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RAIL TO'THE NORTH. -0--

open up the northern portions of this There is some danger that the Domin- their sons forth to the assistance of the province is contained in the application ion government would withhold its ap mother country in numbers only limited which will be made at the coming ses- proval of any or all acts granting railway by the capacity of the war office to place sion of Dominion parliament for an act charters from Lynn Canal to the Yukon to incorporate a company to construct river. At last session of the Dominion a railway from Douglas Channel, Kiti- parliament a large number of charters mat Arm. The proposed route is north- were refused on the ground that until ward from this point to Copper River, the boundary question was settled it was Kitsalas canyon and the Skeena river, against the policy of the government to to a point near Hazelton, in Cassiar, encourage railway building to Lynn thence easterly and northerly by way of Canal. The members of the legislature the Babine river, Manion river or creek, are not in a position, however, to anand Parsnip river, to Pine river pass in theipate the course which the Dominion Cariboo. An alternative route is by the government may follow this year, and of the Empire, is menaced it may be de-Kitsalas canyon, via Bulkeley river to must deal with these charters on the pended on that all the colonies will in-Hazelton. Power is also to be asked by broad ground of the requirements of the sist on doing their share to maintain her the same company to build and work country as they understand them.

lines from the nearest available point of SIMILKAMEEN DEVELOPMENT. the railway, in easterly and southerly directions, by way of Stuart lakes to a This evening the Board of Trade will

erly side of Douglas channel to a point so evident that there can be little hesi- land seems to be almost universal in the at or near Hartley Bay, with the usual tation on the part of the Board of Trade city, and if the members of the city powers to build and work branches. The construction of a line of railway port. through those districts would completely alter the conditions in the North. It one so rich in those minerals which are of their consideration, we are sure, if would open up a vast tract of country, to-day of the greatest value, that there the terms were at all reasonable, it a great part of which is practically in- is little difference of opinion among min- would receive the endorsation of the

ports there is a fine area of agricultural ready has copper properties of undoubted Canada is now at the flood; never in the and grazing land in that direction, which richness and of wonderful extent, while history of the Dominion has such unicould be put to profitable use with the it also possesses gold and silver claims versal commercial and industrial activity help of a railway. But, of course, it is which only require the introduction of been known. Is Victoria sharing in this the mining industry chiefly that this line | capital to convert them into shippers and growth to the extent that her position would be designed to benefit, and in , dividend producers. At present the and the enterprise of her merchants that industry it would produce a wonder- means of access to the region and would lead us to expect? As a city we ful change. Mining in the North is car- the avenues of communication through it are undoubtedly making substantial pro-

due to the lack of transportation facili- improved the great resources of the disties. With the discovery of important trict must remain dormant. coal seams in Omineca a factor of great | Fortunately for the province, the cost importance has been introduced into the of effecting this improvement will be problem of opening up that country. It | comparatively slight and out of proporis, of course, much easier to maintain a tion to the benefit which the completion sailway through a region which yields of these roads would be to the city of coal than through one which yields none, Victoria. Given a good wagon road and where all the fuel consumed has from Princeton to Hope, furnishing an to be carried long distances. Then again outlet for the ore from the Sunset and the ... mand for coal in the mining dis- other mines which are at present meretric, will increase in direct ratio with ly adding to their dump, a carrying the development of the mines; and the trade would be assured which would de coment of the mines cannot proceed make the route from the latter point sat "retorily without coal. It having to the coast a remunerative one for any

be a proved that coal is to be found in | navigation company to take up. We unabi. Jance in the North, (there is said derstand that the C.P.N. has given the to be two million dollars' worth of it in delegation a tentative assurance that sight near the Skeena river) one of the they are only waiting for the building best reasons for building a railway is of the road to make the Victoria-Hope provided '

The people of this city are very favor- routes. With such a service Victoria tribution of sample packages of the best ably situated for taking an active inter- merchants would be in a position to com- is now

on what ground should the legislature the colonies, which were generally ac-Probably the most serious effort to refuse permission to build a railway? - counted a source of weakness, sending them in the field, and of the subjects of the Queen in all parts of the Empire amount of millions at the service of their country, threw a blaze of light on the situation which caused the continental critics to pause and rub their eyes. We have had the protection of Great Britbeen set, and in future when the safety honor and integrity.

