and the necessity of action fully realized,

but no decision had been reached yet as

to where the responsibility of each ceased as there must certainly be co

operation. Representatives of the west

ern governments will be in Ottawa in

day or two and the matter will the

tion has been in the west investigating and seed tests are being conducted by

the parties interested. The railways

would be communicated with and in

the difficulty. Referring to the opposi-

tion member's (Lake) speech, the min-

ister said that the political advantage

was all on the side of the opposition,

the necessity of action was unfortunat

he expressed the hope that it would re

but urged that care be used that the dis

tribution be as efficient as possible. He

was sure no political capital would be

make of it. He was prepared to sup-

able assistance to secure seed for the

At the evening session Hon, L. P.

Brodeur resumed the discussion of the French treaty, devoting much attention

to prove that the treaty marked a new

era in Canadian diplomacs, as it was ne-

gotiated by Canadians alone, and quot-

ed a despatch of the colonial secretary in '95, that after that British ambassa-

dors alone must negotiate trade treaties. Brodeur quoted a mass of statistics af-

Ames, while he hoped the bulk of the

rates from the south to the

trade would be direct, deprecated the compelling of all goods to go direct,

north of France, whence direct lines

run will kill the benefit in many cases

a first reading and the house rose at

A bill embodying the treaty was given

11 p. m.

The minister of railways today laid

on the table of the house the second an-

the department, organized a couple of

nual report of the statistical branch of

years ago. This is the second report

and it contains considerable information

which was not given in the first state-

ment issued. The report shows that,

\$5,000,000 from other sources. This repre-

ion. There were 1099 miles of new

more than were actually brought into

use during the year. The total mileage was slightly in excess of 75,000,000, an

T. P. AWARDING CONTRACTS

FOR PACIFIC SECTIONS

REORGANIZATION OF PROVINCIAL

MEDICAL COUNCIL

(Special to The Daily News)

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—Foley Bros.-Lar-son & Stewart have been awarded the

contract by the Grand Trunk Pacific for the construction of the section 120

miles west of Edmonton. A representa-

now at the coast preparing a bid in com

petition with the above firm for the Pa-

cific section.

t is learned that there has been a

terior physicians to obtain representa-

medical council. The local doctors are

said to have been very warm on many

points, and after the meeting the re-

formers suggested a plan to divide the

resentatives on the council to the lower mainland, two to the island and two to

the latter are Dr. Rutherford, of Revel-

SHUFFLE OF SUPERINTENDTS

stoke, and Dr. Arthur of Nelson.

The names mentioned for

nbination formed of local and in-

increase of 21.30 per cent.

port the government in giving reason

ceive fair criticism.

western farmers.

fected by the treaty.

from the government's standpoint, and

R. L. Borden approved the proposition.

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa Jan 16.-Under the house ules, as a matter of public urgency, lthough the French convention was the rder of the day, an adjournment was aken when Clifford Sifton drew attenion to the necessity of supplying seed were frozen.

Sifton has recently returned from Winnipeg, where he had been informed that serious conditions exist. They wished to be understood that it was not an affair of charity, but a loan, many of short time measures be taken to meet the farmers with plenty of assets, owing to the financial conditions, could not get ready money to purchase seed. Owing to favorable weather conditions in the late fall a larger area than usual had been prepared for seed and if not d, several hundred thousand acres would not be sown.

Under present conditions no help can be expected from the banks or loan companies, and something should cerainly be done to relieve the situation. It was suggested that the provincial governments assume the responsibility distributing and securing the repayment of money which might be vanced by the federal government. He did not know if it would be the correct course to pursue,, but understood that the matter would be discussed by the provincial government representatives at an early date in Ottawa.

In closing he spoke of the loss which entailed if several hundred thousand arces were no seeded, estimating that under ordinary conditions the loss would equal \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,-Mr. Lake followed, and agreed as to

the conditions in certain districts and said that while under favorable conditions frozen grain would grow, it was not a wise policy to plant more than could be helped. If financial conditions were normal he did not think it would be necessary to call on the government He reminded the minister of drawing attention to the situation on Dec. 16. He thought it would be better to advance money with necessary guarantee for seed, only to be collected in installents by the local authorities. Were the government to distribute the seed it might give wrong impressions abroad, unusual conditions are not understood. Dr. Cash said that in his district seed oats were the greatest necessity, and spoke of the farmer with \$12,000 assets, who could not raise \$70 The banks not only will not lend but are hard on those who do owe them. Two had seasons, owing to seed short-

ige, would be a calamity.

