LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.

Perhaps it is too much to expect model declamation from the aggregation of estimable gentlemen who compose the legislature of British Columbia, Perhaps it is even unreasonable to expect polished diction and exquisitely-balcabinet; although one distinguished member thereof has been known to soar themselves extraordinarily unfit to deal into the perilous realm of verse on more with those questions. It is most devoutverse, either. But we have a right to expect from the cabinet and from the one another in common discourse. Since heard with feelings of very great regret, the premier of this province hurl across the floor of the house at a member of the opposition an epithet which we think is without precedent in our legislative assembly. What must the rising generation think, what effect must such language have upon their receptive minds? Is it not really deplorable that the premier of this province, a gentlemen for whom, personally, we entertain feelings of respect, and whom we have always considered to be a well-bred English gentleman, should so far forget himself as to cry from his high place in that house "Liar"? We are very far going so far as to repeat and emphasize from jesting when we declare that Hon. Mr. Turner's faux pas caused us genuine sorrow. It is bad to have such things go forth into the world; we do not wish to see the satirists of Eastern Canada and the States and of London holding our provincial legislature up as something of the New Mexico type. No doubt, Hon. Mr. Turner felt angry at Mr. Cotton's ruthless exposure of facts as they appear to all people who came to the study of the company-mongering umbia, to characterise the London matter with unbiased mind, but that is Statist, and other prominent English no reason why he should have forgotten | journals as "scurrilous sheets," parliamentary usage and the temperate courtesy and self-restraint, which become a gentleman at all times. The word "liar" applied to an opponent anywhere is a vulgar epithet, unfit for the lips of a gentleman.

Then, as to Hon, Mr. Pooley's extraordinary behavior. We have commented I already upon that scene in a half-humorous manner, but it deserves very serious treatment; because such behavior is make the comparison still more ludic-most injurious to the dignity and reputation of the house. Mr. Speaker, it is true, checked the ministers for their outrageous language, but he did not go far enough. He ought, we think to have warned them most earnestly that such talk would not be permitted in that house under any provocation, and that the consequences of disregarding the warning of the chair would be of a very

serious character. It is almost incredible that the president of the council, a Queen's Counsel, should commit so flagrant an offence against decency as to threaten in the coarsest manner condign vengeance upon an opponent in debate, if that opponent should dare to repeat his remarks outside the house. Persons who do not exercise much care in the selection of their words or the composition been in an old women's home long ago. of their phrases, refer to such language as that made use of by Messrs. Turner from strong; it is, indeed, the very reverse; it is the expression of great weakness of temper, character and judgment; and shows that the speaker has tempor-

When the time comes for the people to express their opinion of the Turner ministry, we hope that they will not forget among the host of other charges that lie against that weak cabinet, that the head of it called an opponent a liar across the floor of the house; and that the next highest member of it threatened an opponent with a fist-mauling, the argument of blood-and-broken-bones. If the people of British Columbia want gentlemen of that kind to control the affairs of the province they must be content to have the province looked upon by the world as a very "wild, woolly and western" kind of a place.

arily relinquished the reins of self-gov-

## TAX UPON MORTGAGES.

In a late number of the Montreal Insurance and Finance Chronicle, one of the highest financial journals in Canada, appeared a brief editorial against a suggestion which had been made to introduce a bill in the Quebec legislature during the current session, to impose a tax upon mortgages. The Chronicle says it has always opposed the imposition of such a tax, and it does so in the present instance with characteristic vigor, for the following reasons:

"We think it will be admitted that as much as possible we should encourage capital to come to this province, as a free influx of it is a benefit to the whole munity. Were a tax to be imposed upon mortgages, it would undoubtedly upon the borrowers, and it would simply mean taxing such persons twice over. They already pay their ordinary taxes, and, if they have to borrow on mortgages, the lender will certainly stipulate, either by charging a higher rate of interest, or otherwise, that the unfortunate borrower is to pay the mortgage tax, so that, in assisting the borrowing classes, it would really be imposing an additional burden upon them. One effect would be to drive capital seeking mortgage investments out of this province. There are securities of this class to be had in other provinces of the Dominion which, being free from taxation, would be preferred by investors. As this tax would increase the cost of money for legitimate uses, as it would also put an additional burthen upon persons temporarily in need of financial assistance, as it would reduce the incomes of some whose money has been placed here in the confidence that it cure for scrofula, salt rheum, humors, would yield a certain return, and, as the sores, rheumatism, catarrh, etc.: the taxation of fixed capital is certain to operate against the influx of cepital we trust we shall hear no more of a mort-gage tax in this or any other province."

