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From Tuesday's Daily Ediltion.) Seals Driven From Rookeries

One of the Reasons Why the Islands Are Being Deserted.

Belated Vessels at Sea -Another Inquiry Into Tartar's Troubles.

Collector Milne has about completed his annual report to the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa on the sealing industry of the past year. In it will be mentioned the effect of the notorious branding operations. Seals have been found this year which still retained. been found this year which still retained horrible marks from the little electric branding machine. Many Canadian captains have told Collector Milne of these discoveries and the latter is now firmly convinced it was nothing else than the branding operations that have driven the seals broadcast over Behring Sea. "Seals can be domesticated to a certain extent," said Mr. Milne yesterday, "and I am not surprised to hear of them leaving the rookeries on the islands. They have horrible marks from the little electric am not surprised to hear of them leaving the rookeries on the islands. They have

been frightened away and this year they have been found all over Behring Sea." Where most of the catches have been made this year has been to the north-east of the islands from a hundred to a hundred and ten or twenty miles. In this locality they have never been looked for in other years and the fact that they were found in great numbers here and that the rookeries have, to a great ex-tent, been abandoned is evidence that seals will not return to their accusto haunts and breeding grounds.

QUADRA'S WEST COAST CRUISE. The Wawona Met at Bamfield Creek

Storm-Bound—Rough Weather.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra returned yesterday evening from a short cruise along the West Coast. Capt. Walbran reports the weather as very bad, a continuous succession of S. E. gales with heavy rain and thick weather making it impossible to land at any of the lighthouses. In Bamfield creek the United States three-masted schooner Wawona was met with, stormbound. As the telegraph wire from Cape Beale to Alberni is down, a message from the captain of her for a tug was taken by the Quadra to the latter place. The Wawona is bound to Port Blakeley for lumber.

This week a new era commences in the development of the mines of the Boundary district—the first shipment of ore to the smelter from the Oro Denoro in Summit camp. The B.C. will also commence shipping in a few days. Just as soon as the railroad is completed to other mines of the district shipping will ge commenced. The Winnipeg and Golden Crown in Wellington camp will be shipping ore, six of which will be larger producers than either the Le Roi or the War Eagle at Rossland.—News.

GREENWOOD. Storm-Bound-Rough Weather. Blakeley for lumber.

Some of the Fleet at Sea for Which

Anxiety Is Felt.

surance men are very uneasy over the non-arrival of a number of vessels, some non-arrival of a number of vessels, some of which are on their way to British Columbia waters and others on their way to Puget Sound. The San Francisco Call says:

"There is some fear among shipping men that the vessel seen bottom up off flattery is the bark Colusa. She left Kahului 33 days ago for Departure Bay and has not been heard from since. The passage is not an unusually long one, but then the Colusa had been ashore among the islands and had lost her forefoot and was otherwise damaged. No tepairs were made to her, but she went to the Sound in ballast, and on her arrival was to have been overhalded. There is also some uneasiness over the British bark Nanaimo, now out 106 days from Chemainus, B. C., for Nagasaki. She went the columbia was of the with some beave of the columbia and correct of the columbia and control of the board of trade passed on the 18th instant, reached the city office yesterday. It called unon the count of the columbia for the city wharf at the same time as that with reference to the C. P. R. deal. The document arrived too late for the arrangement desired.

The cigar makers of Nelson perfected an organization Saurday night, and have an olied to the International Union for a charter members and the were time. Charter members elected mesting. O. W. Terry was elect from Chemainus, B. C., for Nagasaki. She must have met with some heavy weather, and may have lost some of her

weather, and may have lost some of her spars."

