued. The 1,650,000 issued shares are worth at the present market price about \$4,500,000. The present dividend is \$297,000 yearly, and it is believed that this will become long be

> THE LARDEAU-DUNCAN COUNTRY.

J. W. Westfall, superintendent of the Old Gold Quartz & Placer Mining Com-pany and the Primrose Mining Company, is in the city from the Lardeau-Duncan country, says the Rossland Miner. Mr. the starting of a working tunnel. is at a distance of 1,000 feet down from sion of an alleged interview with the States.

the vein croppings on top of the hill, and we expect to strike the vein at the 50-foot station in the tunnel. The intention is to drift along the ledge as soon as the lished. Also a reference to some state of the vein cropping on top of the hill, and the occurrence of which His Honor emphatically denied as soon as it was published. Also a reference to some state of the vein cropping on top of the hill, and the occurrence of which His Honor emphatically denied as soon as it was published.

streak is from one and a half to two own action in undertaking feet in width, but the entire vein is in ore criment, can have anything of sufficient high grade to make concentration profitable. I consider these two properties can, with a comparatively small expenditure, be developed into pay-

in regard to the Grace C, and the having admitted Edna, owned by the Primrose Mining Beaven was His Company, and also located in the Lar-several days after desu-Duncan country, I have prospected them and consider them to be exception ally fine properties. The company is so well pleased with my report upon them that the directors have instructed me to the directors have a director hav begin driving a tunnel as soon as I re-fidence from his former advisers turn, and I start to-morrow. Assays of afraid that Mr. Beaven's garn the ore taken from these properties give ,—an unusual trait in a gent returns of \$651.58 and \$725.76. The arily most discreet and tacit values here are silver, copper and lead held as the cause of the and some of the assays give as high as tion in which he now finds l

23 per cent. copper.

'In the course of a mining experience running over a good many years, I have been in many mining sections, including camps where the values ran high. I have never, however, been in a section already admitted by his that impressed me more favorably than of the Lieutenant-Govern does the Lardeau-Duncan country. The ores are rich, the values run from the grass roots, and the cost of mining is not heavy. I regard it as ideal mining, for it does not take a fortune to develop a except to draw public claim."

The properties are in a splendid locaon. They are on the west rork of the Duncan river, about 26 miles from ther efforts by Mr. Turner at the calcabrated Silver Cup, which is ridiculous situation in which the calcabrated Silver Cup, which is n. They are on the west fork of the ment, if not with much interest, from the celebrated Silver Cup, which is the property of the Horne-Payne syndi-cate. Besides these properties the Old Gold company owns six promising claims on the north fork of the Salmon river. The Primrose company has five claims in the same rich section. Mr. Westfall will leave for the Lardeau-Duncan country to-day and says that he has received in actions to increase the force on the Old Gold properties, and to begin operations the Primrose claims. The intention is to keep up the development work con-

A GREAT TUNNEL PROJECT. It is altogether possible that by the time the snow is off the ground next spring work will be under way on the great drainage tunnel which it is projected to build from the Columbia river

to tap Red Mountain, says the Rossland Miner, J. B. McArthur, who is interested in the company formed to build the tunnel leaves for the east on Thursday of next week to arrange for the capital necessary to carry out the pro-Interested with Mr. McArthur in the company is Charles R. Hosmer, the millionaire manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway's telegraph lines, who

of the heavy investors in the West Kooenay Power & Light Company, and in the Monte Cristo, Virginia and Centre Star companies. H. S. Holt, also of Montreal, who is one of the best known railway men in the Dominion, is the third member of the group, which in April last was incorporated under the ame of the Red Mountain Tunnel Co.,

