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City and vicinity, asking the government take into consideration the desirabil-

Mr. Helmcken-From Patrick Farrell, Mr. Kellie—For the incorporation of the Big Bend Transportation Co., and also for the consolidation of several railays in East Kootenay. Mr. Helgesen—From William Temple-

Mr. Prentice, Mr. Speaker ruled that the authority of the signer to represent the company was not clearly established. Prentice thereupon withdrew petition, presenting it later in the day in

manner conforming with the law. COMMITTEE REPORTS. Mr. Higgins presented the second report of the private bills committee, stating that the rules were complied with ing that the rules were complied with things so plainly illustrated during the in the cases of the Ashcroft Waterworks in the cases of the Ashcroft Waterworks and Vancouver, Northern & Yukon railway bills. The report was received. COL. BAKER WITHDRAWS.

COL. BAKER, on a question of privi remarks from him on the adopter of the member of everent the use of ordical position for interpretability of the large and the second of the member of the m listen to a few lege, asked the house to listen to a few remarks from him on the subject of the he felt it his duty to retire from his seat in the house—which he thereupon did.

PREMIER SEMLIN remarked that hat treen the constitution specified as constitution specified as constituting disqualification had been the law since confederation, introduced by Attorney-General Fillipo. With reference to Col. Baker's position, it was possible that he (the Premier) might be in exactly the same position, although he had no reason to believe so, and he probabilities of the country until satisfied that he was disqualified. The govern-ment or the felt it his duty to retire from his seat and transact the dent, he for one would favor adhering to tried and proven precedent in precedent, he for one would favor adhering to tried and proven precedent in precedent in precedent to the creation of unworthy execution to the speaker on the appointment to the Speaker on the appointment to the Speaker on the appointment at the surgestion of province would agree; it being in the interest of the province to have a solution arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the Speaker on the appointment to the Speaker on the appointment at the surgestion of exempting the morting agaded portion of province would agree; it being in the interest of the province to have a solution arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the Speaker on the appointment arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the Speaker on the appointment of the province to have a solution arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the speaker on the appointment at the surgestion of exempting to the suggestion of province to have a solution arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the Speaker on the appointment arrived at. Although it is an Imperial to the suggestion of province and now hat action the existence to the contribution to the general revenue of the matter stands at present and what action the existence are for the province and now being deathers. In the MR. EBERTS deplored the fact that the trouble to explain and elaborate the policy attempted to be portrayed in the

from exercising their rights as members until a determination of their position could be had, rather than sit and vote at a possible cost of \$500 per day. Nor was the boiling pot of politics confined altogether to the legislature, for news was received at the house of a little overflow to the courts, where in the first place a petition was filed against the election of Mr. Alan Webster Neill, the member sitting for Alberni, the petitioner being R. W. Wilkinson of Alberni, who through his council, A. P. Luxton, bases his petition on the usual general grounds. Another action taken in the courts was that of S. Rogers, against A. E. McPhillips, the statement of claim were brave enough and truthful enough to courts was that of S. Rogers, against A. E. McPhillips, the statement of claim being for \$2,500, being for every day during which Mr. McPhillips sat in thouse this session prior to his resignation being placed in the Speaker's hands. The suit is to test whether or not Mr. McPhillips was really disqualified, and Messrs Davie, Pooley & Luxton are representing Mr. Rogers, Messrs. Bodwell & Irving Mr. McPhillips.

MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1899.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock, and prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented by: Mr. Clifford—For a private bill to incorporate the Atlion Short Line Railways. Mr. Clifford—For a private bill to incorporate the Atlion Short Line Railways. Assignation Co.

Mr. Green—From citizens of Slocan City, and vicinity, asking the government, and mintation and after all—indeed the very first thing to demand a strong reacted the house, and mint gent conviction after a the center of the denies. The severe of the strongered to the conviction against the mine operators.

MR. HELGESEN referred to the centery of the country and arched the house, and mind stream of the deniest of the government, saying that he almost freed to the didress from the thorous dark the industries on all house this session prior to his resignation of the Bytoner of the Querous and the throng seeds of his own constituency—old land and the Country of the denied and the Canadians selected in the mining prosperous. No one could deny that this prosperous was to be largely attributed to the wisdom of the policy of the late of the wilderness. Kootenay alone furnished that the greater proposition might have the opportunity of the attributed to the wisdom of the policy of the late of the wilderness. Kootenay alone furnished that the greater proposition might have the opportunity of the greater proposition might have the opportunity of the several prosperity had the country. The billustration of the great proposition might have the opportunity of t ity of sending a first-class ore exhibit to the mineral exhibition to be held in with respect to his dismissal from the staff of the provincial gaol.