Hon. Mr. Greenway referr d, with ev Hon Mr. Greenway refer 4, with evi-lent pride, to the \$40,000 by for farm and dairy products raised to Manitoba juring the past sensor and evcept in amited arsas, did not thing her was needed as plenty of grain was available in the province. He thought it better, however, to deal with the questions before all the grain was shipped east Staples concurred and he hoped Manitoba would not be overlooked, however in the arrangements made. He thought the provincial authorities were in the best position to handle the details of

Dr. McIntyre thought the newer settlers require aid more than the farmers

who are already settled.

Herron thought no aid was required in southern Alberta except in isolated cases, but agreed that something should granted on the recommendation of the improvements boards. Col. Hughes. having expressed sympathy with the B Osler expressed the opinion that it would be a mistake to lend directly to the farmers, as in many instances the money would never be repaid. He suggested the matter should be dealt with in a business way,

through a loan company. McCraney thought it better to supply seend than money; there was plenty of good seed available for purchase in the Goose lake district.

Jackson agreed with the other Manitoba members that that province would not require much help and also that it uld be better distributed through the provincial governments. TO RUSH WESTERN END

Crawford approved, as did George Tayor, chief conservative whip, but thought the best way would be to deal through the banks and grain dealers. Dr. Schaffner was surprised that an old parliamentarian like Sifton should bring up the question without more member who spoke had men tion a request made to them for seed. Certainly none had in his district. However, he was prepared to support a provision to aid those farther west. It was better to supply seed than money, but before anything was done, more definite information should be gathered. He was opposed to the idea that the problem would best be handled by the banks and grain dealers. He had no confidence in the latter and the former had stretched branches all over the country and were now taking advantage of the confidence that they had had. Influence should be brought to bear on the banks to make them more reasonable. They approved of supplying seed through

the provincial government. Dr. Roche deprecated discussion, as liable to be hurtful abroad and thought Sifton's information might not be altogether disintered. He thought that the municipal authorities were the best judges, and to them provincial authorities would doubtless appeal to distribute

McCarthy had no demand in his section; if any plan were decided on there should be no discrimination as to length

Medicine Hat, Jan. 17-Although no official announcement has been made it i Hon. Frank Oliver regretted the negenerally understood that the superintencessity but as it exists it might as well dents in this and some of the other adbe discussed. The past season was unfortunate, but it would be a double missifted around in the near future. Supershifted around in the near future. Super-intendent Lawrence, it is rumored, goes to fortune should there be another short crop for lack of seed. Probably the Saskatoon, being replaced here by super-intendent J. G. Taylor of Fort William; provincial government and municipalities could supply all the needed help in Manitoba. The greatest assistance was needed in Saskatchewan and northern supposed to be slated for Cranbrook while superintendent Erickson of that district is The matter had been dis- to be moved to another branch of the ser- and will b incoreporated in the "transaccussed with the provincial governments

(From Friday's Daily)

The meeting of the western branch of the be taken up. In view of the greater necessity of Saskatchewan it will pos-Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers sibly have a different arrangement to was continued yesterday, when morning and afternoon sessions were held, with the Alberta. The commissioner of immigraesident of the branch, A. B. W. Hodges eneral superintendent of the Granby Con seed commissioners. Up to the present solidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co., time the government had abundance of advice, but very little information from f Grand Forks, in the chair.

Before summarizing yesterday's pr ings it may be mentioned that at his own equest the name of J. J. Campbell was withdrawn from the ballot paper for the ouncil and that of S. G. Baylock subtuted therefor, in whose favor Mr. Campbell wished to retire.

