Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Frost and Fog Experienced by the "City of Topeka"-Latest Alaskan News.

The "Nineveh's" Crew Exonerated -Schr. "Paritan ' Arrives-Change of Australian Schedule.

Nearly two hours was spent by the steamship City of Topeka in port on Sunday. When the steamer left Juneau on Wednesday, February 12, the mer- Miss B. McLelland, W. Lee, G. P. Drew, cury was 17 degrees below zero, and the snow was from eight to ten feet on a level. Capt. Wallace says the weather during the trip was the coldest and most and David S. Mowat. severe he has ever experienced in Al- A DISABLED VESSEL REFUSES ASSISTANCE. aska, and residents of Juneau keep very close to their homes. The wind blew so which arrived in Seattle on Sunday hard after leaving Juneau and the morning reports having spoken the weather got so thick that the steamer Arcata, off Humboldt, on Thurshad to put into Hunter's bay for shelter day morning in a disabled condition and all one night. Oftentimes during the trying to make Port Humboldt under trip Pilot George could not see the water sail. The Benito spoke the steamer Arover the guard rail, so dense was the ago, of the same line later in the day. fog. The Topeka brought down 100 tons They were both on the way from the of ore, salmon, and guano for San Fran- coast of Oregon to San Francisco. cisco, and a large number of passengers Amsng them was Editor Sylvester of the Alaska Searchlight, who reports the Bank of Juneau closed and Mr. Harrison, its late manager, as having been arrested for embezzlement. It was understood the bank was closed by the Pacific Mail Co. Mr. Sylvester believes there will be more developments in the action in the near future, but does not think the liabilities amount to much. Arrangements have been made between the P. C. company and the A. C. company to make connections at Sitka and run the steamer Bertha on the Cook inlet route during the summer, making semi-monthly trips. The time schedule is now being prepared.

Ezra Gibson, who has been at work on the Glacier mine on Sheep creek during the winter, says the richest ore that Sheep creek has yet produced is now being shot out of the slope in the tunnel being worked by Andy Anderson. The tunnel struck the ore chute about forty feet from the surface. The centre vein, also, upon which stoping and other work is now going on, continues to show up from four to six feet of fine ore, upon which an upraise is now being made to connect the lower and upper tunnels There is no mine as yet opened up in Alaska that can outrival the present showing of rich ore now exposed in the various workings on the Glacier mine, and when properly worked no mine in Alaska can produce greater shipments of

week at the British consulate in San Francisco to investigate the circumstances attending the abandonment of the British ship Nineveh of Sidney off Cape Flattery. The conduct of the cap Cape Flattery. The conduct of the captain, certified mate, second mate and crew in connection with leaving the vessel at sea was also inquired into, and the result was a complete experation of the officers and men. The findings of the court were that the vessel was well found, sufficiently manned and seastowed and the ship not overloaded. Her master, Robert Broadfoot, appeared Her master, Robert Broadfoot, appeared ject sought by the promoters of the aftor have navigated his vessel in a seaman-like manner, and was justified in abandered with the church life and work, like manner, and was justified in abandoning her, as she was in a sinking condition and in great danger of foundering. The officers and crew conducted themselves properly and obeyed all orders. The court therefore took pleasure in returning certificates of competency to the master and officers.

STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES. Capt. Carr, of the Australian liner Monowai, which arrived at San Francisco on Sunday, had no end of trouble with his vessel at Sydney. Two days before she sailed the crew and firemen struck for an advance of £1 a month. This was refused and a new crew was engaged. The new men remained at work twenty-four hours and then quit. A third crew was secured and the vessel left for this port. The crews of both the Warrimoo and Miowera received an advance in their wages some time ago.

HOPE FOR THE "CADZOW FOREST." It is generally supposed that the Cadzow Forest has been longer missing after being sighted off the mouth of the Columbia than any vessel yet known of. This is incorrect, and the circumstances leave yet a grain of hope for the unfortunate ship and those on board. In 1851 the schooner Montague. Captain Montague, with immigrants from California to Oregon, appeared off the mouth of the river and the same night was blown out to sea. Six weeks later, after she had been given up for lost, the schooner again hove in sight and successfully passed in over the bar. Captain Montague reported that he had been as far north as the Aleutian islands, and for weeks had been beating back against heavy southerly gales.

ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT. A Port Townsend dispatch of Sunday 'The combined strength of the Puget Sourd Lugboat Association, six tugs in all, served to move this morning the British ship Kilbrannan about ten feet from her position in the sand and rocks on Point Wilson, where she went ashore during a gale on the night of February 4. Notwithstanding the fact that 700 tons of ballast were removed from her before the attempt was made to pull her off, the trial was wholly unsu-

her off, the trial was wholly unsuccesful."

A NEW SCHEDULE.

Another schedule has been arranged for the Canadian-Australian line of mail ships whereby these vessels after the departure of the Miowers from Vancouver on March I will sail outward on the ver on March 1 will sail outward on the 30th of each month. The Miowera will

be due here from Australia, Fiji and Hawaii on Sunday next and it is thought will bring a very large freight. Local merchants are expecting a considerable quantity of fruit by her and several are anticipating making big outward ship-

ments when the vessel sails. "WALLA WALLA" AND "UMATILLA." during the last forty-eight hours, the calling last evening en route South, and the latter on Sunday evening from San Francisco. The freight tilla amounted to a little over 87 tons, while her passengers for this city numbered 26 all told. Going South on the Walla Walla from Victoria were the following saloon passengers: W. H. Elliott and wife, Miss E. Marston, D. H. Ross, Miss E. McKeown, Miss A. McLelland,

The captain of the collier San Benito, MARINE NOTES.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., have the British ship Itala, 1,329 tons 100A1, Davis master, on the way from Liverpool with general cargo. She is now fifty days out.
There is no intention at present of

oringing the steamer Island Belle to Victoria. The Anacortes Packing Co., Ltd.,

Pheasant makes a trip to the Terminal City with a party of invalids and timeexpired men homeward bound.

British ship Desdemona, 1,406 tons

cargo for F. C. Davidge & Co. The Topeka will leave for the North again on Wednesday and will carry a Yukon.

The American schooner Puritan, Capt. Saxe, ten days from San Francis-co, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday after a good voyage. She reports having Alaska can produce greater shipments of both the white and yellow metal.

THE "NINEVEH'S" CREW EXONERATED.

A naval court of inquiry was held last week at the British consulate in San Francisco to investigate the circumstances attending the abandonment of layer depretations.

The C.P.N. steamship Danube was layered from the Esquireett married layered from the Esquireett married layered from the Esquireett married.

members of the ladies' guild, a thoroughly enjoyable reunion of the members and adherents of St. John's church that her cargo was properly took place at the schoolroom on Herald street yesterday evening. The chief oband accordingly all formalities were dispensed with and old acquaintance in the church were renewed and new ones Mr. Jorgensen's services, now that the formed under most encouraging auspices. The sociable cup of tea with light refreshments was not forgotten, and during the course of the evening the following bright and interesting programme was presented, under the direction of the Misses Mai and Nellie Todd: Overture-" La Dame Blanch"...Boieldieu

Prof. Haynes, Miss Haynes, Miss Todd, Messrs. E. and F. Murisett and Master Park...
Essay and Recitation—"Mary Queen
H. G. Bell Miss Mai Todd. Violin Solo—Selections from the "Bo-

Miss Nellie Todd. Miss Lizzie Saunders. Piano Solo—"Beautiful Bells"
Miss Nellie Todd. Professor Haynes. ong and Dance—a The Swiss Girls. Glover b Bohemian Girl... Balfe Misses Mai and Nellie Todd.

Piano Solo-" Recollections of Home Miss Todd. Violin Solo—Seventh Air, varied . De Beriot Miss Mai Todd.

Skirt Dance—Viennese Carl Malenberg
Misses Mai and Nellie Todd.

A CORRECTION.

The following sentence in "A Cariboo Miner's" letter in Sunday's issue, Moreover, in 1895 there was a fraction f over six thousand dollars paid out for

boo," should have read:
"Moreover in 1895 there was a fracpaid out for freight shipped from Ashcroft to Cariboo.

A COMMISSIONER IN B.R.

Council Meetings or Committee Work for Almost Every Evening-The Waterworks Tangle.

Ald. Macmillan Uses Strong Language -The Broom Factory Wants Assistance.