RAILWAY CONNECTION.

One scheme for the connection of Vicpoint near Fort George, thence souther- be asked to endorse an application which toria with the Mainland by rail seems ly along the valley of the Fraser river is being made by a deputation from to have the faculty of multiplying itself to Quesnelle, and also from a point near Princeton to the provincial government indefinitely, and presently the ratepayers Fort George or Stuart lakes, by way of for a substantial grant for the purpose are comforted with a whole brood of prothe south fork of the Fraser river, the of opening up roads in that country. The posals, their minds are divided as to the Yellow Head pass, with power to extend character of the request which is being relative merits of the various schemes, the said railway to Kitimat arm, in a made is more fully dealt with in another and all come to nought. The desire for southwesterly direction along the north | column, but it voices a need which is improved means of reaching the Mainin giving it their countenance and sup- council could arrive at a decision as to Wilson the best of the different propositions The great district of Similkameen is and lay one before the people as worthy

accessible at present. According to re- ing men in regard to its future. It al- ratepayers. The tide of prosperity in ried on under serious difficulties, mainly are very limited, and until these are gress, but are we keeping pace with the other cities of the Dominion which are our rivals and competitors? If not, would

direct connection with the great railway lines of the Mainland improve that position and enable us to retain the commercial supremacy which is ours at present? These are questions which the people of Victoria will have to take into consideration very shortly, and we are sure that if the demands of the promoters of the railway which the Mayor and Council may select as the one most worthy of their support are at all reasonable there are very few ratepayers in the city who would not be willing to make some sacrifice to enable Victoria to retain her present position in the commercial world.

DISTRIBUTION OF SAMPLES OF SEED GRAIN.

To the Editor:-Under instruction of the run one of their regular steamship Hon. Minister of Agriculture another disand most productive sorts of cereals, etc., April, A.D., 1897. ng made from the Central Ex-