The first business taken up vesterday forning was consideration of the follow ing two resolutions, which were unaniously adopted:

Proposed by E. Jacobs and seconded by Thomas Kiddie: "That the western branch of the Canadian Mining institute hereby expresses its satisfaction at the establishment of a dominion department of mines, with its geological and mines branches, under the control of a minister of mines and directed by his several chief officials, the deputy minis director of the geological branch and diector of the mines branch, respec t also expresses its appreciation of the valuable work heretofore done in western Canada by the geological survey, particuarly in the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields and later in Kootenay, Boundary, Similameen and Skeena districts and the comparatively large amount of geological and pographical work done in the Yukon territory. Further it places on record its recognition of the systematic and thorough work of the zinc commission and of the more recent efforts of the mines branch o collect and compile for publication stastics and other useful information conerning the mining and smelting industries of western Canada. Finally, it notes with satisfaction the considerable increase in the amount placed by the dominion govrnment on the estimates for the ensuing iscal year for the purposes of continuing and extending the valuable work of the espective branches of the department of nines and it respectfully commends to the favorable consideration of the inister of mines and his chief officials the great need existing for field work

operations in western Canada on an adein addition to the mileage of Canadian uate scale, so that the development of the railways during the year, there was 1049 normous mineral resources of this very mileage of double tracking, an increase mportant part of the dominion may be from 743 to 1067 miles, almost wholly further encouraged and facilitated."

It was further resolved that the secretary applicable to main lines and will represent a substantial addition to transporrward copies of the foregoing resolution tation facilities. The total of all track o the Right Hon. the prime minister, the now amounts to 27,611 miles. The num-Hon, the minister of mines, th edeputy ber of miles actually under construcninister of mines and the directors of the tique during the year is estimated at 8000. This does not include lines progeological and mines branches respectively.
Proposed by S. S. Fowler and seconded cted not under government control y Frederic Keffer: "That in the opinion f the western branch of the Canadian his report shows that Canada has a lation, than the United Kingdom or the United States France Mining institute the mining industry of tish Columbia has attained to such com-States, France or any of the paratively large proportions in regard to British colonies, but a lower mileage, annual total value of its mineral products asured against territory, than any of and gives such promise of continued steady these countries; in other words, Canada increase in activity and productive results stands foremost among nations in transas to call for larger annual appropriations portation in proprotion to its population for the practical purposes of the while her ample territory gives her the cial bureau of mines so that the examina greatest room for expansion. The total earnings from operations were upwards of \$146,000,000, of which \$93,000,000

tion of mining districts and the dissemin-ation of useful information relative to their mineral resources, may be on a scale came from the freight service and more in keeping with the fast growing importance of the mining industry sented an increase of 176 per cent over 1906. The total earnings were equal to has been reasonably practicable during recent years. It is therefore respectfully \$6535 per mile, and operating expenses urged that, while much good work has al \$4,620. Last year 16,946 freight cars ready been done, the great benefit the ade were added to the total supply. Allowquate development of the mining industry ing for wear and tear, etc., it is estiwill be to the province at large, as well mated that 3762 new cars were acquired as to the districts more directly interested be fully recognized and that the provincial in 1907 to replace those put out of comovernment make more liberal provisi railway put into operation during the for the work of the bureau of mines, so year and on the basis indicated in the that this serviceable department may be preceding paragraph and applied to 1906, enabled to considerably extend its effec-tive work, thereby ensuring that the minthe additional mileage would call for an equipment of 4523 freight cars. Fig-uring on this basis, it is estimated that industry shall enjoy the benefit of simar liberal treatment by the government as 18 317 cars were necessary in order to has been, and is being, given to the agricultural and fruit growing industries of maintain normal conditions, or 1368

he province." The secretary was directed to send copies f this resolution to the Hon, the premie and the provincial bureau of mines. The secretary suggested that the various mining districts of the province should make an effort to communicate notes on the progress of mining in their districts to retary of the Canadian Mining in stitute for reading at the annual meeting be held in Ottawa next March, so that the development of the mining industry of

the province may be made known on that The committee on bylaws appointed the evious day made a verbal report to the fect that the bylaws of the parent in titute must govern the conduct of this ranch though such modification as shall e considered necessary may be recomthe Canadian Mining institute.

tive McArthur Bros., of Winnipeg, is S. S. Fowler here extended to the mem ers, on behalf of that company, a cordial ritation to visit the reduction works of the Canada Zinc company now in course construction within a short distance the city. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

tion of the latter on the provincial This completed the general business of the morning. W. A. Davidson, engineer of the West Canada Collieries company, Blairmore, Alberta, read a paper on th Utilization of Waste at Lille Colliery and How it is Accomplished." An interesting province into districts, giving three repcusson followed which occupied the attention of the meeting until the session was adjourned for luncheon.