The city council held their regular weekly meeting at the city hall last evening-that is one of the regular beside the question in debate.' meetings, for the present board of aldermen have made it a practice to hold two The Pacific Coast steamers Walla or more sessions in the week. To-night Walla and Umatilla have been in port they assemble again at the call of the he accordingly seconded the resolution mayor, first to consider the estimates in this direction. and then to continue the debate on proposed amendments to the municipal act; given the opportunity of naming the consignments for Victoria on the Uma- on Wednesday there is no council ses- committee, selected Ald. Cameron and sion but a public meeting instead to dis- Humphrey to act with him in making cuss the action of the trustees in reductihe investigation desired. ing the salaries of school teachers and in imposing a high school tuition fee. touching upon Beaver lake matters came On Thursday the Mayor and fire wardens from the water commissioner, who sugwill continue their inquiry into the gested that in view of the recent changes Campbell charges against Chief Deasy, in the direction of affairs an examination and on Saturday Mr. John Sayyea of the works at Beaver lake be made by gives an address in the council the city engineer and one other enginehamber. There is no meeting of eer, at a cost of not more than \$150. The the council convened yet for Friday but communication was received and the it is not too late for such a thing to be necessary appropriation passed, the brought about. Hereafter at council Mayor explaining that it was proposed the clerk will submit the minute book to the inspection of any alderman who may desire to see it, and in the council the record will be "taken as read."

> through the following communication from Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, solicitors for Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey. The letter was received with very little de-bate, and referred to His Worship the Mayor with power to act:

VICTORIA, February 15, 1896. the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.:

SIRS:—Re Walkeley, King & Casey contract. We are just informed that Mr. Jorgensen, the engineer in charge of the toria. The Anacortes Packing Co., Ltd., in which J. H. Todd & Son, of this city are interested, have a cannery on the Sound and it is to run in connection with this that the little steamer has been purchased.

The flagship Royal Arthur leaves Esquimalt to-day on a ten days' cruise which will include visits to Vancouver and Comox. To-morrow morning the Phaseat makes a trip to the Tarming! construction of the waterworks. A great many questions arising under that contract are, by the agreement between our clients and the city, referred for settlement to the engineer who is by the contract, the British snip Desdemona, 1,200 will be to the engineer who is by the contract, the closen arbitrator between the parties. You must see that it is absolutely impossible for the naval storekeeper at Esquimalt.

The British ship Kynance is on her way to this port from Glasgow with the contract to the parties at least, has never consented to be parties at least, has never consented to be another judge by whose decision one of the parties at least, has never consented to be bound. We respectfully submit that such The Topeka will leave for the North an act on the part of the corporation is engain on Wednesday and will carry a tirely beyond any powers which they have arge number of people going up to the any right to exercise. We wish hereby to give you formal notice that our clients do not propose to acquiesce in this action of the corporation and that any work which is now being done by them in connection with the undertaking in question, is being

under protest and say their rights under the performed ing all their rights under the contract. By the terms of the agreement, they are bound to carry on the work, and complete within a certain limit. We assume, therefore, that the contractor the corporation which has been indicated Thanks to the efforts put forth by the members of the ladies' guild, a thoroughly enjoyable reunion of the memment was executed. Our clients will not consider themselves bound by any ruling of any third party who may assume to act as

engineer under any other appointmen which the corporation may make. Yours truly. (Sd.) BODWELL & IRVING. In passing, Ald Partridge advised the council to "go slow" in dispensing with work at the lake was on the eve of completion, except for very serious offend-He foresaw endless complications ing. and hoped that the council would see its way clear to retaining Mr. Jorgensen un-

less for definite cause. ALD. MACMILLAN, on the other hand. hoped that the Mayor and his advisers would stand firm on the action already taken. He saw in the letter just read additional evidence for dispensing with Mr. Jorgensen's services altogether. His sympathies had all along been too largely exhibited "in a certain direction." The next communication, too, was in

reference to the waterworks contract and contained a grave charge against Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey. It bore the signature of William Payne, a citi-Violin Solo—"Carnival of Venice" zen of four years' standing, and alleged that residents of Victoria were not wanted on the Elk lake works unless they boarded with the contractors and that they found every possible obstacle thrown in the way of their getting em-ployment. Citizens of Victoria were not treated as men, this letter stated, but as slaves, driven by cursing taskmasters.