the city to construct, operate and main- gentleman's information before it, as the charges are controlled by government, an unexpected quarter. The spectacle of Provincia Attorney-General suggested Mr. Hig. tain street railways. gins should give him privately, it would Sub-section 3, for constructing, operating, etc., railway and tramway. be able to form some idea of the matte And the proviso in sub-section 4 and and the importance of it. He need Legislature sub-section 5, which authorizes the city scarcely say that if the information to compel all wires to be placed under- such as to lead the government to ground. lieve that there was something w Sub-section 7, which authorizes the with the administration of the asy placing their private resources to the Victoria's Offer of Fifty Men city to compel the electric railway comor with the conduct of those in panies to provide accommodation for government would be only too willing For Service in South passengers and for 'imiting the number of passengers allowed to be carried in a to afford him every assistance. However, Africa. Sub-section 8, for assessing any street Esquimalt had not given it the informarailway company using the streets to tion suggested. sin for many years without money and Second Reading of Jurors Actpay the cost of watering the streets. Sub-section 9, authorizing the city to New Westminster Lunatic inspect electric light, wires, etc. Asylum Sub-section 10, so far as it authorizes ently appointed visitors to the asylum the city to supply light to the citizens. Sub-section 88a, so far as it authorizes the city to regulate and control railway mitting any member of the House to go The B. C Contingent for South companies within the city. Africa- Free Miners" 13. That the powers hereinbefore set forth for which legislation is asked are Licenses. a direct infringement upon the statutory | Mr. Higgins made a few remarks, powers, privileges and franchises enjoyed by your petitioner company. 14. Your petitioner company, respect-The Amendments to the Game fully prays that your honorable House the government the information he had **Bill--The Exportation of** may grant leave to your petitioner com- When he promised to give the inform pany to be heard by counsel and agents Hides. and witnesses in support of the object the government might perhaps have tions to the provisions of the act to which objection is taken, with the right by refusing to vote the necessary to read documentary evidence showing penses. He was rather misty as to the Victoria, Jan. 29th, 1900. the rights, powers and privileges of your The Speaker took the chair at 2.15 p. petitioner company, etc., etc. m. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Dated 27th Jan., 1900. (Sgd.) F. S. BARNARD, Director. Mr. J. M. Martin presented a petition (Sgd.) J. BUINTZEN, Gen''. Manager. money for the purpose. from Rossland companies asking for the Petitions to a similar effect were pre-A government member asked him to sented by Mr. Prentice from the followrepeal of the eight-hour law. give the information. Mr. Prentice presented petitions from The New Westminster & Burrard the British Columbia Electric Railway Inlet 'Telephone 'Co. and others regarding the Vancouver In-2. From Fran Stillman Barnard. corporation Act. 3. Vancouver Gas. Co. The following is the petition of the Private Bills. tally unheard. British Columbia Electric Railway Co., Mr. Green presented the fifth report The resolution was passed. Ltd., of the City of Vancouver: of the private bills committee, recom-1. That your petitioner is an incorpormending that the time for the reception ated company, incorporated in England of reports on private bills be extended until February 9th. The standing orunder the Companies Act, 1862-1893 (Imders were suspended to allow of this beperia'), and is duly licensed to carry on ing done. business in the province of British Co-Printing Report. lumbia. now being asked? Mr. Kidd presented the first report of 2. That your petitioner is the succesthe printing committee, recommending sor in title of the Vancouver Street | that the correspondence re the disallowwhen the estimates are being prepared. Railway Co., Ltd., Liability, which said ance of the Dominion government of company was by act of the Legislature certa'n British Columbia acts be printof British Columbia, 53 Victoria, Chapter | ed, as also Mr. Justice Irving's report on 51. amalagamated with the Vancouver Atlin. The report was received. Electric Illuminating Company, under Returns. following questions: the name of the Vancouver Electric Hon. F. Cotton-Carter presented 1. Have crown grants for all or any Railway & Light Co. return of the correspondence between 3. The said rights, privileges and franthe Dominion and Provincial governchise of the Vancouver Electric Railments re the offer of British Columbia way & Light Co. were subsequently acwhom? in regard to the Pacific cable. quired by the Consolidated Railway & Hon. Mr. Seml'n presented the papers Light Co., and by an act of the Legisasked for by Mr. Helmcken in reference lature of the province of British Columto a petition presented by certain issued? bia, 59 Victoria, Chapter 55, the ac-3. If crown grants have not been isquisition of the said Consolidated Rail-Americans at one time resident in Atlin to the President of the United States. way & Light Co. of the said rights, Hon. Mr. Henderson presented the privileges and franchises were confirmed, petition of counsel in relation to the and the same were vested in the said British Columbia Southern Railway Consolidated Railway & Light Co., and Company's land grant, referred to elsewere acquired by purchase from the where trustees for debenture holders of the Hon. Mr. Hume presented copies of said Consolidated Railway & Light Co. all correspondence between the govern- by the above reply. by your petitioners on the 15th day of

co-operate with the hon. gentleman as he had said, the junior member Col. Baker made some remarks that were inaudible. He was, however, un derstood to ask if there were no perman-Mr. Carter-Cotton said that a resolution was passed some sessions ago per to any public institution at any time. Mr. Higgins-That resolution was necessary anyhow. In closing the de scattered words of which reached ears of the reporters. He was under stood to justify the action in not giving

tion he was under the impression that power of limiting the scope of inquiry authorities, but still for the time he believed that. However, he had been looking up the authorities and he found that the House had a right to spend

Mr. Higgins-I decline to give any information at all because the information in my possession may not be true and I do not wish to blast the character of any man. The rest of his remarks were to-

Thompson River Bridge.

Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works out of what appropriation is it intended to pay for the bridge over the Thompson river at Kamloops, for which tenders are Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton replied that the matter will receive consideration

B. C. Southern Grants. Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Chief

Commissioner of Lands and Works the

portion of the land grant of the British Columbia Southern railway been issued; and if so, when, for how much, and to

2. If crown grants have not been issued, are the same in process of being

sued, have the government decided not to issue the same, and if so, why? Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton replied: Yes, on the eighteenth of August, 1899, for 611,533 acres, more or less, to the Brit ish Columbia Southern railway.

Questions two and three are answered

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of Vancouver Island. With that improvement Victoria must always be vitally identified. Agitation toward that end cannot begin too soon or be pushed too vigorously.

RAILWAY CHARTERS.