At two o'clock some 20 members left by electric car for the Canada Zinc company's works, over which they were shown by the resident officials. Upon the return to the city the afternoon session was opened at 3.30. The several papers read and discussed were as follows: Note on Cost of Diamond drilling in the Boundary Disrict, by Frederic Keffer; Handling 3000 tons of Ore per Day at the Granby Mines and Smelter, by A. B. W. Hoodges; Mineral Production of British Columbia in 1907, by E. Jacobs.

Other papers were read by title. All will be presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining institute in March tions" of the year.

ncluded the businesss whereupon Messrs, Keffer and Hodges for having been largely instrumental in bringing about the holding of the meeting and the resultant organization of the new branch; to the committee of Nelson members of the institute, particularly Messrs. Campbell and Fowler, for having made arrangements for the convention, sarrying out of the local arrangements for holding the meeting and for the entertainment and hospitality provided for the enjoyment of the visiting members ad the ladles accompanying some of them; to the Canada Zinc company for the opportunity to inspect its works, and to The Daily News and Canadian newspapers for the publicity they had given the

In conclusion it may be said that the

proceedings.

meeting was decidedly successful, both in point of attendance and as regards its representative nature. The attendance of members was as follows. W. B. Bishop, A. B. W. Hodges, C. T. Mitchell and W. St. John Miller, Grand Forks; F. Keffer and C. Varcoe, Greenwood; C. Rundberg, Phoe nix: W. E. Zwicky, Kaslo: Jas. Buchanan, Trail; E. C. Browne-Cave, Vancouver; E. Jacobs, Victoria: W. A. Davidson, Blair more, and C. P. Hill, Frank, Alta.; J. C. Haas, Spokane; Thos, Kiddle, Northpor The Nelson members in attendance G. H. Barnhart, S. G. B'aylock, J. J. Campbell, S. S. Fowler, A. C. Garde, A. H. Gracey, Leslie Hill, B. A. Isaac, A. L. McKillop, G. A. Revell and E. W. Widdow-son, The non-members present were: A. D. Wheeler, Ainsworth; J. A. Whittler, Kaslo: A. W. Davis and L. Pratt, Sandon;

Crawford, E. F. Miltenberger, Bruce Ritchie and C. H. Rowlands, Nelson.

The following were nominated for mem bership in the Canadian Mining Institute: Thos. Brown, A. H. Church, Frank; F. W. Guernsey, E. F. Miltenberger, Louis Pratt, C. H. Rowlands and J. A. Whittier. The dance in the evening was a great

success from every point of view. The vistors to Nelson were impressed with the social as well as they had been with the mining side of this district and generally a very enjoyable time was had. The din-ing room at the Hume was given up to the dancers and was thoroughly in keeping with the suroundings. The floor was good and though somewhat crowded because of the large number of guests present, invited to do honor to the occasion, was filled with an appreciative assemblage. The music was given by Curtis' orchestra and the supper served was a credit to the caterer, Belleville Tompkins. Dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning and the occasion will not be readily for gotten by those present.

RETURN TO WORK

Special to The Daily News.) Moyie, Jan. 13.—By a vote of 156 to 85, the miners of the Moyle union last night voted to return to work under the wage scale offered by the board of arbitra- tion. The mine had closed down on Friday last but it is expected that it will reopen immediately.

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HAWTHORNTHWAITE PREPARING SENSATION OF SESSION

NOTORIOUS SEATTLE CRIMINAL SHOT IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 13.-It is unerstood the sensation of the coming legislative session will be the arraignment of lieutenant-governor Dunsmuir for participation in contracts for Japanese.

