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A persistent rumor apparently based in a good foundation is current to the flect that the Canadian Northern railway is contemplating the erection of a smelter on the northeastern foreshore of Esquimalt harbor. It is stated that this will be one of the many enterprises which Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann will engage on the island on conjunc-tion with the building of the Victoria and Barkley Sound railroad. The com-pany is said to be acquiring the fron

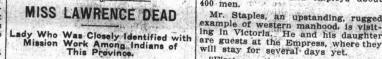
properties lying along the right-of-way of the west coast railroad and the pro-ducts from these will be brought to Esquimalt for the purpose of smelling. In the proposed scheme for the es-tablishment tablishment of a steel shipbuilding in-dustry at Esquimalt, a matter which H. F. Bullen, one of the managing direc-

This committee also rose with a progress report. Second readings followed in quick succession, no debate arising while ten or more bills were disposed of in considerably less than an hour. tors of the B. C. Marine Railway com-pany, is now in Ottawa in connection with, a smelter is a necessary adjunct. At present no steel for shipbuilding purposes is manufactured on the Cana-

dian Pacific coast, or indeed in any part of Canada. Such an industry car-ried on jointly with a shipbuilding yard would give employment to possibly 1,500 men. The iron deposits in the 1.500 men. sooke and Barkley Sound districts are known to be of a rich character and sultable for the manufacture of such steel as is required for shiphuilding

Some time ago the announcement was made that English capital had been en-listed to provide for such extensions and alterations to the Esquimalt shipbuilding yard as would enable it to turn out vessels built of steel. The project in view is that the vessels re-quired for the new Canadian navy may be built at home ports. Halifax and Esquimalt are the ports most interest-ed in this scheme, and the rumor that the Canadian Northern, or Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann in their capacity as private capitalists, are interested in this venture, is a matter of high im-portance to Canada's western naval

objection to the bill taking second reading, while holding that certain clauses challenged very serious con-sideration at the committee stage of progress. Wancouver's eloquent fourth member had drawn a very charming serapers adorning the horizon-its happy and prosperous and contented popiel But in dealing with details the had robbed his picture of its al-to of the baby farms of Vancouver and the necessity for legislation for the protection of the unfortunate infants concerned, he pictured a condition of a affairs which, happily, could not pre-vall at Nanaimo. Again he was amazed to learn of the Chinese and others keeping their poultry in Van-couver he had not expected from the fourth member of that rising city the dark side of life-in greater Van-couver he had not take too ser-invise be tempted to invest his more that the honorable member had seen ft to throw at his fown. (Laughter), Northern Telephone Co. in which the detate stands adjourned, were unani-mously agreed to. conditions and provisions of earlier contracts. He did not think that such contracts. He did not think that such had been the country's experience in its dealings with the Salvation Army. That body had agreed to place certain agriculturists upon the land. They did put settlers of a kind on the land in some instances—but these settlers didn't stay there. Nor were they agri-culturists, and results were very far from what had been promised. He had his own opinion as to the Selvice from what had been promised. He had his own opinion as to the Salvation Army. It was not the complimentary opinion expressed by the Attorney-General. But as he did not know that the House cared particularly as to his opinion in the matter, he would keep it to himself. This committee also rose with a progress report.



This Province. TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Miss Susana N. Lawrence, founder of the Kitamaat mis-sion in British Columbia, died today after an illness extending over a period of 17 years, of science of the forein accommodation excellent. The deceased lady who was 70 years

sion in British Columbia, died today after an illness extending over a period of 17 years, of creeping paralysis. The deceased lady who was 70 years old devoted many years of her life to mission work among the Indians of British Columbia and was accompaned by Rev. Thomas Crosby in his first pil-grimage west. d She was the first white woman to iumbia in the wilds and remained among them alone for two years and a for a day when the Methodist church should firmly establish itself there. n-oia image mest. n-oia in **RENTARY REVER** to be also and the solution of the

JORDAN RIVER

Fire Insurance Sill Fire Insurance Sill The first of these was the bill to incorporate the Western Union Fire Insurance Co., Mr. Tisdall explaining in that a number of influential business men of British Columbia and Alberta had organized this company to en-gage in fire, windstorm, marine and general insurance operations. The country was to be congratulated upon the fact that its own people were now moving to provide facilities of secur-ity, and that dividends arising out of insurance profits would hereafter bid distributed in the province of their origin instead of going abroad. Mr. Miller, as to the bill for the in-corporation of the British Columbia Northern Telephone Co., explained that it contained only the usual pow-ers and privileges governing such in-corporations, while the private bills committee had gone through it with especial care, inserting clauses for the special protection of the public in-terest which doubtless would commend themselves to the house. Mr. William Manson moved the ad-journment of the debate. The bill to incorporate the B. C.