The bark Highland Light, which left San Francisco for Nanaimo on October 11, is another of the overdue craft, but of her it might be stated that she was spoken about 75 miles south of the Cape by the bark Coalinga, which the Lorne towed to Port Angeles last week. The schooner American Girl and the bark Eerris S. Thompson are overdue on the Sound. The latter was spoken by the J. B. Brown, now in port, and provisions were secured from her, while the former left the Golden Gate on October S. As for others, there are the Peruvian bark Libertad, nitrate-laden for San Francisco from Pisagua, which sailed on her voyage north on August 25; and the Challenger, over five weeks out from THE SMELTING INDUSTRY. Challenger, over five weeks out from l'acoma for San Francisco, which when last seen by the steamer Albion replenished her supply of provisions. All these vessels are possibly only detained by weather such as has been known to preweather such as has been known to be vail for weeks along the coast. The arrival at Bamfield creek of the long overdue Wawona, reported off the Straits a
due the smelting and min-

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VERNON.

Hay is selling now for \$15 per ton, with chances of a considerable advance in price before spring. The rapidly increasing demand in the Kootenay markets is responsible for the high price.

Dr. White, of Fairview, was in town last week. He states that so bad are the roads that the Fairview corporation has been compelled to stop hauling ore from the Stemwinder claim to the mill at the Smuggler, where they are running through a test lot of 1,000 tons of ore.

J. Hamill, of Armstrong, who was in town last Saturday, states that never since he has been in the country have the roads throughout Spallumcheen been in such a bad condition as at present. The continued rains have made it impossible for farmers to team any wheat or other produce into town.

As hinted last week, a petition has been

REVELSTOKE.

Lieut.-Col. Peters and Capt. Taylor on Thursday picked out a suitable rifle range for practice in the spring, an excellent range of 1,000 yards being selected on the first bench at the back of the city. Col. Peters passing it as having no equal in the province. Peters passing it as having no equal in the province.

Capt. Taylor was successful in passing his first examination under Lieut.-Col. Poters and has received a commission as officer commanding the Revelstoke company. Col. Peters, during his visit, mentioned to Capt. Taylor that the turn out of the men and their soldierly bearing was only equalled by the Rossland company in the Kootenay and surpassed by none.—Herald.

GREENWOOD.

Blakeley for lumber.

THE JANE. A. FALKENBURG.

Another Telegram Sent Away Notifying the Owners to Take Prompt Action.

So far no progress has been made towards the settlement of the salvage claim of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company against the wrecked barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg, now in Esquimalth harbor. Collector Milne has again sent a message to the owners in San Francisco, advising them of the course he will be obliged to take if a settlement is not arrived at speedily. He has a man on board in charge of the wreck, and will not delay much longer selling her.

MAKING LONG VOYAGES.

Greenwood, Nov. 23.—Voting took place to-day on the electric light and tramway by-laws. Both were carried by practically a unanimous vote. The electric light is a ten-years' franchise, to be installed in 90 days. The tramway to Phoenis to be ownered intervent and tramway to place. The electric light is a ten-years' franchise, to be installed in 90 days. The tramway to Phoenis to be ownered intervent and tramway to place to within one-year. Both undertakings are to be worked by a company of local capitalists, with Duncan McIntosh of the Brandon & Golden Crown mine, at its head. A large vote was polled. The money is already in hand for the purpose.

To-day the new order instructing the board of license commissioners to stop or gambling, went into effect. Twenty-eight professional gamblers were summoned to appear. Ten were on hand and fined \$50 aplece. The others will be prosecuted. It is not the intention to draw the lines too tightly against miners, but professionals will not have an opportunity to carry on the games as fermerly.

NELSON

ASHCROFT. The busy Cariboo road is in the worst condition that it has been for many years,

THE SMELTING INDUSTRY.

C.P.R. Officials Confer With J. J. Hil in St. Paul.

a conference was held a few days ago

due Wawona, reported off the Straits a week or two ago, however, may to some extent allay uneasiness now felt for other craft.

THE TARTAR'S TROUBLE.

A New Commission Now Appointed to Investigate Complaints of Inhumanity.