Mr. Kellie—For the incorporation of Mr. Kellie—For the incorporation of the country contribute more liberally to its revenue. Take the mines of the

> anyone hereafter should be disqualified through a trifling sale of seventy cents' worth of goods, a transaction of which the unfortunate member knew absolute-ly nothing. The spirit of the act was assuredly not found in such cases, but

upon the people of the province.

MR. HELMCKEN prefaced his remarks by paying his compliments to the

Mr. Helgesen—From William Templeman, E. Tilton and others, for the incorporation of a company to transact business at Pine Creek, Cassiar.

With respect to the petition of the With respect to the with respect to the petition of the With respect t While considering the intention announced by the government of introduced ing changes in the Elections act, he for the host great of all the response could never have been looked for or made. In his opinion all members of the house is Columbia. Nothing had happened during the past six months of greater interest to the people of Britton introduced in the Elections act, he were working according to their beliefs to the people of Britton introduced in the morning according to their beliefs and Mainland such a response could later in Washington to discuss matters to remove the mortgage tax so soon as some method of making up the deficiency thereby a could be reported itself. maintained that something should be done toward correcting the farcical order of things so plainly illustrated during the ing upon what he regarded as omission the settlement of questions affecting the from the speech, he pointed to the fact that while British Columbia had always a matter for regret that the government tion. In its issue of December 21, 1898, been a most loyal province of the crown, had not seen clear to send a representative was so reported no reference had been made to the arrival tive to attend that commission. This in the course of an address he had made

that he was disqualified. The government were not making any new law with regard to qualifications. They were simply carrying out the law on the statute book since confederation.

DEBATING THE ADDRESS.

Mr. Macpherson requested permission introduce a private bill respecting the Yancouver, Northern & Yukon railway. The Speaker ruled that this was not in order until the reply to the speech had been proceeded with, it being first on the order paper.

He denied that Rossland been proceeded with, it being first on the order paper.

Hon. MR. MARTIN, continuing the debate on the reply to the speech of the speech of the thought which involve such large interests of the province. Although we might go beyond our jurisdiction—the senior member for Victoria at province. Although we might go beyond our jurisdiction—the senior member for Victoria as province. Although we might go beyond our jurisdiction—the senior member for Victoria as province. We have might respectfully place before the powers of the day the views with respectfully place before the powers of the day the views without not forcing our views upon them might let them know the feeling of the people of the province. Mr. Helgesen had said this was the land of had fared well at the hands of the administration, pointing out that administration, pointing out that administration, pointing out that the senior member for Victoria and more substituted to be a different end of development character. The mines now development character. The mines now province. Although we might go beyond our jurisdiction—the senior member for Victoria and substitute to be made up of beautiful language. He should have preferred less province. Mr. Helgesen had said this was the land of the proposition. He denied that Rossland had fared well at the hands of the late government had been policy for the assistance of triends a province. Mr. Helgesen might have come to the country before he did all should be actuated by the same modile should be actuated by the same modile should be actuated by

in Canada of a new representative of Her Majesty, nor had the house been most every other province had done so. He had thought that perhaps the Prehave been ready to promise almost any-

bad no reason to believe so, and ne pro-posed to retain his seat and transact the business of the country until satisfied that he was disqualified. The govern-ment were not making any new law with ment were not making any new law with

suggestion at any time to induce the late government to withhold its hand.

The Attorney-General—Then why were the Chipses dismissed from the wise. The Attorney-General—Then why were the Chinese dismissed from the mines as soon as the new government came in?

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Mr. Eberts moved the adjournment of the debate.

PLACER MINING BILL.

On the order for the adoption of the house committee report on the Placer Mining bill, be expected to speak for the mine owners as to the causes prompting their actions. He could demonstrate that the late government had vigorously carried amend the "Masters and servants act," out the law, and had got conviction after the measure being read a first time and conviction against the mine operators.

MR. HELMCKEN prefaced his rethere was one thing in the speech that
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Hon: Mr. Cotton disputed this state-Mr. Eberts produced in proof the Fi- money.