Fire Insurance Bill

THE VICTORIA COLONIST

Itself in This Man's Country,

Says Otis Staples from Wy-

companies writing business in this province to take out licenses and pro-vide security to ensure that all valid claims of insurers for recompense in the event of fire loss shall be paid. The powers of the commission in dealing with witnesses are as wide as those of a court of law. Any person may be compelled to attend and give evidence under oath, in fact all the evidence given before the commission will be under oath and every bit of IS SOLE PROBLEM Reforestration Will Attend to

evidence given before the commission will be under oath and every bit of testimony will be taken down in shorthand by a secretary who will be appointed in the course of a few days. Any person desiring that any other person should be placed on the wit-ness stand need only apply to any one of the commissioners to ensure—If it is determined that the testimony sought is relevant to the enquiry— the issuance of a subpoena compeli-ing attendance and the giving of tes-timony.

SPECIAL FROM B. C.

If forest fires were properly con-trolled when they do occur, and if more efforts were made to prevent them altogether, if would not be necessary to plant trees to prevent the deforestation of Canada's timber lands. This is the belief of Mr. Otis Staples, of Wycliffe, situated eight miles from Cranbrook, on the Kim-berly branch of the C. P. R., where he has a timber plant worth nearly half a million dollars and employs about 400 men. VANCOUVER, Feb. 23.—Con Jones, president of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club, and a prominent local sports promoter, announced today that he will charter a special train to carry British Columbia fans to the Johnson-Jeffries fight in July. He is already negotiating with Southern Pacific railway officials regarding arrange-ments for the special. The train will leave here on the night of July 1.

Discussing Canada's Future

LONDON, Feb. 23.—At a meeting of the National Peace Council today, Mr. Bile, in an academic paper asked what harm there could be to Canada or Great Britain if Canada were absorbed in the United States.

Lord Curzon and the Students Lord Curzon and the Students GLASGOW, Feb. 23.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston has resigned the rector-ship of Edinburgh university. Last week the students held a meeting and adopted a resolution of censure against the lord rector for postponing his in-stallation ceremony in favor of his political engagements. Lord Curzon then sent a letter of explanation, whereupon the students met again and adopted for the second time a vote of censure.

COVERED WITH SNOW His best customers are Alberta and Saskatchewan, but he sells about \$50,000 worth of lumber in Chicago

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and if possible adjust their differences annicably.
MID-AIR ARMAGEDDON
Discussed in the German Reichistag When Aeroplane Votes Are Submitted
BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Armageddon in the air was discussed by the budget
taken to guard against forest fires. If the fires were prevented he says the trees would seed themselves as fast as they are being cut down. The laws in this province at present, he declared, are not stringent enough. The chief causes of fires are sparks from loco-motives, the camp fires of hunters, lightning, and the firing of timber and brush by prospectors to clear rock faces. If laws were directed intelli-thinks the fire evil could be largely wiped out.

VIENNA, Feb. 23.—Notwithstanding unsatisfactory rumors from Athens, Sofia, and Constantinople, no signs of

Sofia, and Constantinople, no signs of serious disquietude concerning the Bal-han stuation are yet observable in competent quarters here. The possi-bilities are thought to be outweighted by the probability that trouble will be prevented. Statements published in London that Austro-Hungarian troops are being concentrated near the San-iak of Novi Bazaar receive an empha-tic denial from the Austro-Hungarian war office; and apart from the au-thority attaching to such a denial, it

member of the Turkish government further declares the reports of Turkish military preparations against Bulgaria to be devoid of foundation. During the next few weeks and months, disquieting reports from vari-ous Balkan centres are likely to be fre-quent. It is desirable that they should be received with ecuapting the Mar duent. It is desirable that they should be received with equanimity in Wes-tern Europe. A display of nervousness in the English or French press is often the, albeit erroneously, interpreted as a sign of nervousness on the part of

a sign of nervousness on the part of governments, and as such tends to increase unrest in the Balkans them-selves. As far as is known here, there is no reason to believe complications to be inevitable or even probable, dur-ing the coming spring and summer but it is certain that tranquillity in worter while output the terms. but it is certain that tranquility in western public opinion would help to steady the situation in the Balkans, especially if the Great Powers, includ-ing Austro-Hungary and Russia, can establish between themselves relations

such as to ensure concordant treatment of any emergency that may arise.