The transport Tartar has given birth to so many shocking scandals that the war department has suspended the third investigation, now under way, and ordered a special examination into the case by a commission direct from Washington, says the San Francisco Examiner, Gen. Shafter has received definite instructions to drop the case until the commissioners arrive, and it is announced that they will make an exhaustive search for facts. It is not known how many officers constitute the commissioner arrived and the last service, but it is known that the volume of evidence supplied by the Examiner concerning the inhuman treatment of soldiers on the Tartar has greatly worried the administration. The culminating horror of the Starvation of the widow of Capt. Charles Collins has stirred public sentiment to the point of demanding all the facts.

and northern Idaho and Washington mine products, are located north of the boundary line, works at Trail and Nelson, B. C., handle the major part or the shipments, depriving American roads of immense shipments which they would receive if there were American smelters to care for the ore. The official was questioned concerning his road's attitude to the proposed establishment of smelting works at Spokane, and said: The Canadian Pacific will fight the project to the end. We don't want another smelter in American territory. The present works north of the line are able to handle all the ore produced and are doing an immense business. The suggestion of President Hill that a smelter be constructed at Spokane is excellent from his point of view, and would, no doubt, be of great benefit to the city. Frankly, the Canadian Pacific will not stand idle if any such attempt is made to secure a larger part of the ore shipments by either the Great Northern or Northern Pacific. It is to our interest to prevent the construction of works inside of the territory of the American roads, for they would cut into our business and cause trouble all around up."

QUEER WORDS IN VOGUE. Phonetic Glossary of South African Names and Places Now Frequently Mentioned.

The following small but fairly compre-hensive glossary has been compared by the London Daily Mail to meet demands from its readers: Afrikander (Aff-ry-kander)—A white man born in South Africa of European stock.
Bechuanaland (Beich-you-arna) -Taken into the Cape Colony in 1895; on west border of Transvaal.
Belra (Byrah) -Port of Portuguese East Africa at mouth of Pungwe river.
Berg-A hill.
Biltong-Strips of dried meat, used by Boers as prevender on the voldt.

Boers as provender on the veldt.
Bloemfontein (Bloomfontane)—Capital of Hochmontain (Bloom-plants)—Capital of the Orange Free State.

Boomplaats (Bloom-plants)—Orange Free State defeated here by British in 1848.

Command of Com-man-do)—An irregular regiment of Roors giment of Boers. Commandant (Com-man-dant)--The chief

an ox-wagon.

Donga (Dong-gah)—A deep ditch or water hole with steep sides; a gaping crack in the

Tound.

Dopper—The ultra-Puritanical Lutheran church of the Boers.

Dorp—A village.

Driff—A ford through a river.

Elandsfontein (Ee-lands-fontane)—Railway unction between Johannesburg and Pre-Elands Laagte (Ee-lanos-laarg-tay-Scene Ferreira, Colonel, C.M.G. (Ferrairah)—A liscredited Boer Jackal, created C. M. G. nany years ago for presumed services renered.

lered.
Fontein (fontane)—A spring or fountain.
Graafreinet (Grarf-rennet) — Excessively
Dutch district in Cape Colony.
Gregorowski (Greg-or-off-sky)—Chief Jus-Groot Schuur (Grewte Skoor)—"The Great Granary," residence of Mr. Rhodes in New-lands, near Capetown. Hofmeyer, Jan (Hoff-mare)—Leader of the Afrikander bond in Capetown. Chief Dutch

Afrikander bond in Capetown. Chief Dutch wire-puller.

Ingangane (In-gang-garny)—Station on Natal railway. Scene of fighting.

Joubert, General (Choo-bare)—Commander-in-chief of the Transval forces.

Kalk Bay (Cork Bay)—Seaside resort close to Capetown close to Capetown.

Khama (Karma)—Chief of the Bamangwato tribe; frleadly to Great Britain.

Kloof—A declivity or ravine on a mounain. Kopjes ((koppies)—Small hills or boulders

Kcpies ((kopples)—Small hills or boulders or any rising ground of small dimensions.

Krantz (krants)—A valley, or cleft between two hills.