The project is perhaps the most vast that has been brought forth in connecting the contemplates tion with the camp. It contemplates the construction of a tunnel some five miles long, starting from the Columbia river at a point above Trail, and ending underneath the California mineral claim, west of the town. The tunnel would be adapted not only to drain the mines of when the improvements now, in progress are completed the mine will, be able to ship at least 300 tons. I do not say that we will ship 300, but it would be nothing extraordinary if we did. The Centre Star, when developed, will give than the famous Sutro tunnel in Nether the heat would have melted the normal suspended by iron rous to the frame work of the building. I suspended by iron rous to the frame work of the building. I say that we will ship 300, but it would also ventilate the mine with light and powers and afford an economical means of its in weak solution, so weak indones the most gigantic undertakings in the world, and in size would be even longer than the famous Sutro tunnel in Nethe heat would have melted the vada. Owing to the hardness of the the heat would have melted rock in this district, the cost of the en-sides, releasing the acid as would be even proportionately greater than that of the tunnel on the

As yet no details for the construction of the tunnel have been elaborated, but is expected that it will cost between \$2,000,000 and \$4.000,000. Even on this enormous outlay, however, the projectors of the scheme feel that a good investment would be made possible by the royalty which the mine owners would be glad to pay for the economical extraction of their ore by means of the tun-

AN INDISCREET ACTION.

nel.

(From the Vancouver News-Advertiser.). We are sure that Mr. Turner's friends will regret the course which he has taken in giving for publication a statement as to some of the communications which passed between him as Premier and the Lieutenant-Governor. Although not a sagacious politician, much less a states being tightly clessed: the fire be man in any sense of the word, we were inclined to give Mr. Turner credit for as much common sense and perception of what was his duty as a minister of the crown, as would have caused him to have avoided committing such a blunder as he appears to be guilty of, according to a dispatch from Victoria which we publish to-day. Unfortunately, however, for Mr. Turner it has been his lot during the past year or two to have had among his organs in the press some of the most stupid and clumsy supporters that any public man ever had around him. Probably, therefore, in the present instance, it is to these evil advisers, rather than to his own volition, that we must attribute the blunder which Mr. Turner has undoubtedly committed in the rambling and in-consequent partial disclosure which he has made of the communications which passed between himself and the Lieutennt-Governor. The Colonist has been announcing

a manner most mysterious for several days past, that if Mr. Turner could not be induced to make immediately some startling disclosures, it would do so itself. We suppose the article to which we have referred is the outcome of that dreadful threat. As regards the Colonist the ouly result is to make itself more ridiculous than it was already—if such a thing were possible—and the public are not concerned about that. But it is a matter of regret that Mr. Turner should have been led to commit such a piece of folly and to have Westfall, who is an old miner with ex- violated that absolute secrecy imposed perience in the mines of many sections, on him as to the intercourse between the says that he is very favorably impressed representative of the crown and his chief with the Lardeau-Duncan country. He believes it gives the greatest promise of developing into a wonderfully rich region, to demonstrate the utter incapacity of Among other things he said: "Since the members of the preceding administrate the crown and his chief official adviser. Certainly, the present government could ask for nothing better, developing into a wonderfully rich region, the members of the preceding administration. All of the things he said:

In members of the preceding administration, than the statement which Mr Silver King and the Silver Queen properties, which are owned by the Old Gold Quartz & Placer Mining Company. Work through the press. Mr. Turner hims. was suspended during the winter owing appears to have partially realisel the mis the snow, but since May, with a force take he was making and asks the governof men the claims have been prospected ment to come to his rescue by supplementing sufficiently to warrant menting his partial statement by fuller This disclosures which he dared not to make tunnel has been commenced and is now What do we find is the foundation of in a distance of 25 feet. The tunnel site Mr. Turner's story? A reporter's ver-What do we find is the foundation of

is to drift along the ledge as soon as the vein is encountered, so as to secure the necessary stoping ground.

"The ore that we encountered in the crosscut assayed from \$104 up to \$1,-294.40. The values are principally silver and lead, with \$6 in gold. The vein is from six to seven feet wide and the pay own action in undertaking to streek is from one and a half to two published in a newspaper as an which was had with that good are at a loss to understan explanation possible is that Beaven was His Honor's several days after M form a government, that the his subsequent statements way alter the position whi more clearly to the fact.