The foregoing is a fair statement of the case against the imposition of such a tax. In a young and growing country like Canada, and in the youngest and most growing of all its provinces, we cannot afford to indulge in any financial fooling; or allow frosty enactments to nip the coy and opening bud of English capital, Lowell, Mass. Get Hood's and only Hood's. now about to blossom in British Columbia. We believe, with the Chronicle, that

leigslators should be most careful in what they do regarding money; because, ten to one, such laws as that mentioned, instead of bringing relief or improving existing conditions, only impose an added burden upon those who are least able to bear it. British Columbia is at the present time extremely anced periods from the members of the weak in financial leaders; the finance minister and his colleagues have shown than one occasion, and not such bad ly to be hoped that the Turner ministry will leave to their successors, who will assume the reins of office next June, the ordinary members the temperate, the handling of all financial questions, and civil language that gentlemen employ to not attempt to meddle with such a measure as the mortgage tax question. the present session of the legislature They have done damage enough to earn opened we have been treated to some them undying odium; but if, as has been extraordinary spectacles. We have hinted, a mortgage tax measure were sprung upon the country by these 'prentice hands at statecraft nothing short of perpetual banishment would fit their crime.

GLADSTONE AND MR. TURNER.

When, in the provincial legislature last week, the premier so far forgot what is due to decency as to glory in his "unique connection" with a speculative company; and, probably while his mind was in an over-heated condition and he had for the time taken leave of his-prudence, he stultified himself by referring to the London Statist as a "scurrilous paper." even the stupid slander, we thought it better to pass the matter over with silent contempt, on the ground that the minister at the time was not fully aware of what his tongue was about. But the Vancouver News-Advertiser hit off the matter very neatly yesterday and we cannot refrain from quoting. Says the News-Adver-

"For a gentleman occupying the posi-tion of Finance Minister of British Colmake himself the ridicule of intelligent people. In passing, it may be noted as an interesting coincidence that at the time when the article appeared in the Statist, which called forth Mr. Turner's ed in that same paper from Mr. Gladfoolish epithet, a communication appear-stone, which spoke of the Statist as a journal, the authority of which was un uestioned on financial subjects. It is long way from Mr. Gladstone to Mr. Turner; but the latter gentleman appears to have thought that it was possible to

he has succeeded We have never seen a slanderer more neatly caught in the toils than Mr. Turner has been by the remarkable coincidence supplied by Mr. Gladstone's letter. Possibly Mr. Turner may retort that Mr. Gladstone is in his dotage; in the postcard stage of senility and probably meant some other paper of the same the Opposition regarding the discussion name. Some gentlemen on the Opposition side could considerably enliven the debates if he would politely ask Mr. Turner for an off-hand depreciation of themselves as to whether the government Mr. Gladstone. We should not feel at are acting honestly by their opponents. all surprised, as things have gone- Hon. Mr. Turner agreed with Mr. Semamazement altogether-should Mr. Turner say that Mr. Gladstone is a scurrilous old rascal who does not know what he is talking about and who should have

THE YUKON RAILWAY. For those who have the time (and the stomach) the Tory newspapers of Canada but he wants to back out of it. The are now full of interesting reading on the | Speaker pointed out that the whole matsubject of the Mackenzie & Mann contract. Countless columns of doubleleaded destruction are being fired off; if upon the irrelevant quotation introduced of any kind. The Spanish warship had leaden thunder-bolts could kill not a Liberal would now be drawing the breath of life in all the broad Dominion; and upon a hecatomb formed by the yet palpitating corpses of the Laurier ministry and the substantial forms of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann would probably be seated, like Lucifer in -, well, Tartarus, the dark spirit of the Tory press howling: "I did it": while the black frost of the Conservative perpetual negation would be settling down upon Canada again and making it a land of abandoned ambitions, stagnant enterprise, decaying premier. Mr. Semlin and Mr. Forster, trade and dwindling population. By the with a rare, abiding faith in the old saymark! a fine subject for a Hogarth study. All the Tory criticism of the Stikine railway scheme has been pure destructive; never a line of suggestion or advice as to what should be done; all in the ing that he had known the premier a damnatory strain. Their lupine ululations remind one of Carlyle's everlasting scolding, of which Douglas Jerrold remarked: "Carlyle is like a man who comes under my bedroom window beating a big drum and alarming everybody; but when I hasten down to ask him what it is all about he cannot tell me." If the Tory press were to offer some useful suggestions instead of baying the moon for the sake of hearing their own voices, it would be a more profitable expenditure of ink and paper and muscle and brawn. Mack, in Toronto Saturday Night, re-