Kurveyor (cur-vay-or)—A transport-rider; one in charge of an ox-wagon.

Laager (lar-ger)—Boer method of forming camp; wagons placed end to end, forming an oblong enclosure.

Leyds, Dr. (Laids)—Transvaal minister plenipotentiary in Europe, formerly state secretary. secretary.
Mafeking (Maffy-king)—Town in Uape Colony, eight miles from Transvaal forder; beseiged by Boers. Col. Baden-Powell in command of defence. Magaliesberg (Ma-har-lees-berg)—Range of

The Nelson & Bedlington road is now almost completed into Kuskono-k. When finished, in a couple of days, it will give direct connection with Spekane and outlying Pechagonand.

Magallesberg (Ma-nar-lees-berg)—Range of mountains near Rustenberg, in Transvaal. Centre of tobacco culture.

Mochudi (Mo-tshoedy)—Native town in Pechagonand.

name for Englishman.
Sluit (sloot)—A ditch or small watercourse on the veldt; usually dry.
Spruit (sproot)—A small river or stream.
Steyn, Mr. (Stain)—President of the Or-Steyn, Mr. (Stain)—President of the Orlange Free State.

Taal (Tarl)—The low-Dutch language spoken by the Boers.

Tugela river (Too-gay-lah)—Divides Zululand from Natal. Uitlander (Oo-it-lander)-Any man who is not a burger of the Transvaal.
Veldschoen (felt-skoon)-Rough, homemade boots worn by Boers.
Vierkleur (fear-clooer)-The four-colored Transvaal flak, red, blue, and white horizontal stripes with a broad green perpendicular stripe next to the staff.

Viljoen (Fill-chone)—A Boer commander.

Reported dead.

Viel (flay)—A pond or lake of small dimensions.

Volksraad (folks-rard)—The legislative aslies of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Free State.

Voorlooper (fore-lopper)—The man or boy eading the first team of sixteen oxen drawing a wagon. Voortrekker (fore-trekker)—The older generation of the Boers who explored the country to the north of the Transvaal in 1837 and later. Vryheid (Fray-hade)—Small township in ransvaal. Vryburg (Frayburg)—Chief town of Brit-

ish Bechuanaland. THE WHITE FLAG TREACHERY Methuen Warns Boer Commandant That No Further Chances Will Be

Taken. Capetown, Nov. 26.-The Cape Argus says: "Lord Methuen's letter to the Boer commandant warned him that the Britsh commander would not recognize anything but a regular flag of truce. He

"To place a white handkerchief on the rifle and to take advantage of your enemy is a cowardly action which neither you nor I can countenance.'

NEW GOVERNMENT.

Frisbane, Nov. 25.—The ministry have resigned as an outcome of a vote of the resembly in connection with the construction of railroads. The Governor has summoned Mr. Dawson, leader of the pposition, to form a new cabinet.

The man on the street corner advertises his wares—by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "Hondi." Ask all those friends of yours who use

From Tuesday's Daily Ediltion.)

The Board Of Arbitration

Proceedings to Assess E. & N. Right of Way Through Reserve.

That They Should Have

Been Consulted. Yesterday morning the board of arbi tration which has been appointed to assess the right of way of the E. & N.

railway through the Songhees Reserve

well, Q.C., for the E. & N. railway.

ree also present.

The merits of the case were not gone on with yesterday, the proceedings being taken up in arranging preliminaries. The board, it was declared, will meet in the morning at 11 o'clock, sit till 1 o'clock, and then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Rocky Mountain Rifles Will tour of inspection of the case were not gone on with yesterday, the proceedings being taken up in arranging preliminaries. The board, it was declared, will prevail on certain days. However, as this is impossible, the sales must take place when once arranged. A most important auction will be held by Mr. Cuthbert in his sales rooms to-day at 2 p.m., no matter what the weather may be like. giment of Boers.
Commandant (Com-man-dant)—The chief officer of a commando.
Commandeer (Com-man-deer)—To requisition; to call up a commando.
Cronje (Cronjay)—A Boer general; has been reported killed, picbably untrue.