MAYOR BEAVEN remarked that the subject matter of this complaint was not new by any means, half a dozen laboring men having called upon him during the week with practically the same story. If residents of the city desired employment at the Beaver lake works they were informed that they must be at work by 7 a.m. and work until 6 p.m.—if late in arriving only three-quarters of a day would be allowed. As the train did not reach Beaver lake unil 7.30 this order of the contractors simoly meant that the workmen were forced o walk from the city in order to freight shipped from Ashcroft to Caribe at the lake by seven. He (Mayor boo," should have read:

Beaven) had suggested to the contractors that they employ residents tion of over six hundred thousand dollars of the city from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., making payment by the hour for the services rendered. No opposition had been offered to this suggestion, report progress, to sit again on Tuesday

but it had evidently not been acted upon. ALD. MACMILLAN dwelt upon the Alb. Machillan dwelt upon the alleged cruelty of the contractors to their employes, speaking at considerable length, and in the course of his remarks stating that the sweating system adopted by Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey surpassed in hideous cruelty anything Price 50c and \$1 per bottle.

Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion with Wild Cherry. Hypophosphites combines the curative powers of Wild Cherry. Hypophosphites combines the curative powers of Wild Cherry. Hypophosphites and goes for eight days without winding."

The city of Guayaquil in Ecuador was ing."

And how long does it go when you wind it?"—Judy.

The losses will aggregate over \$4,000,000.

ever heard of in London or New York. Neither contractors nor engineer in charge, said Ald. Macmillan, have given GEORGE PRIOR, for assaulting W. A. flesh and blood or human life even a Hollands, an expressman, was fined \$2 passing thought in comparison with the in yesterday's police court. money profits or professional credit to be derived. The manner in which the ALLAN ESPLIN was given in charge to

the alderman concluded, was a crime against humanity that would cry out pair of boots.

lads who cut a wide swathe in this city

any member thereof; nor shall he speak eighth of what Ald. Macmillan had said of March.

committee of inquiry was necessary, and Baker hotel, Oak Bay, last night, the Bantly family orchestra furnishing the music. There were over fifty couples This resolution was adopted without opposition, and Ald. Macmillan, being ing success.

Still another communication also esident of Victoria, where her sister still lives. She was known here as Georgie Sinclair, and won notoriety for erself by attempting to commit suicide

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS.

against the engineer and contractors

At this juncture the Mayor felt com-pelled to call Ald. Macmillan to order,

directing his attention to rule 33 gov-

erning the deliberations of the council.

In this clause the following passage oc-

words in or against the council or against

ALD. PARTRIDGE thought that if one-

contained an element of truth, a special

"Nor shall he use offensive

while the world lasts.

Messrs. Woods & McKay, proprietors of the British Columbia broom and brush A new and very important phase of factory, asked that they be given one the waterworks tangle was introduced year's free occupancy of three rooms and factory, asked that they be given one one stall in the city market building, to enable them to establish their business in this city. The communication was

report.

To the sewerage committee were re-Smeaton and William McDowell! This committee also had referred to them the McDonald claim for \$82 for the use of tools, in regard to which the City Engineer reported "no claim either in law or equity.

The city solicitor reported in connection with the complaint of R. W. Wilkinson, that the howling of animals confined in the city pound was not a cause of action against the city, the howling aforesaid being incidental to the maintenance of the said pound, and therefore a legalized nuisance-if a nuisance it had become. This letter was duly filed a copy being forwarded to Mr. Wilkin

City Clerk Dowler reported that since the last meeting of the council the following communications had been received and referred to the streets committee directing attention to the unsanitary condition of Langford street; from Dalthe wooden awning surrounding the ian society of this city—to be forwarded Pritchard House; from A. G. Robertsen to the mother of Whytock. and others, urging that the condition of street. Later in the evening a lengthy report was received from the streets committing advising the tabling of several

at once. This report was adopted.

came a report advising that contracts adjourned. for supplies be awarded to the following, their's being the lowest tenders For groceries, Dixi H. Ross & Co.; for meat, L. Goodacre; for milk, A. J. Woodward; and for underclothing, J. Piercy & Co. From the market committee a report was received suggesting among other things that the fee for weighing sheep should be reduced on lots of twenty or more, that the weighing machine be provided with moveable gates, and that a drinking trough for cattle be erected in the market Both these reports were adopted without debate or objection. Tenders for forage and for electric light globes were referred unopened to the committees concerned with the city purchasing agent, to examine and report to the council; and the finance committee's appropriations of

\$584.94 were passed for payment. LEGISLATION SUGGESTED.