The question of the proper policy to time, attention and enthusiasm to such dividual receives a sample of oats he canpursue in respect to railway charters is matters as the colonel of the Fifth Reg. not also receive one of wheat or barley. raised afresh by the opposition of the iment. He has done much to foster in-Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, White Pass Bailway Co., to several terest in militia matters in this province and may be sent any time before the 15th franchises being sought in the northern during a period when they did not excite of March, after which date the lists will part of the province. The principle of public interest to the degree which they granting a railway charter cannot very do at present, and now when opportuniwell be condemned when not accompan- ties of service are presenting themselves. ied by a demand for a subsidy or ex- he should not be overlooked. clusive rights. Indeed it is the opinion Regarding his qualifications there can will be exhausted, some other good sort of many people that any man who asks be no difference of opinion. In addition for the right to build a railway should to being a good shot and a by no means be granted permission just as freely as | indifferent horseman, he holds militia he would be if he intended to build and certificates unsurpassed, it is safe to say, operate a steamboat. On the American by no officer in the active militia of Canside of the line this course has been ad- | ada. He holds a First A certificate from opted with manifest advantage to the the Infantry School at Fredericton, and whole community. Such a thing as bar- a similar one in artillery, taken ter in railway charters becomes impos- at Work Point. In the two courses which sible for the very good reason that any. he took at the latter place his rating one can get a railway charter who wants was of the highest and he has abundantit. Something in the nature of a gen- ly demonstrated his readiness in practieral railway act which will permit rail- cally applying his knowledge in the handway companies to build and continue ling of troops. operations as easily as tramway com- We feel sure that in any appointments panies and waterworks companies do that may be made his qualifications and now, is a matter our legislature must his claims on the position will not be provide for in the near future. The overlooked. whole tendency of our system, it is fear-

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT. ed, is to encourage monopoly or rather to encourage the owners of public fran-The questions which will come up for chises to use their influence with the discussion at the present session of the legislature to preserve and protect them British House of Commons are likely to in their monopoly. This in turn brings prove of the most transcendent importabout the modern and highly developed | ance to people in all parts of the Em-

science called lobbying. It is said that pire, and we may be sure the reports of no less than three applications for the the proceedings will also be eagerly right to build railways and tramways scanned by the citizens of all the civilin the North are being opposed by the | ized nations of the earth. In the pres-White Pass railway, principally on the ent crisis the colonies have set the exground that they may affect the price ' ample of unity, and given an iLustration of the attitude which should be assumed

of the latter's bonds in London. by all who truly desire the welfare of We do not know how susceptible the the nation, and at this distance it seems average member of the legislature is to as if it were the duty of the opposition the influence of a vigorously conducted to drop all criticism until the enemy has 'lobby," but we are inclined to think that the reasons for refusing railway the campaign brought to a triumphant been driven from British territory and charters, which convey no exclusive conclusion. The war has undoubtedly right or concession, must be strong laid bare the weak points in the British enough to convince the public that they | military system, and it is the part of the are good and sufficient. Provided that opposition to bring the responsibility for the public interest is protected, that the these defects home to the proper parties; public treasury or public domain is un- but it has also exhibited to an astonishtouched, and that the transportation ed world the strength of the nation in

est in the development of the North by pete with any other city in the States perimental Farm, Ottawa. The distribuof oats, spring wheat, barley, field pease, Indian corn and potatoes. Each sample

will weigh three pounds. The quality of the seed will be of the best, the varieties toria, 1895: true to name and the packages will be The suggestion of the Colonist this sent free to applicants, through the mail. morning that in the event of the offer | The object in view is the improvement of the character and quality of the grain, etc., grown in Canada, an effort widely that Cyl. Gregory should be named for appreciated, and the choice of varieties to the command is one with which we cord be sent out will be confined to those which law for the purpose of constructing any dially agree. It would be a fitting thing have been found to succeed well at the Experimental Farms. for whoever may be charged with the

These samples will be sent only to those work of appointing officers of the con- who apply personally, lists of names from tingent to offer the position of command- societies or individuals cannot be coning officer to one who has given so much be sent to each applicant, hence if an insidered. Only one sample of one sort can Applications should be addressed to the be closed, so that the samples asked for may all be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing will please mention the sort of grain they would prefer, and ; should the available stock of the variety named be exhausted, some other good sort

sent to the Experimental Farm free of Vancouver postage. WM. SAUNDERS. Director Experimental Farms.

