

ing a strong foothold. A considerable acres, and no application for regis- tee providing that remuneration should

tration of any parcel less than five acres shall be received, unless the title

Vice-president E. W. McKenna, Chi-The Minister of Agriculture said it cago, Milwaukee & St. Paul: "If the railroads had not anticipated substanook into these matters. Last week tial increases in rates, wage advances to employees would not have been laughtered which were afflicted with granted. The decision is most surberculosis. If it was found neces- prising."

General Counsel Chester Dawes, Bur-SHIPPERS GAIN lington Railroad: "The railroads belleved they would be given sufficient advances in rates to produce reason sked if anything was to be done to Third Vice

keep trees on crown lands clean. It would be little use to spray orchards "We will continue to seek permission" Third Vice-president William A tree pests were to run riot on crown to make increases in rates."

General Manager Webber, Canadian The Minister fo Agriculture assured Pacific: "The decision affects Canaim that there was little to fear in this dian as well as American railroads. We shall now find whether conditions H. F. W. Behnsen wanted inspectors can be worse than they have been for f nursery stock removed from the con-

trol of the horticultural board and made independent. His amendment Slump in London. London, Feb. 24.-Leading, railway

made independent. His amerument was not accepted by the Minister and Kashington, Feb. 24.—Ledding relivary stocks slumped dangerously at the opening of the stock exchange here to day, as the result of the interstate commerce commission's decision of ordered reductions. D. C., Feb. 24.—The interstate commerce commission's decision of ordered reductions of the stock exchange here to day, as the result of the interstate commerce commission's decision of relation of ordered reductions. The maximum data and therefore the interstate into the House of Commons. There was, however, no certainty that this bill
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stage of Mr. Mackenzie's bill. For him- At 12.30 o'clock the market was most The decision of the commission was and shepherd's purse. If owners or or self, he proposed to support it. Mr. Hawthornthwaite thought it would the nunusual and very ill-advised ac-tion for the House to pass legislation to for the House to pass legislat

Railway Freight Rates,

tion before the stock market closed. dock, wild mustard, tumbling mustard

Westminster) presiding, and was read Delegate From Alaska Ata third time in the evening. Owners, lessees or occupiers have to cut down all noxious weeds upon their land, and upon the half of any road adjacent to their land, as often in each year as is

other than a mineral claim, shall be for road-making purposes. He prom-subdivided into parcels of less than five ised to submit amendments in commit-

necessary to prevent them from going to seed, subject to a penalty of from \$5 to \$25 for each offence. As originality Washington, Feb. 24 .-- A disturbance noon between Delegate Wickersham. Alaska, and Representative Mondell, Wyoming, caused a great sensation.

Wickersham during the debate on the Alaska coal land leasing bill. Thereupon he advanced and struck at Mondell, al-most landing a blow on his face. Mem-bers at once interfered and the two bei-

ligerents were seized and separated. Representative Olmstead, of Pennsyl ania, temporarily in the chair, ordered

ACCOUNTANT BYWELL

**MISSING AT EMPRESS** 

prise Madero and his forces plans, a battle is expected.

Grant.

-The Victoria Printing & Publishing Company, which for twelve years has able reminiscence was spent Thursday been in business on the corner of Gov-ernment and Yates street, is moving to Point Ellice. The occasion of the meetthe Lenz and Leizer building on Yates ing was the commemorating of Francis street. There it will continue under the management of Phil R. Smith. The spare rooms in the building will be rented for lodge rooms. rented for lodge rooms. -The St. Andrew's and Caledonian

Bellaire for a dwelling to be erected on saving the homes of the individual, and

Cook street to cost \$1,800; to M. Godtel, thereby saving the nation's honor, and

nue, \$200; C. Brown, dwelling on Em- prised its membership were deserving

press street to cost \$2,500; to Wilson of all the encomiums that were shower-

addition to dwelling on Hillside ave- said that the women workers who com-

fluence she has acquired over the thoughts and actions of her successors Rifle band gave an enjoyable concert. in the field of work which she early and dance in A.O.U.W. hall Thursday marked for her own.

night. There was a large attendan Mrs. William Grant was unfortunateand the programme was splendidly ren dered. A feature of the concert was the singing of Mrs. Crawford, a lady of over three score and ten. "How Cam' Ye by Athol?" was greeted with the debt all owed to their founder for the sergeant-at-arms to subdue the dis- tumultuous applause. P. J. Ridden the guidance and inspiration with presided in full Highland costume. Anwhich she had inspired them. The address of Mrs. Spofford had a

FLOOR OF U.S. HOUSE

tempts to Assault Wyoming Representative

the floor of the House yesterday after

"If, you say that, you're a llar," shoute

turbance. The floor for a few minutes

\$475

not apply to the council for permission the east plans to meet the other troops to erect any building. -Before Magistrate Jay on Friday the Westholme Lumber company

paid a fine of \$10 for leaving building material on Courtenay street: for alowing his dog to run in Beacon Hill park J. H. Jeffrey was fined \$5; and W E. Gregson paid \$5 fine for riding a bi- Union Met at Home of Mrs. William cycle on Oak Bay avenue sidewalk.