Hawthornthwaite will assume the lead in the contest, and local socialists have been procuring data for him for some time. It is said he is assured of the backing of prominent members of house and that one method to be fol-lowed is to demand for all correspondence with the federal gvernment regarding the Natal act of last session exact plan of Hawthornthwaite is not known, but his supporters say he will precipitate the flercest discussion of the

At the inquest on George Blackburn, said to be from up country, who was found dead in a local sporting house on New Year's day, this morning, the evidence showed that the man's stomach contained traces of morphine and the jury brought in a verdict accord-It is understood that the woman with whom he was staying will be charged with murder tomorrow morn-

ing.
Clyde Brownfield, a notorious Seattle burglar was shot here this morning while attempting to break away from a constable. The man is a pal of King, now serving a life sentence at Walla Walla, who last year shot point blank at a local detective, and of White, who was recently hanged in Washington. Brownfield has 15 convictions against him and is understood to have come here ,having jumped his bail in Seattle. His career of the past few weeks is being looked into.

At the opening session of the new city council this afternoon a resolution was adopted calling on the city solicitor to advise as to the right of the city to make enquiry into residents carrying or storing arms. In the discussion it was stated that citizens had been stopped and searched by armed guards, both on the streets of Japtown and on private premises lately. Evidences of organization were noted in the repetition of these incidents and evident prearranged changing of guards. The attitude of the council was strongly in favor of promptly putting a stop to this menace membership. to the city's peace.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED Dalas, Texas, Jan 17 - The Western Bank and Trust company, a private institution, capitalized at \$500,000, passed into the hands of an assignee last night. Heavy withdrawals since the recent financial disturbance is given as a reason. Liabilities are given at \$1,054,104. The assets are not

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday, was organized in this city western branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers. There is at present a membership in the west of about 150 and it is thought that with the localizing of the institution that this membership will be easily increased within the year to 200 member. There was little done at the meeting of yesterday beyond the formal organization. The fuller organization, as to details, was left over for today. There will be norning and afternoon sessions and in the evening the many visiting members and their wives will be entertained

dance at the Hume hotel. Frederic Keffer, of Greenwood, taking the chair, and A. H. Gracey, of Eva mine, being appointed secretary for the meeting, a roll call of those present was taken. These were: J. C. Haas, A. B. W. Hodges, S. S. Fowler, F. Keffer, E. Jacobs, J. J. Campbell, L. Hill, A. C. Garde, E. C. Browne-Cave, W. A. Davidson, A. L. McKillop, G. E. Revell, A. H. Gracey, T. Kiddie, C. P. Hill, W. Miller, C. Rundberg, C. Varcoe, C. T. Mitchell, W. B. Bishop, S. G. Blay lock, J. Buchanan, E. W. Widdowson and B. A. Isaac. There were others pres ent, several of whom will be member of the institute. Amongst these were: L. Pratt, A. D. Wheeler, E. F. Miltenberger, J. A. Whittier and F. Fletcher. Frederic Keffer, as president, made an address in which he stated the chiects of the meeting, including the formation of a western branch of the institute. It was then moved by S. S. Fowle and seconded by C. P. Hill, that "we

low constitute ourselves a western branch of the Canadian Mining institute." This was carried. The next order of business was the lection of permanent officers, with the following result: President, A. B. W. Hodges; secretary, E. Jacobs; executive council, P. S. Couldrey, R. H. Stewart L Hill O E S Whiteside W M rewer, J. C. Haas, E. C. Musgrave,

J. McEvoy and S. G. Blaylock. While the scrutineers were examining the ballot papers, E. Jacobs stated that the provincial mineralogist had requested him to, express his regret that his official duties just now prevented him from leaving Victoria, so that he was

unable to attend the meeting. A. B. W. Hodges then took the chair and in his opening address started by thanking his brother engineers for the honor done him. He said: "I have be-longed to the institute for a great many years but have been so busy that I have never had time to attend a meeting in the east. When the institute suggested this plan I was heartily in favor of a branch out here and I know all the gentlemen present are interested enough to endorse my sentiments. But an endeavor should be made to increase the membership as soon as possible. It takes co-operation to make a success of this branch. The whole reason of the formation of the western branch is that the busy members out west cannot at-tend the meetings of the institute held n the east.

"I think we should have a committee of three appointed to look into the bylaws of the Canadian institute and report tomorrow on such changes which they may think advisable to make. I appoint on that committee, Messrs Fowler, L. Hill and J. C. Haas."