Ottawa, January 22nd, 1900. AN ENORMOUS SALE.

To all who have felt the evil effects of deranged kidneys it is interesting to know 000 sterling. that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are meeting with enormous sale and unparalleled success in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers.

NEW SENATORS

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 30.-Robert Watson, Manitoba; J. P. B. Casgrain, Quebec; Charles Burpee, Sunbury, N.B., and T. G. Fulford, Brockville, have been appointed senators. Thomas Greenway will have the refusal of the other vacancy in Manitoba. Hon. Joseph Shehyn will likely get the vacant position in Quebec.

Port Dover, Jan. 29 .- The Meads House was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The inmates only had time to escape in their night clothes.

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Are prepared from Nature's mild laxatives, and while gentle are reliable and efficient. They

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Cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, and Constipation. Sold everywhere, 25c. per box. lights.

At the time your netitioner securied the said rights, privileges and franchise, the Vancouver Incorporation Act contained the following clause which protected your petitioner's rights, sub. sec. 6 of sec. 16, chapter 68 of 58 Vig-

6a. In case there be any gas, elecferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899." tric lighting, tramway, or water company incorporated, and carrying on their Dropped. business within the limits of the said Mr. J. Martin, who had returned to the city, the council shall not pass any by-House after some days' absence, dropped his motion asking for a return of such work, or by virtue of which the requisitions made by members of the sity will become a competitor in the House for public works, in response to business carried on by such companies, the circular sent out by the Deputy Comor any of them, or in any other manner

missioner of Lands and Works. exercise the powers conferred by the Athin and His Honor. five preceding sections until such council has by by-law fixed the price which Mr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Helmeken, for copies of all correspondence they will offer for the property of the company or companies, whose corpora between His Honor the Lieutenanttions will be interfered with, nor until 30 Governor and the executive council of British Columbia, or any member or days have elapsed after such notice of such price shall have been communicatmembers thereof, with reference to the

ed to such company or companies " Bennett Lake and Atlin mining divis-5. That your petitioner is now under ons, and the administration thereof. and by virture of the said rights, pow-Hon. Mr. Semlin intimated that there ers, privileges and franchises so acquirwas no objection to the motion on be ed by them operating a system half of the government, but he noted 10 street railways, and carrying on the busi- that it was very indefinite. The mover ness of electric lighting in the city of might save time if he would state exactly what he wanted.

6. That the capital stock of your pe-Mr. McBride said the correspondence Ationer amounts to £570,000 sterling, he was anxious to have related to Atlin, £120,000 sterling preference shares and and particularly to certain observations £200.000 sterling ordinary shares (which made by the Lieutenant-Governor dur said shares are fully paid up), and de- ing his stay up there, dealing directly bentures charged upon the undertaking with the administration of the country of your petitioner to the extent of £250,- up there. The correspondence would be

since the date of His Honor's return. 7. Your petitioner since so acquiring sometime in September last. He believthe said undertaking, and acting upon | ed the people of Atlin were anxious to the faith of the rights, privileges and know what His Honor did after giving tranchises so acquired in them, spent large utterance to his determination to make sums of money, to wit not less than certain representations to his govern-\$450,000 in permanent improvements to ment with respect to the administration their lighting and street railway plant of affairs in Addin' as a result of his in the city of Vancouver. visit there.

8. That the said capital stock is divid-The motion was passed. ed amongst a large number of shareholders and debenture holders, the ma-

The next motion on the paper was for jority of them living in England. 9. That a petition of the corporation of the resumption of the adjourned debate the city of Vancouver has been presenton the resolution moved by Mr. Higgins ed to your honorable body, praying that on the 26th instant, as follows: an act may be passed revising, consoli-"That a committee, consisting of dating and amending the Incorporation Messrs. McBride, Prentice, R. Smith, Act of the said city of Vancouver, being McPherson and Higgins, be appointed 49 Victoria, Chapter 22, of the statutes to visit the Provincial Lunatic Asylum of British Columbia, and an act has at New Westminster, with power to exbeen brought down to your honorable amine into and report upon the adminis-