Be Aar (De Ahr)—Junction of lines in arbitrators that at present the subject under discussion would be limited to the valuation of the 6.91 acres representing the actual right of way of the railway; the remaining land comprising between

ince was concerned. The provincial government did not agree in this view, as they considered they were vitally interested in the disposition of any Indian reserve lands in the province. By the terms of union when British Columbia entered the Dominion they were considered they are the they are the are they entered the Dominion, the management and trusteeship of the Indian lands was handed over to the Dominion. This pro-vision was in general terms, but after-wards in was defined more clearly in orders-in-council of the respective ernments and the effect of this was that the province should transfer not only reservations existing at the time of the Province entering the Dominion but any other reserves that might be made from time to time. However, when these lands ceased to be used for reserves they should revert to the province. Consequently the provincial government held that this land now under consideration being diverted from Indian reserve purbate the west.

Asked by Judge Harrison if he claimed something more for the province than its ultimate share of compensation, Mr. McLean replied that he was not prepared to answer that just now. He merely wished to enter a protest on behalf of the Province against the Dominion appointing the arbitration without consulting the provincial government.

It was suggested by Mr. Bodwell that

Mr. McLean should apply for an injunc-Mr. McLean, however, replied that he would be in a position to decide later on. The government he represented did not wish to acquiesce in the proceedings and therefore he had made this protest. The board meets this forenoon at 11

PLOUGHING MATCH

Twelve Ploughs Competed In An Interesting Contest at Cedar Hill on

Saturday. The ploughing match, held under the Mr. R. McRae, Cedar Hill, Saturday on Clark and R. Scott acted as judges and Mr. Geo. Deans as referee. A professional match was first given, the winners finishing in the order named: Geo. Stimal, A. Munro and W. Hutchings. Then a match for amateurs was competed for, resulting in the first prize going to James Blackstock, the second to G. Marcotte and the third to L. Hagan. In a third event on the afternoon oregramme, that for three ploughmen, Henry Goyett came in first, H. Alex-ander second and H. McLean third. A special prize was given by Mr. Geo. Deans for the best team on the field, which was won by Mr. A. Munro. Another special prize, given by Mr. Campbell, for the best innings, went to Mr. L. After the meeting a supper was held

at the Royal Oaks and the event was a great success, many Victorians being The association has elected the fellow ing officers for the coming year: President, P. Imrie; vice-president, A. Munro; secretary, Alex. Thompson: and treasurer, W. Simpson. A committee, composed of W. Heal, J. Nickelson, L. Hagan, E. Murcotte, C. McIlimoyl and W. Young, was also appointed.

W. Young, was also appointed. Almost every man in America has some digestive trouble. When men meet, the greeting usually is, "Well, how are you?" That develops health talk. The man who has no bowel or stomach trouble is almost a curiosity. Trouble is men take no care of themselves. They eat as though they had copper stomachs and bowels of brass. By and by, over-worked nature rebels. Then come headaches, nervousness, bad blood, liver and kidney troubles. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets furnish help for constipation, sour stomach, loss of appetite, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, "heartburn," pain and distress after eating, and kindred derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels. Accept no substitute. From Tuesday's Daily Ediltion.) LOCAL NEWS.

A Damaged Dam.—Owing to a mishap to the dam at the Goldstream station of the British Columbia Electric Tramway Company's power plant, power for the entire system has for the past few days been taken from the Store street station.

Provincial Government Protest

This Afternoon at 2 p. m.—It is unfortunate that auctioneers cannot obtain reliable information a few days ahead as to what sort of weather will prevail

Police Court.—Three drunks occupied the attention of the police court officials yesterday morning, two of whom were released on the payment of \$2.50 each. The third was none other than the increased only a few days ago, after serving one month for the same offence. He was convicted and fined \$15, and as the fine was not forthcoming Lewelliser will spend another month in gaol. The police "Murrah for dear old En are now looking for another incorrigible

William Urquhart—who was released a week ago on suspended sentence. It s quite possible that, Urquhart profiting y his freedom, has departed for parts

And where they wounded lie.