E. Jacobs, the newly elected secretary, thanked the members for his election as secretary and went on to say that there were nearly 150 members of the new western branch, including those in British Cólumbia, in Alberta and in Washington, and prophesied that within a year there would be a membership of at least 200. Mr. Jacobs pointed out that the government of the province was paying a great deal of attention to agriculture, but not so much to mining. The new branch of the institute mig induce it to make a difference in this

regard. The president at the conclusion of the remarks made by Mr. Jacobs declared that it was not the intention that afternoon to proceed to the reading of technical papers, but rather to have an informal discussion as to the best method of carrying on the newly formed branch of the institute. F. Keffer thought it would be well to

have little local branches of the insti-tute in the different mining centres, to meet every month or so.

S. S. Fowler thought that there would be hardly a sufficient membership present in any one of these centres, with the possible exception of the Boundary, to make such meetings interesting. Th speaker thought that there should be quarterly or semi-annual meetings. This led to some discussion and finally the meetings of the western branch of the institute should be thrice yearly. Mr. Keffer agreed with Mr. that the oftener meetings could be held the better the members could get to-

J. C. Haas suggested the reading of paas far as possible, informal.

T. Kiddle agreed as to the non-formality of the meetings and thought that meetings three times a year would be

ample.

E. Jacobs called attention the fact that the general meeting of the institute would be held this year in Ottawa, in March next, and that it would be in order for the western branch to prepare for that annual meeting any-thing that the west particularly thought desirable for discussion. The speaker went on to give the bylaws of the institute as to membership and associate

Mr. Jacobs then remarked: "In view of the fact that the department of mines is now organized, it would be politic for us to draft a resolution congratulating the dominion government upon its establishment and expressing apreciatio of the usefud work done in the west by the Geological Survey and, as well, with reference to the statistics gathered by R. R. Hedley throughout the province." Mr.

Jacobs also called attention to the fact that it had been said that the Canadian mint could not use Canadian metal for its work, inasmuch as there was no refinery for certain metals within the Dominion. This was not the case, inasmuch as there was such a refinery at Trail. This matter should be taken

up by the institute.

The secretary was instructed to preo'clock, to meet this morning at 11 o'clock and again at 2 o'clock. S. S. Fowler, on behalf of the Nelson members, tendered an invitation to the members to be present at a dance this evening in the Hume hotel.

SHIPMENTS STILL LIGHT

BOUNDARY AGAIN FIGURES UPON THE LIST

SLOCAN AND ROSSLAND ABOVE THE AVERAGE

The shipments for the past week have been light but this is entirely due to the Boundary. The shipments from Rossland and from the Slocan are above in addition to the reading of the speech the average and one or two new propthe average and one or two new properties are to be seen upon the list. The shipments from the Boundary section are merely light because of the inability reading of a bill to amend the Supreme to start at once so large a property as the Granby running in full swing within a few weeks. Within a few weeks the output should be at least up to normal conditions Following are the shipments, up to date

e beginning of the year: BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS Mine Year Week ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS Centre Star 3,783 Le Roi No. 2 .

SLOCAN-KOOTENAY SHIPMENTS Sulliwan St. Eugene Whitewater Deep Whitewater, milled La Plata Poorman, milled Ferguson RamblerCariboo Arlington: Slocan Arlington, Erie Montezuma Nugget Lone Bachelor Nugget

The total shipments for the past week vere 22,121 tons, and for the year to date

29,540 tons. GRANBY SMELTER RECEIPTS Grand Forks, B.C.

CONSOLIDATED CO.'S RECEIPTS ______Trail, B. C. Centre Star 3,783 St. Eugene La Plata Whitewater Deep RamblerCariboo Arlington, Slocan Standard Arlington, Erie Jugget Silver Cup Nugget ...

5,693 9,982 Total LE ROI SMELTER RECEIPTS Northport, Wash. 1,821

MARYSVILLE SMELTER RECEIPTS Marysville, B.C. Sullivan 600

The total receipts at the various sm

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for the past week were 21,121 tons and for the year to date 27,561 tons.