Every thought, word and action Blood takes vitality from the blood; every nerve, muscle, bone, organ and tissue depends on the blood for its quality and condition.

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## tizer, stomach tonic and regulator.

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railway project and summarizes his view

"There are times when a young counventure. In attaining success there are critical junctures which foolishness does not perceive, but which wisdom recognizes at a glance. This is the way I look at this Klondike railway transaction. The building of that railway will energize our whole Pacific region; it will act on the people of this country like a nastimulant: it will capture world's attention and will perfect Canada ten years of such phenomenal prosperity as no young country has expesince the first navigator his boat on an unknown coast.

tends the scope of the boom from the little valley of the Klondike over all the Yukon district and northern British Col-There is no time for parley; is no chance for Alaska to set up counter manoeuvres and force the development of development of Canadian resources."

of every sensible person who examines James Carey, when giving evidence in the Stikine railway project; it is not a the Phoenix Park murder trial; an exasmatter to quibble over now; the con- perating, monotonous: "I don't rememtractors are taking chances almost as ber"; "I disremember," "I can't call it to great, perhaps greater, than the govern- mind." But the time is approaching ment, and it must surely be apparent to apace when Hon. Mr. Turner's memory everybody that it is to Canada's most will be refreshed for him; jogged as it vital interest to get a railway into the never was before, and it will be ill for Yukon at once by hook or by crook. All him if he tells the electors from a public these petty matters over which the Tory platform that he "does not remember" press has been howling itself hoarse will | whether or not he made one of the most right themselves. As the ever-convenient important promises that ever passed the Shakespeare has it, and this is a case if lips of any British Columbia premier. ever there was one of the full tide offer- Does not remember, indeed; a pretty

Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and miseries On such a full sea are we now afloat; And we must take the current whe

Or lose our ventures."

WHERE THE BLAME LIES. With deliberate disregard for the plain facts of the case the Colonist is attemptises which cannot be passed over. Unscrupulous is a mild term to apply to the conduct of the government in this matter. Their worthy organ has carefully suppressed this morning all mention of the long and bitter dispute between Hon, Mr. Turner and his colleagues and Mr. Semlin and members of of the address seriatim. We earnestly -i' faith we are losing our faculty of lin that after the discussion of githe address as a whole, the address would be discussed seriatim (clause by clause). For some years past the Opposition have not insisted upon their right in this mathis word to discuss the address seriatim, ter hinged upon the arrangement be-

ing the right now; the premier pledged tween Mr. Turner and Mr. Semlin, not as a blind by Mr. Joseph Hunter. Mr. Semlin looks to Mr. Turner to keep his word like a man of honor as the Colonist, (indisputable authority on honor and literature) says he is. Let us see whether he is or not. Mr. Turner had no idea, he said, that the discussion would be spun out to its present length. Mr, Turner is lamentably lacking in ideas and foresight; it is not only in financing, then that he is unworthy of his post; he has not even the common prescience and tact which we have a right to expect from a ing that there is some good even in the worst of men, urged the government to keep good faith. The Speaker appealed to Mr. Turner's sense of honor by saylong time and believed him to be an honorable man, and that as he had passed

"Kind hearts are more than coronets And simple faith than Norman blood. But the simple faith of Mr. Speaker, of Mr. Semlin and of Mr. Forster was doomed to the disappointment which too often in this wicked world overtakes that beautiful sentiment. The matador of the house, Hon. C. E. Pooley, gave the coup de grace to the matter by moving the adjournment of the debate, which was carried, thus leaving him in possession of the floor. Yet the mean-spirited obsequious flunkey of the government, the "honorable" Colonist has the daring to assert that the Opposition are keeping the business of the house back! How long will the people of Victoria put up with such cool, impudent insults upon their intelligence?

his word to the leader of the Opposition

he would probably keep it. No wonder

Tennyson wrote:

AN OBLIQUE AFFIRMATIVE.