LOCAL NEWS

federal troops left Juarez last night and to-day are making a forced march on Ahumada. -In regard to the report of the last Col. Mayole left Chihuahua Wednes-Saanich council meeting, Thomas Catday with Ahumada as his objective terall, the well known Victoria con- point. Colonel Escuedero, commanding tractor, informs the Times that he did 600 infantry, who is advancing from

near Ahmuada and completely sur-

Unless Madero learns the present REMEMBER FRANCIS WILLARD.

An afternoon of delightful and profit-

was voluminously indicative of the in-

ly absent, but her sister. Miss Smith. played the hostess charmingly. Mrs. Williscroft, the president, emphasized

When order was partially restored Wick-Building permits were issued Thurs-the union at its formation. She referred day by the building inspector to Mrs. to the great work of the society in the union at its formation. The society in the building inspector to Mrs. The union at its formation. The society in the society is the society in the society is the society in the society is the society in the society in the society is the society in the society is the society in the society is the society in the society in the society is the society in the society is the society in the society is the socity is the society is the society is

ter of indefeasible fees. The intent of the bill is to bring about gradually registration of indefeasible title intead of absolute fee. In reply to H. C. Brewster, the at-SWEEPING VICTORY torney-general stated that the insur ince fund under the act still remained. The Noxious Weed Act went through ommittee, Thomas Gifford (New

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Reductions in

have been made in these countries in

number of Swedes and Norwegians

have been induced to settle in Utah.

the last few years, and the sect is gain

imilar to legislation being enacted at was the rush to unload that the fear Ottawa, and raised a point of order. was evident that not only would divitrawa, and raised a point of order. Mr. Mackenzie remarked that the dends drop or disappear entirely, but in the east and 16 per cent. in the west partment of agriculture to go on the Mackenzie King bill only applied to co- interest on the railway bonds would be aine, morphine and opium, but not imperilled.

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far as his bill did. Mr. Speaker Eberts, on the point of Reading, 7 3-8; Southern Pacific, 4 1-2; cision, that the commission had dealt Supreme court judge may order the rder, said he would not take the post- Union Pacific, 5 1-2; New York Cen- a blow at the heads of the railroad in- cost to be paid out of the province tion of declaring this bill to be ultra tral preferred, 4 5-8; Atchison, 3 1-8; dustry, vires of the legislature. Considering St. Paul, 6; Erie first preferred, 4 1-2; The decision prevents increases in the number of test cases which were Louisville & Nashville, 4 3-4.

the number of test cases which were house a taken and the courts to settle the jurisdiction of Dominion and province and United States Steel was under totalling over \$20,000,000 annually have branding bill. This provides for a reg-istration of brands and marks, the grade to the common declining been torestalled.

jurisdiction of Dominion and position for any Speaker to rule any-bill out, even if he was of opinion that it trenched on the power of the Dominion. As in the case of insurance, Dominion and pro-though Reading and the Harriman and St. Paul were still sold freely. At that the solution of the rates of the rates of the rates of the power of the trenched on the power of the Dominion and pro-though Reading and the Harriman and St. Paul were still sold freely. At that inate legislation. Mr. Hawthornthwaite, while admit-and Union Pacific, 5; Pennsylvania, heaviest. bour Reading was off 7 7-8; St. Paul the commodities in which the fariff is than one brand.

ting the evils of the drug habit and 3 5-8; New York Central, 2 3-8. the terms of the data his disbe-supporting the bill, declared his disbe-lief in the effect of any prohibitory worst of the slump was over in the pers, is given credit for the victory. Is tanced cases where inter is the bill would prevent brand as well. The bill would prevent

tor drink or drugs was an effect of the New York, American issues advanced and suspended by the Interstate Com-which might out-number his original marce Commission following the re-herd Mr. Brewster did not agree that legis-lation had no effect in regard to re-stricting the use of liquor and better-

On Wall Street. Ing conditions even among its victims. On Wall Street. While it was not possible to legislate New York, Feb. 24.—The stock mar-

out of existence a habit formed ket onened with losses averaging four ough a life-time, yet legislation points in the standard railroad stocks which tended to restrict an evil and as a result of yesterday's rate decision keep from before the generation grow- by the interstate commerce commis-ANTI-ORIENTAL REGULATIONS. g up a temptation which they would sion.