At 10:30 the legislative committee of the council reported their suggestions as to desirable amendments to the municipal act, which the council at once took into consideration in committee of the whole. The first amendment proposed was explained by Ald. Humphrey and Cameron as being in the direction of rendering appeals from assessment impossible except on the ground of unequal assessment.

This was adopted although the Mayor bjected that it was both unjust and unwise to limit the power of appeal. The next proposal was to allow the cancellation of special rates, and to permit the council to raise the rate of taxation in order to equalize the reduction

report progress, to sit again on Tuesday night. Then the council adjourned.

THE CITY.

Beaver lake works had been prosecuted,

the city police last evening for assaulting Louisa Saunders by striking her with a Mr. E. E. Wootton was the lecturer

at last evening's meeting of the Victoria
Law Students' Association, his subject

Increase in the Wild Land and being "Contract by Letter." Scott and Dutton the two English

recently as expert though youthful confidence operators, have completed their term at the provincial jail and propose continuing their journey to Australia by the steamer Miowera, sailing on the 1st A SOCIAL hop was given in the Mount

present and a general jollification was ndulged in. The arrangements for the event were carried out with most pleas-GEORGIE HOWARD, the chief witness in say:—

"Four-fifths of one per cent. on the the Amy McDermott murder sensation in San Francisco, was until recently a

by jumping from the James Bay bridge. AT the close of the services at the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunmeetings time will be saved by the read-ing of the minutes being dispensed with; Wilmot. among them being a quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. McGraw and Mr. Ives; and solos by Mrs. Rowlands, Miss Dobson, Mr. Ives and Mr. Row-

lands. There was a large congregation,

the church being nearly filled. THE successful tenderers for the contracts annually awarded by the Dominion overnment for the year's supplies for referred to the market committee for a the steamer Quadra and the lighthouses she attends to, were yesterday made known. They are as follows: E. B. ferred several letters in connection with | Marvin & Co., ship chandlery; groceries, the cost of connections, these being from E. J. Saunders & Co.; meats, John Charles E. Redfern, D. R. darris, John Parker; bread, M. R. Smith & Co.; coal, Union Colliery Co.

> On Sunday afternoon the remains of the late Elizabeth Newby, relict of the late Thomas Newby, were interred in Ross Bay cemetery, the funeral taking place from Mrs. Kermode's residence, 87 Henry street, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Kermode is a daughter of deceased, and at her home as also at the grave services vere conducted, Rev. J. F. Betts officiating. The pallbearers were Captains J. Thompson, S. Bucknam, T. Bebington,

bouts of Lewis B. Whytock, a grainer by trade, who for some time worked at the Royal City planing mills, then at suchomish City in July, 1889, and last wrote from Seattle in October, 1889, to his mother in Scotland, who is anxiousfor report: From William McDowell, ly inquiring as to his present whereabouts. Any information will be thankfully received by Edwin C. Smith, secby & Glaxton, asking for the removal of retary of the St. Andrew's and Caledon-

Belton avenue be improved; and from Max Katsauer, the former resident of enay Mining & Smelting Co., arrived w. G. Fraser, requesting permission to this city who was convicted in the from Pilot Bay yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Hendryx. Speaking of the MAX KATSAUER, the former resident of cisco recently of conspiracy in connection with the Chinese certificate forgeries of the notorious Greenwald gang, pany were considering the erection of requests for improvements until the estimates shall have been adopt— las been sentenced by Judge Morrow to another stack, and before long the works would be increased in that directions and the stack of the stack ed, referring several other subjects Quentin. No one in this city believes tion. The ore they were using came to the city engineer for report, suggesting that "big Max" had any important that one of the corporation horses, being part in the operations of the Greenwald chased from other mines in the district, no longer fit for service, be offered for sale; and finally recommending that a concrete sidewalk be laid around the and the gang simply made use of him—the lead ores of the Blue Bell. To market building, tenders being invited with cost to himself.