cal gifts they had displayed, but after their eloquence had ceased the members were bound to ask themselves what their addresses had contained, and find the total to be made up of beautiful language. He should have preferred less eloquent declamation and more substance. As to the subject matter of the speech, there could be no doubt but that much of its contents had been deliberate—by pirated from the other side of the house. It consisted of legislation maturely considered by the late government. Turner's government had it returned to power, while he personally believed the removal of the tax would have been submitted by Mr. Turner's government had it returned to power, while he personally believed the removal of the tax would make little material difference as the miners of confederation of the license as before in order to enjoy this province. At the time of confederations of the fishery interests of the subject matter of the speech, there could be no doubt but that now proposed would have been submitted by Mr. Turner's government had it returned to power, while he personally believed the removal of the tax would make little material difference as the miners would of their free will take out their addresses had contained, and find the tax would have been substrong objection to it, or any pronounce of dissatisfaction among the alien miners of Kootenay in regard to its payment. The mover did not wish in the face of the recent decision of the Privy Council of England to hamper the executive of the government in any way. His object was simply to bring to the attention of members of the House as well as the mover did not wish in the face of the recent decision of the Privy Council of England to hamper the executive of the government in any way. His object was simply to bring to the attention of members of the House as well as the mover did not wish in the face of the recent decision of the Privy Council of England to hamper the executive of the government in any way. His object was simply to bring to the attention then?

Mr. Eberts replied that one reason was because much of the proposed "new" legislation was already on the statute books, and therefore in the nature only 'now stood out in strong contrast with ince, now second to none in the world.

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PRIVATE BILLS. Mr. Macpherson introduced a bill to the measure being read a first cand set for second reading to-day.

Mr. Prentice introduced a bill to incorporate the Ashcroft Water, Light & holder to locate, record or acquire any new claims, but merely hold the proposition of which he may be possessed at the corporate the Ashcroft water bills.

and referred to the railway committee. LAND REGISTRY ACT. ing its original intent to have been to secure a contribution to the revenue, not from the poor man, but from the bill was read a first time and set for second reading at the next sitting of the

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINT. Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Mr. McBride, for all correspondence between the Dominion government and the Provincial government, touching the resolution of this house passed on the —but rather for—the borrower man of resolution of this house passed on the small means. If the words dealing with 25th March, 1898, relative to the estab-

of the Kootenay had been made valuable by the liberal and far-sighted policy of spending money in opening up roads, trails, railways, etc., and it was now time for a return of advantages.

While considering the intention and the kootenay had been made valuable by the liberal and far-sighted policy of spending money in opening up roads, trails, railways, etc., and it was now the feeling of animosity between the Island and Mainland such a response could never have been looked for or made. In of the Kootenay had been made valuable by the liberal and far-sighted policy of minster's call for help on the occasion of the province that the done to the rener or the rich leads of the contention of the province that the where the loss of the revenue from the government to make any mention of the province that the limitant was merely held in trust by the look of the revenue from the contention of the province that the look of the revenue from the contention of the province that the loss of the revenue from the government to make any mention of the province that the loss of the revenue from the contention of the province that the loss of the revenue from the government to make any mention of the province that the contention of the province that the loss of the revenue from the government to make any mention of the province that the contention of the province that the contention of the province that the contention of the province that the done of the contention of the province that the contentio OUT OF ORDER.

Mr. Speaker ruled out of order the netition presented earlier in the day, as involving an expenditure of public

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ing returns:

1. The number of Chinese landed at the various ports of the province from foreign ports, and the amount of head tax collected during the years 1897-98.

FISHERY REGULATIONS.

they could not pay running charges.

With reference to the cancellation of the miners' license fee now demanded of the miners' this, too, had been contemplated by the move the Dominion government to take of whiskey, proceeded to celebrate. Scott and the empty bottle were found t been steps to amend the statutes of Canada ing in- with reference to marine and fisheries, by Constable Walker in an ash box at

read a third time and passed.

PLACER MINING BILL.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the order be discharged and the bill be recommitted, with instructions to the committee to strike out sub-section 4 of ommittee.
Mr. Macpherson introduced a bill to the exclusion of alien miners shall not

Mr. Macpherson introduced a bin to incorporate the Vancouver, Northern & include the right that may be given by Yukon Railway Co.; read a first time lieutenant-governor-in-council to the lieutenant-governor-in-council to aliens to engage in dredging or other hydraulic mining, as distinct from ordin ary placer mining.
Mr. Pooley wished to see so important an amendment printed before the house was asked to consider it. The Attorney-General did not object.

He explained that the make clear that aliens, already holding certificates as free miners could not after the passage of the act, acquire any additional properties, while at the same time it aimed to admit the investment foreign capital for extensive

own by one half.

MR. HELMCKEN did not like the unlucky thirteen, and was informed that opportunity to amend the number, if desired, would be offered in committee while Messrs. Prentice, Munro and Kin chant argued vigorousty in behalf of re-Mr. Helgesen moved, seconded by muneration—to the extent at least of Major-General Kinchart for the follow-travelling expenses—being arranged for grand jurors. The Attorney-General promised that this latter subject would receive the careful consideration of the government. The second reading of the bill was

no doubt accounted for the opinion of the officer that he was drunk.

Edward Scott was the only one before the court who was found guilty of the charge laid against him. He broke the window of W. Harrison's saloon on