known nothing about, if such laws were During the first 15 minutes the en nforced, would make it possible for tire list showed losses of from one to think of drug habit. If this bill tend-greatest excitement, but at the end of towards reducing the habit of using ite first half hour it was apparent that drugs or restricted the formation of the the demoralization would not be per-habit, and it having been ruled in order, he would support it. H. H. Watson (Vancerver) who H. H. Watson (Vancouver), who is, and two. Experts admitted that the like the member for Delta, a druggist, outlook was not dark, as the decision assured the House that, pharmacists of the interstate commerce commis-assured the House that, pharmacists of the interstate commerce commis-by scienastic, which fortunately had not Many roads, it was pointed out, could yet attained serious proportions in Bri- turcease their dividends on their pres-tor is that the "white Australia" poi-ton is that the "white Australia" as are caused by the presence of the pearlers on the coasts, but the real rea-son is that the authoritites charged with the duty of securing the defence of the island continent are anxious left. assured the House that pharmacists of the interstate commerce commiswere in an even better position than sion showed that the big railroads' fin-physicians to realize the evils of the ancial condition was most excellent. et attained serious proportions in Brit attained serious proportions in Bri-increase their dividends on their pres-sh Columbia. The use of drugs contient earnings. It was generally be-the Japanese should have an oppor-Betely destroyed the physical and reved in the Street that after a brief tunity of spying out the land. economy, and the effect was so I urry the railroads would continue arked in some sections that it was their contemplated improvements. In some sections that it was their contemplated improvements. The quotations on the leading stocks alling-off in the consumption of liquor at 1 o'clock this afternoon were: he use of drugs was increasing. The Amalgamated, 63%; Atchison, 103%; vision that a prescription calling for Reading, 154 %; Southern Pacific, 116; aine, morphine or heroin must be U.S. Steel, 77%; Chesapeake & Ohio, by the druggist, and hot be re- 52 4; St Paul, 128; New York Central,

de except upon the written order of \$2.14; St. Paul, 123; New York Central, be original prescriber, would be off eat assistance in curbing the evil. here was mention in the bill of an Wabash preferred, 37.4.

exception in the matter of the use of CALL TO DR. AK.D. ugs in veterinary practice. It was

well-known that on racecourses it was Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 24.-Until he requent trick to "dope" an animal hypodermic injections of cocaine, the stuation at first hand, Dr. C. F. Aked, found that there was matter in the further provided that when wages were the temporary power it gave a horse perform prodigies without feeling e exertion. This was a most cruck, man practive and the special atthe temporary power it gave a horse

It is claimed by the railroads that warrant any person authorized in writ ance.! Mondell later apologized. The Hous received both apologies with applause. were necessary in order to enable the land and destroy the weeds, and the

interests of the railroad stockholders cost is recoverable from the owner by heir derivatives, and thus did not go The net declines shown from last to be considered. Attorneys for the summary process. Where the owner it night's close at 12.80 to-day were: railroads declared, after reading the de- unknown and there is no occupier,

> treasury, and the amount shall be a charge against the land just as pro

eaves for Seattle Before Auditors Arrive to Examine Hotel Books

To Louis Brandels, the Boston law-stanced cases where men purchase

Brandels contended that the increases a man acquiring the brand and would ordered by the railroads of the country compel him to re-brand all the animals

necessary but were due to "greed and from a ranching country," backed up turn

Mr. Cotton's view. Whether the shortage is actual of The decisions of the Interstate Com-merce Commission were written by tion 8 forbids the holding of more that mmissioners Lane and Prouty. They one brand, either on original applicative opered 128 closely printed pages. empletely is not made public, but it vered 128 closely printed pages.

is said that By well told friends last vides that brands and marks "may week he believed his books to be short transferred by the person in who \$2.000, and that he had no idea how the name they are recorded to any other deficiency could have occurred.

Melbourne, Feb. 24.-Regulations have person." This was a contradiction Bywell learned the jatter end of last week that the auditors were coming from Vancouver to go through the books: and accounts of the hotel, and books; and accounts o rather than face the ordeal and whateven it might disclose he left town on Sunday night's boat to Seattle.

of the island continent are anxious lest fer to, being willing to leave that to the H. B. Jackson was promoted manager from accountant, Bywell was made acjudgment of the House in committee, countant and had occupied that position but he mentioned that the coal miners until his departure Sunday night. and other workers had asked for its

> passage. At Ottawa the government ANNEXATION RESOLUTION. had given support to a similar bill in-troduced by Mr. Martin, one, of the

Premier Asquith Will Not Send Any of the state of Victoria proposes to in-members for Montreal. If the bill was troduce a charities tax, to which all adopted it would so far to prevent dis-Communication to United States.