James McIntosh, who was one of the stated that from March 16 to December A letter from Chief Deasy, of the fire department, suggested certain alterations to the fire hall premises, and asked that a full investigation be made again in serious trouble, this time the stated that from March 16 to December 31, 1865 3,600 tons of bullion had been asked that a full investigation be made against him being that of obtains asked that a full investigation be made into the charges preferred by "G. Campbelle." In the latter connection the fire wardens explained that they had determined to continue their inquiry on Thursday evening of this week—the point raised by Ald. Partridge had been met satisfactorily by Mr. Campbell since the last meeting of the committee. The first portion of Chief Deasy's-communication was accordingly referred to the

> province we live in will be afforded Victorians on Saturday evening of this week, when Mr. John Sayrea is to address a public meeting at the city hall. His theme is the mining resurces and possibilities of British Columbia, a subject which he is eminently qualified by long and varied experience to speak brought in last fall indicating the existence. His long and busy life has been tence of some very fine copper leads, tence of some very fine copper leads, spent mostly as a practical miner in this province, the field of his prospecting expeditions extending the antire length and breadth of the province, and his address will contain much and valuable Blue Fiell mine and wood cutting and information of peculiar interest at the shipm ents of bullion are going out three

MR. A. HASLAM, M.P., of Namaimo who is at the present time in Ottawa attending to his parliamentary duties was on the 8th of this month the hero of quite a gallant rescue, effected under peculiarly trying circumstances. "With Messrs. Pridham and Miller, M.'s P., Mr. Haslam was," to quote the Ottawa Citizen's account of the adventure, "enjoying a drive behind the showy team owned and handled at the time by the proprietor of the Grand Union, Mr. Hugh Alexander. Dashing up Bideau Family. street their progress was suddenly stopped at the corner of Charlotte by an accident to another sleigh, in which two young ladies were driving, when their borse became unmanagable, whealed and upset both ladies into a snow bank.

RAISING THE REVENU

Wealth of the Gold Fields Turned to the Advantage of the Whole Province.

Increase in the Wild Land and Other Taxes.

Increased revenue from sources old and new, but principally the latter, is provided for by the bill to amend the assessment act introduced in the legislature yesterday. This deals first with the income tax, reducing the amount exempted from \$1,500 to \$800, and providing a readjustment of the several rates on real and personal property as follows: "6. There shall be assessed, levied and collected from every person, and paid to Her Majesty, her heirs and sucessors, the sums following, that is to

assessed value of real estate other than wild land ':

"Three-quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property:
"One and one-quarter per cent. on so much of the income of any person as exeeds eight hundred dollars: "Three per cent. on the assessed value

"Provided, always, that if the above axes so assessed and levied are paid on or before the 30th day of June in each rear, but not otherwise, the collector is nereby authorized to receive and shall

of 'wild land'

eceive in lieu of the above rates: "Three-fifths of one per cent. on the sessed value of real estate other than wild land ': "One-half of one per cent. on the

ssessed value of personal property:
"One per cent. on so much of the inome of any person as exceeds eight hun-

dred dollars:

"Two and one-half per cent. upon the usessed value of 'wild land."

"TAXATION OF MEINES AND MINERALS. "And whereas the output of mines in the province is by law subject to the personal property tax, but there are no adequate provisions for its equitable adjustment and collection, and it is advisable to remedy this and to deal separately and clearly with the taxation of this division of property . . "8. There shall be assessed, levied

and collected from every person owning, managing, leasing or working a mine, and paid to Her Majesty, her heirs and

hompson, S. Bucknam, T. Beningson,
Jagers, G. Ferry and Mr. E. Hiscocks.
to say:
"Two per cent. on the assessed value of the gross output of such mine, that is to say: on the assessed value of all ore or mineral-bearing substances raised, gotten or gained from any lands in the province, such value to be so assessed and determined upon such output as it lies on the mining premises.

The tax upon mining output above-provided for is to be-payable monthly.

PILOT BAY SMELTER

A. B. Hendryx, manager of the Koot-

smelter, Mr. Hendryx stated that it was steadily turning out bullion. The comanother stack, and before long the idea of what give some had already company first portion of Chief Deasy's communication was accordingly referred to the committee for action, while the latter section was received and filed.

It were all legit, and the result is that McIntosh per. A shaft is now being sunk to work this and the workings were found very dry although now below the lake level. From the Old Folks' Home committee The case was opened yesterday, but The company, have just completed the putting, in The opportunity of hearing from the lips of a pioneer of the pioneers valuable but for hoisting and pumping. At gresty the lips of a pioneer of the pioneers valuable but for hoisting and pumping. and new information concerning the ent back in the hills but little prospecting is being done owing to the snow, still this spring will probably see some large developments in the surrounding country. From the district to the east and southeast. White Grouse mountain Hooker and Crawford creeks and other though Mr. Hendryx could only speak

fan r times a week. THREE POPULAR BLACKS

of the samples as he had not seen the

prospects themselves. Over 200 men are

THREE popular Blacks, well known in borse became unmanagable, whealed and upset both ladies into a snow bark.