In the provincial legislature on Friday Mr. C. B. Sword asked Premier Turner, minister of finance, these questions:

"Were Messrs, Woolston & Beeton authorized to promise to intending invest-ors in the loan of 1895 that no financial aid or guarantee of interest or principal would be given to the British Pacific other transcontinental railway scheme how long was such promise force? Did such promise provide that i should apply to any part of the railway? The Hon. Mr. Turner replied as follows: "I do not remember that Messrs. Woolston & Beeton were authorized, either verbally or in writing, to promise to intending investors in the loan of 1895 that no financial aid or guarantee of in-terest or principal would be given to the British Pacific or other transcontinental

railway scheme.' Now, that is a most extraordinary answer for any responsible minister to make to such questions; and considering the promises regarding this identical matter which Hon. Mr. Turner passed to the

views at considerable length the Yukon electors of Victoria in 1894 and his subsequent conduct and remarks it is simply beyond belief that he can be candid in saying that he does not remember. Is try or a young man should rise to an that a subject that Hon. Mr. Turner emergency and boldly stake much on a (who has been so closely identified with the matter from start to finish) would be likely to forget? This is the same shameful triffing that has disgraced the Turner administration from the unfortunate day aware that the Dunsmuirs love us with that it got into power to the present time, Had Hon, Mr. Turner gravely announced that he had forgotten his own are fools to stand it. The last straw was name it would have been no more of an growing boom which is promising to give outrage upon the credulty and fat'ence of the assembly than that desperate: "I do not remember." Does Hon, Mr. Turner think that anything is to be gained at This transaction is one that forces the this hour by senseless equivocation of hand of destiny, for at a stroke it extitus sort? Does he try to delude himself that the members of the opposition are such gulls as to swallow his statements such gulls as to swallow his statements nesday morning, and passengers had to without due mastication? But what does stay here whether they liked it or not. there is no time for interest to flag, there that: "I do not remember" imply? Simply this, that Hon. Mr. Turner does not deny having authorised the promise. It the region west and north of Dawson—the world's energy must forthwith flow says little for his wit that the channels towards the could frame no better reply to such a question than that

Mack is only expressing the conviction | which came from the lips of the wretch story. It is the business of finance min-"There is a tide in the affairs of men (and isters to remember; that is what they are put there for and paid for; not coolly to insult the house and members of the opposition with jaunty "don't remembers." If Hon. Mr. Turner does not remember that very important matter what, may we ask, does he remember? This is another damning piece of evidence of the utter worthlessness of our muddle-headed provincial government? The electors should not forget that Hon, Mr. Turner has a ing to throw upon the Opposition the very bad memory, when they are invited blame for the so-called waste of time in to give their opinion next June. What the provincial legislature, when everyone is the good of a man who cannot rememwho knows anything at all about the ber plain business matters and has not matter is perfectly well aware that the the gumption to carry it off debonairly government have been guilty of the most in the pinch? Even a little clever trickshocking disregard of pledges and promeery is better than this dull: "I do not remember." which is simply in the present instance an oblique affirmative me "I remember perfectly well, but I dare not make confession."

THE SPANISH CRUISER. Her Reception in New York Harbor-

Salutes Fired. New York, Feb. 21.-The Spanish ruiser Vizcaya came up the bay yesterday afternoon, arriving in the narrows call upon all Times readers to peruse our at 3 p.m., flying the American flag from report of the proceedings and judge for the main truck and preceded by the steam pilot boat New York. On arrival at the narrows a salute of 21 guns was fired. As soon as the salute was finished the American flag was hauled down Surgeon Jurado of the Vizcaya reported Vizcaya had 18 officers and 466 crew, making a total of 484 on board,

Two tugs loaded with newspaper re-porters accompanied the vessel through not insisted upon their right in this matter, but that by no means establishes a the adjacent shores. Captain William, precedent; they are desirous of exercising the right now; the premier pledged is cruiser with the customary 21 guns. Neither Forts Wadsworth nor Hamilton fired a salute. They have not done so

in recent years. In an interview with the Associated Press representative Captain Edate said that while his ship was in this port his officers would accept no invitation come here on a visit of courtesy friendship, and when the dreadful cident to the Maine was learned flags were put half mast and there they would remain until the ship took her departure. He likened his visit to that one intimate friend to another disaster had overtaken the latter, the same delicacy dictated what to do to mourn with the friend and to avoid al

MILITIA GETTING READY.