FERNIE HAPPENINGS (Special to The Daily News)

Fernie, Jan. 16-The Old Timers' which was to have been held in the new court house on the 24th inst., has been postponed till Feb. 10, owing to a shipmen pers at such meetings, but thought the of lumber from the coast, for the finish-procedure of the meetings should be, ing of the stairways in the building, having failed to arrive. Although all pre parations for the dance had been made it was thought wiser by the committee in charge to wait until the building is en- of the province and the welfare of the

tirely completed,
The snowshoe club held their weekly tramp last night and the bright moonlight and invigorating weather brought out arge number of the members. Refreshments were indulged in at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell on the return of the party.
J. H. Nasmith, inspector of the Home

bank, is in town from Toronto and will remain for a few days. UNEMPLOYED IN SEATTLE Seattle, Jan. 17-At a convention of del

gates from labor unions it was decided last night that a demonstration be made Monday to enforce the demands of the unem-ployed for work or for food and shelter Ten thousand men will assemble and marc to the city hall where they propose to camp until the city council takes favorable ac-

(Special to The Daily News)
Victoria, Jan. 16.—Press Galley Legislative Assembly—There was a large attendance of members at the opening of the legislature this afternoon. The cuspare a resolution along these lines.

The meeting then adjourned at 5 tomary formalities were observed and everything passed off very quietly, although a report that the socialists were going to create a disturbance had brought out a strong force of police, regular and special.

After the speaker had taken the chair Hawthornthwaite moved adjournment to bring on a motion impeaching the lieutenant-governor, claiming it to be matter of great public importance. He submitted his motion in writing, but the speaker ruled that it was, not of suffiient urgency and refused to read it. Hawthornthwaite then asked to be al-

lowed to state the nature of his resolution, urging that the house was being deprived of its rights and privileges. Mr. speaker Pooley called him to order and Hawthornthwaite appealed against the ruling, with the result that the speaker

was sustained.

The only other business transacted, Court Act. House adjourned until 2

The speech from the throne was as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Leg-

islative Assembly: In meeting you again at the opening of another session, it is my privilege to be able to congratulate you on the has prevailed in nearly all lines of trade and industry. The commission on irrigation, the appointment of which was 973 authorized last session, has entered on mendations will be submitted to you. In accordance with these recomme tions legislation will be introduced secure a more equitable and efficient system of distribution of water for ir-

rigation purposes.

The large increase in immigration with the consequent demand for land under preemptions, warrants my government in asking you to place a large sum in the estimates for any extension of the provincial surveys.

A measure will be laid before you with a view to the restriction of the immigration of undesirable persons.

With the aim of encouraging and ex-

pediting railway construction, it is proposed to exempt from taxation for a period of 10 years, from time of completion, certain railways already authorized. To do this you will be asked to pass an act empowering the governent to grant such exemptions.

In accordance with your, recommenda-tion that a representative of the govern-ment should be sent to London to lay before the imperial government the fact of the refusal of the federal government to entertain British Columbia's claim for more adequate and equitable treat-ment in the matter of provisional subsidies the honorable, the first minister, was assigned to undertake the duty, and his report of his mission and its re-

ults will be laid before you. In order to secure a more efficient service in the conduct of the public business it has been thought desirable to regulate civil service, and a measure for effecting that and creating a superannuation fund will be sub

your approval. With a view to obviate the necessity of our youth going abroad to perfect themselves in the arts and sciences, an act to establish a provincial university will be introduced during the session. For the more convenient prosecu of public works under appropriations by the legislature and with the object of securing uniformity between the federal of accounting and the collections of sta-

tistics, it is deemed advisable to change the commencement of the financial year from July to April.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the finances of the province are in an excellent condition. This has enabled my government to effect a large reduc-tion in the public debt, while still able to show a substantial surplus over the

actual expenditures.

Measures will be submitted to you designed to secure to the province the full signed to secure to the province the full benefits that should accrue to the treas-ury from the utilization of its resources. The public accounts for the past finan-cial year, and the estimates for the en-suing similar period will be laid before you. The estimates have been framed with regard to economy, while provid-ing for the outlay necessary to meet ing for the outlay necessary to meet the requirements of the public service in a province, the scene of important industrial development

On account of the increase in the demands for public works and buildings and the development taking place in the northern part of the province, it is deemed advisable to create the office of minister of public works, and you will be asked to approve of an amend ment to the constitution to effect that.

I now commend those various measures to your attention, believing that their adoption will be to the advantage

YMIR NEWS NOTES (Special to The Daily News)
Ymir, Jan. 16—Clarkson Bros., of Ymir are engaged in getting out a large order

of cedar piling.