One of them became entangled in the cutter and was in imminent denor. One of them became entangled in the cutter and was in imminent danger of serious injury. But, with a dexterity born of experience and true Western chivalry, Mr. Haslam ran to the rescue, checked the runaway horse and extricated the young lady from her perilous and embarassing position.

"Yes. my boy, it's over 100 years old"

The losses will aggregate over \$4,000,000.

PROVINCIAL LEGI Second Session of the Sev

SIXTEENTH MONDAY. Mr. Booth took the cha

MR. SEMLIN presented petitions for the abatem nuisance. MR. SWORD called atter ment in the Times of Sa Wilkinson, in reference the last provincial loa whether Mr. Wilkinson Minister's statement was
Hon. Mr. Turner re
answer given the other da

orrect.

Mr. Kidd moved for at the amount of arrears of December, 1895, under headings, viz.: 1. Real wild land; [b] improved sonal property tax. 3. T leases. 4. Any other not in use by the crown of owners of land whose acres or more, and on whi arrears on the 31st Decen location of each such amount for which it the description of the tax years in which arrears ac

Mr. Rogers introduce incorporation of the Roya pital. Read a first time NAKUSP RAILWAY

MR. SWORD moved-" ful address be presented the Lieutenant-Governo to send down to this house order-in-council in interest on the ted by the Na Nakusp railway company ernment was paid to the pany; and also a copy which may have been Honor's Attorney Gene struction to be placed ment between His Hor and the Nakusp & Slo pany, which justified the this money." He said counts show that interest 3½ per cent. has been read from section 16 of follows: "16. It is here if the government shall native provided in section that the said sum of \$118,4 thereof as shall main owing, shall bear in rate of three and a half per num, and that all pays made by the government guarantee shall carry vith half-vearly rests. he took from that, he said interest on one side was to offset the interest on the did not think it was conte the government should terest to the company. that it is quite possible the cent. of the gross earnin from this railway by the provide against any loss t time he did not think th on the deposit should be Hon. MR. TURNER said

no objection to bringing papers, and he thought the recognize that the governm accordance with the agree ing over the interest.

LIMITATION OF PRE-EM Mr. Sword moved: "Th address be presented to Hi Lieut.-Governor, praying down to this house a staten in what areas east of the C emptions have been limited under the powers conferred He wanted to know, he sai been the effect of the ame sion, to limit the quantity could be taken up by any o

West Kootenay.

Hon. Mr. Martin said th of section 8 have not been p

in any place.
Mr. Kellie said his objection to preserve the agricultural district for actual settlers ar it to get into the hands of companies. He hoped the would keep in mind the some such precaution.

Motion agreed to. ROAD REPORT. Mr. Semlin asked—Did ment or any member there report of the state of the re Hope and Popcum from Mr. Kirkup during the year Hon. Mr. Martin-Yes.

SALE OF PUBLIC LAN MR. KENNEDY resumed the debate on the bill to provid educational purposes by the lic lands. He could not s government could hope to di land by public auction wh wants to buy it at private sa No one rising to speak in to Mr. Kennedy the question the Acting Speaker, and

reading of the bill was carrie division of 14 to 9. THE SPEAKER CONVAL Hon. D. W. Higgins, Spe Legislature (who had be through illness for a couple here appeared at the visitor behind the Speaker's chair, ceived with a hearty applaus

Speaker Higgins then took amidst renewed applause. Turner in a felicitous speech lated him upon his reappeara propect that in a few days h able to preside with accusto and spirit. The leader of sition, Mr. Semlin, cordially congratulations. The Speak acknowledged these kind e which he said almost compe for the great suffering throughad passed. He felt that ha not come on when and as it sult might have been more on; and as it is he hoped to a few days restored to his us After a few minutes the Spo Mr. Booth again to the chair self received the individual tions of the members, befor

SCHOOL ACT AMENDME Mr. Cotton resumed the the second reading of the bill the public school act. He he paltry amount which can be increasing as proposed the number of children requisions formation of a school distr