House styled "An Act to revise and tration of the affairs, the condition and consolidated the Vancouver Incorporarequirements of the institution, with tion 'Act." power to send for persons and papers, 10. That the said act does not contain examine witnesses under oath, and resuch a clause as that set out in paraport the result of their inquiries to this

graph 4, nor any other clause which House.' protects your petitioner's rights in this Mr. Speaker-The resolution is in order. 11. That the said act as brought down Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said that Mr. and read a first time prejudicially affects

the rights. privileges and franchises of vour petitione 12. The said act so brought down by section 112, empowers the corporation of the city of Vancouver from time to time to pass, alter and repeal by-laws for certain purposes therein enumerated,

and your petitioner's company objects to the following sub-sections of said section 112: Sub-section 1, which authorizes the ac-

quiring, constructing, etc., of electric Prepared by C.I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

the government of the Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Attor-Dominion of Canada, or any member ney-General the following question: Is thereof; also all correspondence between it the intention to bring into force the the government of British Columbra and any person or persons, miners or mine Torrens Act passed last session, and owners' unions, relating to the enforcewhen: and if not, why not? ment of the provisions of section 4 of Hon. Mr. Henderson answered: This an Act entitled "Inspection of Metallimatter is still under consideration.

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Westminster Lunatic Asylum.

Premier's Private Secretary. Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Premier

the following questions: 1. When did Mr. C. B. Sword cease to be private secretary to the Premier? 2. How much was paid to Mr. Sword altogether as salary, and when was the last payment made?

Hon. Mr. Semlin in reply said: Mr. Sword ceased to be private secretary on August 31st, 1899. He was paid \$423.33. Presumably the last payment was made on August 31st at the time he left. Mr. J. Martin said he would like the Premier to inform him exactly as to when the last payment was made.

Mistaken for a Grouse.

Hon. Mr. Henderson gave his delayed reply to the latter part of Mr. Helmcken's question asked last week, as to why the government had remitted half the fine imposed on Dominion Fishery Officer Galbraith for shooting a hea pheasant. The Attorney-General said the reason for remitting a portion of the fine was that the payment of half the fine was considered a sufficient punishment, as Galbraith pleaded guilty. No depositions were taken before the magistrate, but the facts were set out in the correspondence in the Attorney-General's department. From that correspondence it was clear that the bird was mistaken for a grouse. (Laughter.) An Hon. Member-A fowl. Another Hon. Member-Mistaken by whom?

Col. Baker-By the government. (Renewed laughter.) Mr. Helmcken-By Mr. Galbraith.

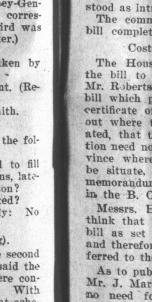
Still Vacant. Mr. Turner asked the Premier the fol-

lowing questions: 1. Has anyone been appointed to fill

the position, or any of the positions, lately occupied by William Stephenson? 2. If so, who has been appointed? Hon. Mr. Semlin said in reply: No appointment has been made.

Hon. Mr. Henderson moved the second reading of the Jurors Act. He said the mportant features of the bill were contained in sections 2, 3, 9 and 10. With regard to section 2 it provided that schedule B, as amended, should apply to the territory now or hereafter included in the Atlin Lake registry of the Supreme Court. The selection of jurors as applied to the counties of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo

upon the hon. gentleman that the in- dition to the abolition of the distinction quiry should not involve any large ex- in payment between jurors resuling east Sub-section 2, so far as it authorizes pense. If the government had the hon, and west of the Cascades, for the pay-



Jurors Act (Second Reading).

Higgins had not given to the government that private information which he would now apply to the Atlin Lake regtalked about on Friday so as to enable istry. Section 3 made the provisions of the government to understand the scope the Jurors Act apply to the territory of the proposed inquiry. The governnow or hereafter included in the Nelson ment had no objection to the resolution and Rossland registries of the Supreme passing. At the same time he was en- Court. This would facilitate business. tirely ignorant as to its scope and as to Sections 4, 5 and 6 applied to procedure the information that the hon, member at Rossland and Nelson. Perhaps the had in his possession. The government most important part of the bill was conwas, of course, desirous of impressing tained in clause 9 which provides, in ad-