The section house here was totally destroyed this morning by fire, the occu-pants being all foreigners had narrow escapes and lost everything, one having \$70 in cash burned.

Roger Clarkson and bride have returned from Toronto and have taken up their residence on Second avenue. The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid gave a successful entertainment last evening.

Dr. Judson Clark of Vancouver, has been inspecting timber on Porcupine creek, owned by the Active Gold Mining company of Cincinnati. The limit comprises some 5100

STRICT RUL

(Special to The Daily New Ottawa, Jan. 14.-When the he the premier, replying to R. L. said the postmaster-general wou a position to fix a date before of the week on which he woul an explanation to the house. said there was absolutely no trut report that the Halifax garrison replaced by British troops.

Hon. W. S. Fielding entered
lengthy explanation of the term
convention with France which t

Brodeur and the British ambas Brodeur and the British ambassi gotiated last fall. The resolu which that was based havin adopted without comment by an standing with the opposition Fielding dealt first with trade sion, pointing out that trade wi ain had increased from ninety-eillions to two hundred and eightlions in the last 10 years, how was aparent that this was not su The home producers were any was aparent that this was not so The home producers were any reach the world's markets. Sir Tupper's treaty with France wa in the right drection, but the two objections: Canada got but a list of advantages in comparise those accorded, and certain thin required to be snipped direct to the advantage of a minimum After mentioning the diplomat cuittes, among which was a p of the old treaty according to of the old treaty according to nation clause, which might be a other nations, the objects of the ation were summarized as follo remove inequalities and make co remove inequalities and make co fairly reciprocal; to guard againtessions injurious to any Canadi ests; to reserve, as far as poss British preference established tariff policy of last session, and granting France the favored agreements to reserve the right agreements to reserve the right ing any tariff arrangements w and desirable to confine them; as possible to French specialitic are unlikely to compete to at degree with our own or Britis tries and to secure the favore treatment for such articles as for export or may reasonably have in the future.
Fielding, going into details,

French government claims difference between the French and maximum is greater than tween Canada's intermediate eral, and this is the reason so eral, and this is the reason so cles were from ½ to 5 per coariff ranging from 15 to 30 the French reductions ranging to 60 per cent on higher dutie fore France was granted spec generally at preferential fig specialties which would not with Britain. Such items we medicines and silks. In laces was very close to British prefethis was the only article while competitive.

The minister gave a list of which are entitled to the favition treatment when the Fren be competitive. goes into force: Argentine, Hungary, Bolivia, Columbia, Denmark, Russia, Spain, Swede erland, Venezuela, Norway an Closing, the minister said, the treaty was for 10 years it we make at a year's notice. nable at a year's notice.
In answer to Foster, Fieldin

treaty would cause an approxim nue loss of \$4000. Fielding's speech occupied aftrenoon after recess. Fosti his criticism. He accused the ment of making the treaty ob-wanted comparative tables o Canadian trade. He said we ting no better treatment than nations, nor as good as 34 of charged the liberals with smake political capital of the making out that a new had opened, claiming that time a treaty had been ne

Canadian plenipotentiaries.

Foster then when into Foster then when into ci statistics of the old and new had little faith in the favo treaties. He preferred the Un plan of separate conventions, mer gave nothing we have He concluded by expressing that the convention would British preferred to 6 per

British preference to 6 per A deputation of Canadian ers, representing 18,000 acr culture and \$2,000,000 of inv tal, waited on the premier ing today in reference to the in the French convention.
sired assurance that it will
the exclusion of spurious Fre
such as are already forbidder
as said to be made with ch the law remains as this claims, their industry will totally destroyed. The mini totally destroyed. The

sideration.

Thirteen amateur companised to give the matter the far entered for the govern musical and dramatic compe is to be held in Ottowa the mencing Feb. 24. Lively already assured.

The railway commission

series of orders requiring of the dominion to equip a senger cars with fire exting bidding the use of lignite for railway purposes, requir to maintain inspection of trestles during the midsur so as to guard against th of fires and to maintain alor sections sufficient fire gue ventative against damage These fire guards are to and kept rid of wood and material. The railway con also ordered that loco with screens of mesh so as risk from sparks. Inspects appointed by the railways observance of these requiexaminations are to be made motives at least once a week are provided for infraction these orders, and the insp Railway Commission staff

they are carried out.