Reading, Pa. Feb. 22.-Captain Samuel Willits, of the Reading artillery, says that their quurterm ster has received orders to secure the name and residence of every enlisted man and verify the same, so that in case they are needed the members will be ready to rendezvous at any place within 24 hours.



at the new-born infant's crv. tells the story

of woman's sympathy for her sister-woman. If women would only spread the medical gospel, that a woman is unfitted for wifehood and motherhood as long as she suffers from weakness or disease of the distinctly womanly organism, there would be less necessity for the sisterly sympathy that a woman receives when she is in the throes of child-bearing.

A woman who is thoroughly strong and

healthy in a womanly way has to suffer comparatively little pain and sickness when she becomes a mother. Dr. Pierce's Favor-ite Prescription acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity and gives them health, strength and elasticity. It allays inflamma-tion, heals ulceration and soothes pain. It banishes the discomforts of the faint-hearted period and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It insures the newcomer's health. Over 90,000 women have testified to its marvelous merits and many of them have permitted their experi-ences, names, addresses and photographs to be printed in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, so that other women may learn of this wonderful medicine. Good medicine dealers sell it.

"I am now real well," writes Mrs. Lillie Hibbard, of Merrill, Lincoln Co., Wis. "I have been doing my own housework, including washing and ironing. I hardly ever feel the pain in my side unless I lift hard. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two bottles of 'Pleasant Pellets.' I have not been taking any medicine for over two months. This is the first time I have been well enough to do my work for over three years. Your medicine is all that helped me."

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## Provincial News.

NANAIMO.

It is a pity that Messrs. Dunsmuir have not a man or business at the head of the E. & A. R. Co. We are perfectly all their might and main and treat us accordingly, and, to be plain about it, we about the coolest way to show their regard for us, and their desire to catch our goodwill. How they must yearn for it! The steamer Joan was suddenly taken off the Vancouver route here at a minute's notice, and no adequate provision made for anything to take her place. It was given out at first that the Dunsmuir could be got, but that was not to be. There was no boat from here on Wed-Late in the afternoon, the magnificent ocean liner Mystery made her appearance with the mails and tied up at the wharf. The belated passengers tried to induce her to return with them, but the captain refused, saying he had no order. A telegraph dispatch was sent to the nincompoop who is the general manager of the E. & N. Co., but the message was At last, however, permission was granted, and the "liner" put to sea and returned to Vancouver. Now we hear from the "Daily Dunsmuir" "service is not to be neglected, but the steamers Mystery and Chieftain are to be put in their place." Not to be ne glected! "Not by no means, my lord." Just fancy, we are to have two steamers istead of one; there's a concession. "They are smart boats," says the Col-"and the travelling public are not to be put to any inconvenience." Shades of Annanias, support us! The two put together would not make much more than a good-sized washtub, and would hold about as much. The Dunsmuir corporation evidently think they can do what they like, and what we ought to do if we have got any spunk in us, is to get together and show them that we can be ndependent of them. To imagine that they are going to help us, to gain our esteem, is all nonsense. Let them tell that to the marines. The city should subsidize a boat itself,

and not be dependent on a grasping monopoly that has got us where it likes. If business men had any gumption, instead of trying to cut each other's throats, they would get together and try and do something for the good of the whole community, and not let their little petty differences stand in the way. By so doing, we should be in a better position than we are to-day.-Nanaimo Re-

QUATSINO

The Coal Harbor Co. have sent Mr. Roe with a party to open up their property here; a sawmill has been ordered for a start. Work on the coal seams will ommence as soon as the mill is running to furnish the necessary lumber for buildings, etc. They are now clearing the site for the store and boarding house. Most of the settlers at

working on their mineral claims doing the necessary assessment work.
Two balls and a sociable lately in the settlement at Evenson's and Tregone's.