They wear the charm about their necks,
As maidens wear their curls: unknown.

Island Mines.—The advantage of a mild climate on Vancouver Island is shown by the fact that mines on the West Coast instead of shutting down the approach of winter, are being "Aye—we—shall—conquer yet!" being diverted from Indian reserve purpose to railway uses, it no longer forms part of the reserve, but reverts to the province and the provincial government has an interest in its disposition. The government of British Columbia either by oversight or otherwise had been overlooked in this arbitration and had not been consulted by the Dominion in reference to the reversionary interest in the cember under the charge or a competent mining engineer; the Forfarshire group at Anderson Lake have been bonded to Fight on, keep heart, look up, And never once forget cember under the charge of a competent And Earth sends up her anthem-shout, gin as soon as supplies and men can be sent in. The Anderson iron properties have been disposed of to Eastern men. and several other properties in the vicinity. On the West Coast, the Jumbo on Deer creek; the Rose Marie, Kennedy creek; the Good Hope on Trout river, and others are in properties. and others are in operation. The New York group and the Castle mines on Bear river have been working all the year and the Dewdney Syndicate are opening out their properties on Sidney Inlet. Two Eastern companies are at work on Hesquiot lake and the outlook

generally is for a busy winter on the Island mines generally. MANSION HOUSE FUND.

Grand Popular Promenade Concert Saturday Evening Next.

The local committee of the Mansion House find it a meeting last evening about completed the arrangements for management of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on Ploughing Association on the farm of December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the Vancouver Island their second concert at the drill hall on December 2, which promises to be accepted by the control of the control even greater success than the last. was an event of great interest. In all twelve ploughs competed. Messrs. Watlar songs, not necessitify patriotic, and all the performers will this time be beat amateurs, including such as Mrs. Tomkinson, the Misses L. Loewen, N. Prior and E. Lombard and Messrs, H. Kent, G. Brown, and the Arion Club. Navy band has kind'y been placed at the

disposal of the committee.

A more convenient arrangement has been devised for the large sheet to acocen devised for the large sneet to accommodate the shower of silver which everyone is saving for Mrs. Tomkinson's irresistible "Pay—Pay—Pay," so that none need be disappointed.

The entertainment will start as be-

fore, sharp on time, with a flourish of bugles and go through with the same military precision that was so noticeable at the last. The full programme will be mblished in a day or two when tighter published in a day or two when tickets will be on sale at the principal stores for those who prefer to buy them before-hand, the admission being 25 cents either

TITLES TO PLACER GROUND.

Sir: Referring to the article taken from the Ashcroft Journal, and published in the Colonist of the 23rd of November, on the "Titles to Placer Ground," I was much pleased that the matter was brought forward. This question was opened up at a meeting of the Association of Mining Engineers two years ago at Vanceuver, and a few notes from the at Vancouver, and a few notes from the report might be of interest.

Although not a member of the Association of Mining Engineers I do not think I could express the opinion of that body better than quoting from Mr. A. Williams', M.L.A., opening address to the

issociation:
"I think that the success of your association is synonymous with the mining interest in British Columbia. I expect to get a good deal of information here

with you. I know of no body of men who can give a better impress to the mining laws, or better assist the government in framing their policy in this industry. Many members of legislative bodies know very little of the requirements of the mining engineer, and they are therefore placed at a very great disadvantage. The success of mining depends materially upon the experience and information of the mining engineer."

** * he felt that in framing laws the legislature should give very great weight to the suggestions of the mining engineer. * * * he felt that in framing laws the legislature should give very great weight to the suggestions of the mining engineer. * * *

An Aerial Tramway.—It is reported that arrangements will shortly be completed for the installation of an aerial tramway from the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker to the railway. This step is necessitated owing to the bad condition of the road leading to the mine.