The public will watch with so

ther efforts by Mr. Turner and folly has landed them. Pronow wish they had decided to course which we sugg stothrough the proper and usual for the publication of the to Mr. Turner's dismissal fr far as the government is must be a matter of complet what either of them may do lature the government will give the fullest information has done and it will not be likel low Mr. Turner's unfortunate even to help the Colonist out of its diff.

culty. NEEDLESS ALARM

The Action of Some Chemicals on Flames-A V.sit to the Vic.o.ia Chem.cal Works.

The action of fire upon certain chemicals and acids is so little und that it was small wonder that late fire at the Victoria Chemicathe assembled crowd fled in ter explosions occurred by of the acid and the water While the reports referred to adder rather novel feature to the conflagration it is now generally understood the was absolutely no added danger blaze from the presence of cals. While the majority of are now convinced or that is that it demonstrated before the an impression still seems to among some that had the blaze the works proper the meeting flames and the acds in the great va ome indefinite catastronie. idea is utterly fallacious was proved yes terday by a visit paid to the works, when the manager kindly showed a Times reporter through the building an

gave practical illustration of the of fire on the contents. The sulphuric acid is enclosed in great lead vats, which reach a height of abou ten feet short of the roof. on the ground but the lead sides are it to flow out upon the flames. this point that the error i posing that the meeting of the two ele ments would result in some violer plosion. The acid would be more tual in quenching the

water, as wood upon which not ignite. This was proved first ping a lighted match in the acc which the flam was immediately tinguished. The other end of the n being lighted the wood burnt readily util the flame reached that portion of the match which had been in the acid, when immediately died out.
The zinc chamber, which stands out side the building, and would have been first attacked by the flames had the fire reached the other portion of the build ngs, contains almost exclu

which would simply be released heated the air within, which in ing ruptured one end of the ves by the straw eneasing the glas: ves sels, and whenever the heat bottles and allowed the acid to pour ove the flames they were at once guished.

The reference made in yesterday's sue of the Times to the effect on a flame was borne out by live ember on a pan of nitre primary supply of the tained in the oxygen of the ember the nitre seemed to intersify the but immediately upon that supp exhausted the fire went out. A red ron thrust into the chemical was similarly acted upon.

UNION COLLIERY DISASTER. Miss Frances Horne, of Nanaimo, Succumbs to Her Injuries.

Another victim was added to the Union Colliery railway horror last evening, the death of Miss Frances Horne,, sec daughter of Mr. Wm. Horne, who iany years, carried on a business in this city. This make seventh death from the disaster, an condition of Miss Lavilla Grieve Hugh Grant, the two others injur giving cause for great anxiety.

The remains of the late Richard Nig ingale were brought down on er City of Nanaimo this taken to Hilbert's undertaking Bastion street. The funeral place (Saturday) to-morrow aft 4 o'clock, it being impracticable count of the condition of the bo lay the funeral till Sunday a proposed. The deeased was of Court Nanaimo Foresters' He naimo Lodge of Workmen, an naimo fire department, and the will take place under their aus o'clock to-morrow afternoon The remains of the late Miss Fra Horne and Walter Work Were brought down on the steamer City of naimo this afternoon.—Free Press

Mr. Frank Pedley reports good I

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Madrid, Aug. 20.-Fl marks made by Senor matic and political s emier as follows: From a legal point state of things is ne ut merely a suspens armistice would have the United States de making a step further "The questions to land complex. What , lay down a certain minister may make the subject. These treated in the daily "In Cuba, besides many other problems fices and all our prop

her sovereignty over but there will remain suits before the trib erests of Spaniards. these be decided? large number of cri lemned by the Spa to be done with to other questions on basis of discussion ides these and other importance, there is be discussed. "According to int suspension of hostili the surrender of Mar legal efficacy. How

understood by the L "This causes us give it great attent walting informati eral Juedenes, which us on account of t These remarks all of being authentic, with information fi in harmony with

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