Mr. Leeson has been photographing the whole settlement. A copy will be sent to the Hon. Col. Baker to see what has

been done.

The colony has now the required number of settlers (30) and application has been made for a school; we are to have it right away, there being nearly twenty hildren for a start.

•All the water front is now taken in the money has been spent on a road miles away from here. A railroad to the west end of the island is the only thing that will make this part of the province a

A large tide flat in Forward Inlet has been discovered where a short dike will reclaim over 100 acres; no doubt some enterprising new-comer will be getting that somehow Schooner Mary Ellen, Capt. Searle, is still here waiting for favorable winds.

Large deposits of black sand have been

located near Winter Harbor. Mr. Leeson is sending a 100 lb. sample down for a test for platinum and iridium; the sand is said to contain these metals.

NELSON. Nelson, Feb. 19.-The shipments from the smelters last week were as follows: Hall Mines smelter, matte, 61 tons; Trail

smelter, 200 tons.

J. Doyle, alias J. Sullivan, who fatally shot Dennis Connors at Kuskonook on the night of the 13th last, was brought before Gold Commissioner Dennis at the court house at Nelson on Friday, the 18th, for preliminary trial. Messrs. Mac-Donald and Johnson appeared for the crown; the prisoner had no counsel. The trial was adjourned until this forenoon, to allow the court stenographer to tran-scribe his notes, so that the evidence might be read over to the prisoner. After the evidence was read, the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say, and was given the usual caution. Doyle stood up in the prisoner's box and said that his name was Davis, and that he had lived in the West for 18 years. The shooting was done in self-defence, as Connors had threatened previously to shoot him, and when he stepped up to him in the Alexandre hotel Connors got up and made a motion, as if he were going to draw a revolver. He understood that Connors had a gun and shot first. The prisoner was committed to stand for trial at the

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, Feb. 18.-Large crowds from adjoining towns are in attendance at the Carnival here, which opened last evening. In the hockey tournament, Rossland defeated Nelson, 6 goals to 1, and Sandon defeated Nelson in the after noon 2 goals to 0. Sandon and Rossland will play the final to-morrow.

In the curling bonspiel Mr. McArthur,s Rossland rink beat Nelson by 12 points to 4. Mr. Smith's Rossland rink was defeated by Sandon, by a score of 11 points to 8.

The ski race for the championship of Canada, down Red Mountain, a distance of a mile and a half, with a descent of 2,000 feet, was won by O. Jeldness, who carried away the magnificent silver tro-pby presented by the Hon. C. H. Mack-

To-morrow the ski-jumping contest for championship of Canada will occur, as also will the snoeshoe race for the championship of the province.

The celebration will close to-morrow

with a masquerade carnival. with a masquerade carnival.

To-day's programme closed with the skating races and the fancy skating competitions. In the three-mile race, there were three entries. S. J. Scobel. of Kaslo, won the championship of Brit-Columbia and the gold medal, by one lap, with A. Harris, of Rossland, second. C. Goepel, of Nelson, won the boys' race of a mile and a half, with Bob Inches, of Rossland, second. There were

fancy skating. There were five entrice in this competition.

Rossland, Feb. 19.—It has been cially given out that during the sence of the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, one is authorised to make any purch

of mineral ground for the British Ame a Corporation. Rossland defeated Sandon in the ho key finals by 11 goals to 1. Sandon ported two Eastern players. The ch pionship of British Columbia goes with

F. M. Wells won the long-dist. nowshoe championship of British ( umbia fo-day. defeating Lyons and Campbell. Lyons was second.

REVELSTOKE. Hon. J. I. Tarte, Dominion minister public works, writes as follows, date Ottawa, February 10th, to a here: I just wired you as follows: vincial government having decli contribute for works, item \$10,500 was dro estimates last year. We then can anything. It seems to me that nothing more to be said in The provincial government had it power to take advantage of put in the estimates of 1896. The clined to do so, although the impor of taking action in the matter was sented to them. I may add that the tection of shores falls within the ju-

BARKERVILLE.

tion of provincial and municipal auth

Alexander Sharpe, a well known Car boo miner, has been killed by a sn slide at his claim on Cunningham C Owing to the heavy snowfal the rebetween Quesnele and Barkerville been rendered almost impassable. trail stages are being greatly de and freight teams will, says a rej hardly attempt to go over the roads be fore next May, when they can go into the capital of Cariboo on wheels.