The Australian Salesman.—The slick "auctioneer" who made a clean-up among the unsophisticated in Victoria and other Coast cities, has been operating in Nelson. From the reports of his "meet of the residents of the interior are quite as gullible as those at the Coast.

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Labor Legislation and other completed for the installation of an aerial tramway from the Lenora mine at the thought it was same meeting, says: "He thought it was same meeting, says: "He thought it was sumfair to allow a prospector on a mineral to allow a prospector on a placer claim has to pay \$5 for recording fee, \$50 a year rent, and \$1,000 a year expenditure on the claim.

Capt. C. N. Black, after speaking on the subject of the subject of the subject of the subject of the mineral to allow a prospector on a mineral t opened proceedings. Judge Harrison is umpire, Mr. Frank G. Richards the arbitrator representing the Dominion government and Mr. George Riley acts in a similar capacity for the railway.

The counsel in the matter are Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., for the Dominion, and Mr. L. P. Luxton of Messrs. Davie,

Mr. L. P. Luxton of Messrs. Davie,

The condition and Arbitration Act, 1894; and the passing of an act on the lines of the Industrial Concillation and Arbitration Act and Amendments of New Zealand.

Asternoon at 2 p. m.—It is unformed in a handy pocket of the province, to be presented to the province, to be volume and Placer Acts should be counsed in a handy pocket edition, with a map showing the mining districts and that the legislature should be petitioned to introduce such amends and Arbitration Act, 1894; and the passing of an act on the lines of the Industricts and that the legislature should be petitioned to introduce such amends and Arbitration Act, 1894; and the passing of an act on the lines of the Industricts and that the legislature should be petitioned to introduce such amends and Arbitration Act, 1894; and the passing of an act on th

for mineral claims."

A resolution was passed before the session closed appointing a committee of seven to draft such amendments as were considered necessary. For some reason not known to the writer the government have not paid any attention to ernment have not paid any attention to the suggestions made by the committee, and I believe the same matter was again brought up lest winter with the same

"Hurrah for dear old England!" Our gallant fellows cry;
They shouted it in the deadly breach,
And where they wounded lie. They treasure up its memories,

And while they breathe the last

That Heaven proclaims this God-stampe "The Right shall conquer yet!"

-W. H. Partridge. Toronto, Nov. 13. IN TOUCH WITH KIMBERLEY. Methuen Has Now Established Com-

munication by Heliograph-Cheer-

ing Hospital Report. London, Nov. 26.-A despatch from Capetown, dated yesterday, says:
"The officers, non-commissioned officers and men in the hospital at Wyndberg are doing well, except a driver and a run-ner, both of whom are seriously ill. Two privates died of pneumonia.
"The Belmont wounded are due here to-morrow by the ambulance train.

"Lord Methuen is in heliographic communication with Kimberley." Capetown, Nov. 26.—(Evening)—The Boer prisoners from Belmont arrived this evening. The wounded prisoners were sent to the military hospital at Wyn-berg and the others to the convict station, which has been converted into a military prison. All appeared to have lost heart nd were in a fearfully dilapidated con

NINE THOUSAND CAPTIVES.

Taken at Rout of Khalifa's Forces Osman Digna Still

At Large. Cairo, Nov. 26.—Sir Francis Wingate in the battle with the Khalifa's force near Gedid captured 9,000 men, women

ipal general of the Khalifa, is still at large. THE ROAD TO KIMBERLEY.

and children.

London, Nov. 26.—A despatch from Durban, dated Nov. 24, says: "The Times of Natal has received news by way of Delagoa Bay that both Mafeking and Kimberley have been relieved. This is not only improbable, but it is discredited by a special despatch received at Capetown from Kimberley. As the relieving force pushed forward after the battle of Belmont, stirring news may be expected. Belmont, stirring news may be expected shortly, as the Boers are in force at Modder River and Spytfontein.