London, Feb. 24 .- Premier Asquith h Some of the hospitals are languishing. The second section provided that for lack of funds, and it is hoped the when a man is dismissed his employer the House of Commons to-day said he March 17, at 8 p. m., and is expected to did not intend sending any communi- he an even greater success than its just pay him then and there. Mr. ation to the United States regarding

Williams asserted that very often men the annexation resolution. had to wait weeks in some town for

what was coming to them, and he specifically charged that men at work MARITIME PROVINCE HOCKEY.

Mr. Speaker Eberts Thursday after! on the Grand Trunk Pacific prairie Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 24. Until ne noon ruled on H. B. Thomson's point sections had been so treated. It was situation at first hand, Dr. C. F. Aked, found that that that the Cak Bay bill. He further provided that when wages were (Special to the Times.)

St. Catharines, Ont., Feg. 24.-George A. Allen, 56, a trusted em-(From Friday's Daily.) ployee of Welland Vale Manufacturing C. P. R. auditors have for the past Company here. died in the Buffal few days been engaged at the Empress hospital this morning from morphine hotel auditing Accountant Bywell's poisoning, following the arrest on books. Bywell left Victoria Sunday charge of theft. Chief Green, of St Catharines, wired that he had a warnight for Seattle and has failed to re-

arrested Allen said that he had taken eighteen morphine pills and a quanwhether the books are only muddled tity of chloral and he dropped unconscious:

LIBERAL SMOKER.

With construction headquarters at Ward, 3 Liberals will hold their firs+ smoker in Broad street hall on Friday the Peddar Bay camp and a supply evening next, March 3. The executive store at Colwood station, the Carlin are arranging a programme which will combine good speeches, good music, good 'smokes and refreshments. The speakers of the evening will be said to have actively commenced. The H. C. Brewster, M. P. P.; M. B. Jack- work of purchasing the right-of-way is son, Lieut.-Col. A. W. Currie, president adjusted, with the exception of a few of Ward 1 Association, and others, Ward 5 Liberals meet in Foresters' hall on Tuesday evening next to organize.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. rishmen Will Dine in Clay's Restau

ant, Fort Street. The committee which has been er rusted with the arrangement for the St. Patrick's Day banquet has completd arrangements with Arthur H. Tobin. of Clay's restaurant, for the holding of the annual Irish event there, The dinner will be held on Friday.

predecessors. Particular attention is being paid to the music of the evening, and a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music will be rendered. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained on and after to-morrow from the Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 24 .- The uni- hon. sec.-treas., A. St. G. Flint, Trounce

Noble, dwelling on Simcoe street to cost ed upon them. She spoke of Miss Will-\$1,300; to the Victoria Phoenix Brewing and with the delicate charm of an incompany, alterations to building on timate friend, revealed some of her Grant street, \$350; to Wing Hing Tong beautiful characteristics, and held her Association, additions to building on up as an ideal to be cherished and emu-Cormorant street, \$300; to S, H. Stan- lated by the younger members of the ley, stable on Edward street, \$250; to society. Jalland Bros., dwelling on Oliphant A pretty feature of the function was street, \$2,509; to Mrs. Kate Hewitt, ad- the acknowledgment of a beautifully dition to dwelling on Rockland avenue, mounted photograph of the Countess of Carlisle, the world's W. C. T. U. president, sent by Mrs. Lilla M. Davies, of Marsh House, Shropshire, England. SUICIDE FOLLOWS ARREST. **ADJUSTING FINAL** (Special to the Times.)



rant, \$1,000 being involved. When Surveyors at Work on Second Twenty-Mile Section of the Barkley Sound Railway

> and Grant Smith & Co. undertaking of the Vancouver Island railway can be claims, over the first twenty miles. Along the twenty-mile route gangs of men employed by the sub-contractors are located, and the first work of the new line is well under way. The s-conc twenty-mile section is

now being surveyed, and when the survey's have been completed the sub-contractors for clearing and grading will be placed on the work. Just beyond Sooke there is some very heavy construction work necessary to bring the grade down to a 1 per cent, basis, and the contracting company estimate the section at the point indicated will cost \$60,000 per mile.

RAIDED BY POLICE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24 .-- Raiding the offices of the Westinghouse Electric Company here yesterday, the police seized every scrap of paper relating to the elecrification of the St. Petersburg Street Railway Company by the American concern. The Russian government demanded that the Westinghouse Company immediately pay a penalty of \$75,000 for alleged failure to live up to its contract. company was originally fined \$500,000, but the government yesterday remitted \$425,000.

CHARITIES TAX. Melbourne, Feb. 24.-The government of the state of Victoria proposes to in-

grab-it-all policy."

OAK BAY BILL.

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wage earners will have to contribute tress among workingmen. Some of the hospitals are languishing The second section provide