DONALD.

Dr. Proctor, for some time C.P.R. surgeon here, has gone to reside at Kam loops. Before he left he was presented with an address and a gold watch and He also, before departing, com pleted the skin grafting operation on child Daniels, who was badly burned cently. In all 52 pieces, taken from dif-ferent citizens of Donald, were grafted on. Only one graft failed, and that through the child moving it.

INDIGNATION MEETING. Resolutions Passed at a Meeting of Father

Ruthven's Supporters. At a meeting held in the A.O.U.W. Hall as a result of the recent arrest and in prisonment of Father Ruthven, the following resolutions and preambles were unan mously adopted.

Whereas the fundamental principles British society are free speech and libe of thought and action; whereas the pure of our laws and religions depend upon the state of the second whereas the second whe free criticism by the people; where the British domains all sects enjoy privileges; whereas the exponents of delity and different isms are and have allowed free and uninterrupted spe whereas at this present time two evaluates. ts are holding nightly me turbed; whereas any meetings in the intest of the people is lawful and right if peace is not broken; whereas at any meing held in this city by Father Ruth the peace has not been broken or even turbed, either at the meeting or out of meeting, whereas secretaling. meeting; whereas scandalous reports circulated through the eastern press of lawlessness of the citizens on return and insulting the resident priest, Nicolaye; whereas the suppression speech has been the cause of the d speech has been the cause of the control one of our most respected citizens, and consequent affliction of his family; whereas the papers of this city have not given any evidence to entithen the public on the Ruth court progress in the court p county court, presided over by the chief justice; whereas the report of the judgment given by the chief justice in the county court, as given in the Daily Times of Feb. 17th and the Daily Colonist of the 18th, 1898, is incorrect acording to the evidence given in court; whereas the papers have only given the condemnatory statements given by the plaintiffs and have withheld those made by the defendant all of which given by the plaintiffs and have withheld those made by the defendant, all of which were of a personal character and foreign to the case at issue; whereas it was publicly stated by the counsel for the plaintiff "that if they could only have got Ruthven to perjure himself they would fix him:" whereas, according to evidence, the object of the trial was not so much to secure the collection of the \$70 as to blacken the character of Father Ruthven.

acter of Father Ruthven.

Therefore be it resolved that this mass meeting here assembled do unanimously adopt the above resolutions in their entirety, and do hereby express confidence in Victor M. Ruthven for the fearless manner in which he returned. victor M. Ruthven for the fearless conndence in which he returned to this city after his character had been assalled through the press, and for the manly front maintained against the common foe of free speech and liberty. Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be presented to Father Ruthven, to the minister of instinctions. Ruthven, to the minister of justice of Dominion of Canada, to the speaker of local legislature, to the house of conf. Canada, to the Dominion senate. inion senate, to th

J. B. BALLENTINE,

ANOTHER VICTIM.

One of the Genest Brothers, of Montreal, Was on the Clara Nevada,

letter received here vesterday brought the information that one of the Genest brothers, of Montreal was among those who lost their lives on the Clara Nevada disaster. The letter was addressed to Mr. A. J. Genest, vassed through here a few days ago his way home from Dawson, and delivered at the Drival has a few days ago delivered at the Driard hotel, the be stating that it was from Mr. Genest of Skagway, telling A. J. Genest of the death of their brother. Mr. Hartnagle telegraphed the news to M where Mr. A. J. Genest now is.

False kepresentation.

An Ontario Lady Compels a Merchant to Pay for Damages.

A lady writing from an Ontario town says: "A month ago I visited one of our town stores and asked for three packages of Diamond Dye Navy Blue, for dyeing all wool goods. The merchant info me that he was out of Navy Blue i Diamond Dyes, and talked me into ing a dye of another make, at the san time guaranteeing them to do as good work as I could get from the Diam A lady friend was with me at the and heard the whole conversation. I the strange dyes home, used them a ing to directions, and was sadly disa pointed with the results. The color anything but a Navy; in truth, my terials were spoiled. I at once took goods to the merchant and told him dyes were a fraud. He offered to more of the same dyes or my mo back. I refused both offers, and I had threatened law proceedings thought it best to pay for the mater This merchant will never aga have the chance to sell me any dyes. I shall go where I can get Diamond Dyes at any time they 11 entries.