London, Nev. 27.—A special from Estcourt dated Thursday November 22,

To the Deputies

French Minister for Foreign Affairs Rebukes the Fire-

the Cordoba, in Delagoa bay.

M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs, replied that it was not an isolated case. Belligerents during a war, he explained, had the right to ascertain the nationality of any vessel, and, he

The merits of the case were not gone on with yesterday, the proceedings being taken up in arranging preliminaries. The board, it was dealared, will meet in the morning at 11 o'clock, sit till 1 o'clock, and then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

sult the country's interest and not seek doubtful popularity. When the governnent considers where our vital interests ie and the fact that the population of France increases but little, it comes to the conclusion that it ought to devote its efforts to maintain what is acquired

rather than seek aggrandizement."

Loud cheers followed this statement of policy. The speaker then denounced "those unscrupulous politicians who exploit the noble sentiments of the country in order to avaite while spinion expinet. ploit the noble sentiments of the country in order to excite public opinion against the government." He recalled the fact that Germany on the morrow of her victories was obliged to seek an alliance, and said: "The France-Russian alliance opposed to the dreibund has been drawn closer and this alliance which guarantees at present admits of far reaching peace at present admits of far reaching projects in the future and ought to encourage us to persevere in the existing

line of policy.
"It is by endeavoring to smooth difficulties, by conciliating interests and by suppressing so far as possible the sources of conflict that we have obtained the friendship of some and certainly the esteem of all. I am aware that some journals teem of all. I am aware that some journals urge an opposite policy, the policy of shaking the fist at all the world, a policy which implies stupefying ignorance or the shameless exploitation of the noblest sentiments. Who does not see what risks of dignity and safety our country would run by such an attitude? But you will never tolerate such a policy. Bluster does not mean strength." (Cheers.)

Cheers.) The general opinion in the lobbies was that the speech of M. Delcasse would produce an excellent impression at home and abroad. The entire chamber except the Nationalists and anti-Semites applicated. The foreign winites applicated of the foreign winites and the semites applicated of the foreign winites. plauded. The foreign minister was very pratuded. The foreign minister was very careful to avoid saying anything calculated to wound the susceptibilities of any country. An explanation of his allusions to the dual alliance is found in his conference with the Russian min Count Muravieff, in Paris and St. Pet-

PRESS OPINION.

ISLAND RAILWAY DEVELOP-

MENT. There can be no doubt that any fair and practical proposals for the further development of railroads on Vancouver Island will be fully considered on their merits by all parties in the present house.—News-Advertiser.

WORKING A GRAFT.

R. Atkins, brother of B. B. Atkins, R. Atkins, brother of B. B. Atkins, recently clerk in the government office here, has succeeded to the job, which is apparently in the family, as Mr. Atkins came out all the way from the Old Country to fill it. There is nothing like working a graft to a finish when you've got it.—Revelstoke Herald.

THE ALIEN LAW.

If the law is to be enforced, it must be against these American aliens as well as Italian aliens. There cannot be discrimination; that outrage has so far been spared Canadian laws, and the absolute impartiality of them must be protected to the end. If the Italians must recommend the context of the go, then out will have to go every American alien miner in British Columbia. As that would rid us of the Coeur d'Alene element, Mr. Clute's coming should be welcomed on all sides.—Nelson Miner.

"LOOKS RATHER FISHY."

Estcourt dated Thursday November 22, and describing the engagement at Willow Grange, says the British losses are estimated at eight killed and four wounded.

COL. DAVIS DEAD.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Col. Geo. R. Davis, formerly general director of the World's Fair died at his home in this city to-right after a short illness.

Country of the present government is in a very dilapidated condition and the repair of roads, and the large expenditure of money to construct roads, as promised, looks rather fishy when chances are that a provincial election will take place in a few months. The people of West Yale, East Lillooet and Cariboo may devour such bait as being bona fide, but West Lillooet never.—The Prospector.