H. E. J. Haultain, of Rossland, won wanted. I have had my last lesson with the British Columbia championship for poor dyes.'

OLD-TIMER'S V

Major Walsh and His M Many Returning Miners Starvation.

Mr. E. M. Sullivan Presen Arguments Against the l on the Output.

Need of a Bank to Buy Out Gold-Agricult Possibilities.

Among the recent arrivals son City was Mr. E. M. Sul whom nobody is better post Yukon country. Mr. Sullivatent many years in taat pworld. In a long conversation ing he spoke of the changes come over the country with Along the river, where, a few the traveller would not meet the traveller would not meet the traveller would not meet days at a time, he is now tinually in a crowd. Respecting those who have from Dawson this winter M mentioned the assistance the

ceived from Major Walsh, strator, his officers and men these men went into the min with just enough provisions to on the trip, and being unable on the trip, and being dhahi a fresh supply in Dawson, to retrace their steps. Some were compelled to start before had frozen over, carrying enough to last them perhaps whereas they had a trip at the year of from 60 to 70 da not been for Major Walsh a not been for these nough provides the second of the notation of these poorly prov pectors must have starved, supplied and passed from or

tion to the next.

While the miners would heave Major Walsh in Daws they realize that he ha to do much good where he stay. Besides helping t way out, he has been much information for the and grasp the situation hi proclamation forbidding any without a proper supply has met with the approval ers now in the country. W livan passed Big Salmon th about to start for Dawson, posed that he has reached time. His arrival will be pleasure, as the miners are learn what he intends to o to the mining regulations. rich in gold, and there may claims that would pay for Sullivan, "but there are that would have to be sold royalty. The miners are was tax, but it should be levie profit and not on the gross true that \$2,500 is exempt \$2,500 of the gross output, make little difference if the paying. There are many costs from \$20,000 to \$50,0 work, and others on which to \$20,000 are spent befor taken out. Not many indus ada could stand the tax of that it is proposed to lev of the Yukon mines.

took ten per cent. of or ten per cent. of the cos gardless of its cost, or ten the earnings of the C.P.R. Yukon is destined to be one est mining countries in the its already well developed and the rich quartz ledge stand the tax of ten per of "A matter that should ate attention is the establis Canadian bank. For some country has been practical hands of two companies, Commercial Company, and American Trading & Tr Company. These companie miners an average of \$15.2 for their gold, which is we then charge them 6 per ce be hoped that the govern medy this great evil by the establishment of a Can Dawson, with competent that the miners can get their gold, and have it ship country at a reasonable of 'Mining is not the only can be carried on profitab kon valley. There is room of farms along the river Selkirk and Little Salmo

grain, potatoes and othe could be grown to supply camps further down the where the Dalton trail stri river there is a fine valle two miles wide and fifty n bunch grass hills on all the banks of the river th and black and vegetable enough to supply even the that is bound to arise in lev. could be raised here. Like all others who Sullivan says there starvation, although the I a little short, as last fall able to purchase their us provisions from the stores miners, however, have su them until June, by which goods will reach Dawson, ready a large supply at th Labarge, ready to go down water. In Dawson the wint camparatively mild one, meter registering on an a zero between the firs and the 1st of January.

ly averages about 30 bel THE MAINE'S WOL Smarting Over the Delay of in Taking Acti

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 2 says:
Sailors of the battleship from wounds in the Key are smarting over the delay ment in punishing what the ment in punishing what they ish outrage.

In their minds there is not the cause of the explosion, plain the delay in taking so by saying that the presiducertain that there was not decreated that there was not decreated that there was not wishing to deceive the Sparfeeling of security, is using to make the necessary preproceultimatum.

If no action is taken, it man among them will again of an American man-or-was ness is meant, if takes a keep them from hurrying wounded though they be, in what they look upon as geance.

"We ware was a second."

geance, "We were warned not to a one said to-day, "being to awaited us there. When we were again told, and it was that the harbor bottom wa with mines. We first chose and rested there for several harbor master compelled us