JOSEPH MARTIN TALKS

The Chronicies parliamentary cor-respondent refers to the extremely able speech of Mr. Martin, who spoke with trenchant power, but in a tone of voice louder than is usually heard in the Commons. ANOTHER BANK LOOTED

Cambridge, Mass., Institution Thrown Into Insolvency by Stealings of Official.

 Will Be Held in Vancouver on March Third—Subsequent Sittings to Be Held Here and in Ofher Cities
Will Start Third—Subsequent Sittings to Be Held Here and in Ofher Cities
He last three days of the sone was booken the later cars fan well up to schedule. As the day advanced hastily resur-rected sleigts of all types began to law of 1889 on the recruiting of the French army. The measure now excludes from the army not merely offenders against the common law, but persons condemned for espionage. It provides for the re-legation to the African battalions of offenders against the common law who

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The French gov-ernment has lost no time in 'framing-a bill calculated to purge the army of the criminal elements in its ranks. At a meeting of the council of ministers, the under-secretary of state for war, M. Albert Sarrauf, obtained the assent of the sovernment to the introduction

BOSTON. Feb. 23.—Following the dis-covery that the National City bank of Cambridge had been looted of \$144,000, the doors of the institution were closed discipline. The great danger which has arroused the apprehensions of French parents is that the army as a whole was in danger of being contam-inate by the presence in its ranks of offenders against the common law. The new bill virtually abrogates the law of 1889 on the recruiting of the Errorch army.

GRAND TRUNK OBJECTS

Friday, February 25, 1910

TO PAYING FOR SEWERS

No Signs of Serious Disquietude Noticed From the Trouble Ground of Europe dertaking to Spend \$200,-

000 Will Be Exceeded-Estimates Too Low

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. has filed a strong protest with the Provincial government against ful-filling their obligation to pay three-quarters of the \$25,000 allowed for the building of the new sewers in section 1. Prince Rupert.

tic denial from the Austro-Hungarian war office; and apart from the au-thority attaching to such a denial, it must be said that nothing of a nature to call for any movements of troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina has yet become known in the Austrian capital. In the Politische Correspondenz, a member of the Turkish government, to stand their share of the \$41,000-\$16,000 for sewers. The new walks were laid, at a cost of \$14,000, which was \$2,000 under the estimate, but the sewers have been delayed in consequence of the citizens destring to be devoid of foundation. During the next few weeks and months, disquieting reports from vari-

that this work shall be part of a per-manent sewer system. Meanwhile the sewer work under the original plans laid out before the sale cost much more than was antici-pated, making the total expenditure \$234,000 for that work. The company now objects to paying their portion of the cost of the addi-tional improvements, claiming that their estimates would thereby, be ex-ceeded. The Provincial government is pledged to do the work for the city.

TO CONSTRUCT ROAD

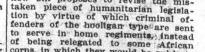
Provincial Government Will Probably Build One From Malakwa te Revelatoke.

Reveision. Reveision. The is announced upon excellent au-thority—although not officially—that the provincial government has de-cided upon the early construction of a road connecting Revelstoke with Mal-akwa. The construction of this, road was urged by the Revelstoke board of trade sometimes during Decemberlast, when Hon. Mr. Taylor was in Revel-stoke, and it has since been pressed by Mr. Shaw, M. P. P. for Kamloops, In whose riding the Malakwa district is. The road, it is stated, will be of great advantage to the settlers of the Malakwa in bringing them into direct touch with the Revelstoke market. As Malakwa is being connected on the east with the Okanagan valley at through route between Revelstoke and the Okanagan valley. The new, road promises to become a very popular tourist route, taking visitors through the magnificent scenery in Eage Pass, and making convenient holiday trips to the beautiful lakes between Clanwil-liam and Griffin lake, where, in the summer months the fishing is unsur-passed. The Eagle pass district con-tains much- splendid land, and will afford homes for a large number of settlers. k00.e,ewcain-1 **FRANCE'S ARMY**

FRANCE'S ARMY

Bill to Purge It of its Criminal Element Is Introduced by Government PARIS, Feb. 23 .- The French gov-

M. Albert Sarraut, obtained the assent of the government to the introduction of proposals which have been drawn up by General Brun, the minister of war, in response to the demand of pub-lic opinion throughout France. The new bill proposes to revise the mis-taken piece of humanitarian legisla-tion by virtue of which criminal of-fenders of the hooligan type are sent to serve in home regiments, instead



f vince!" And this philosophical view taken by Mr. Snitzelbogenhoffer was the view taken by Victorians generally yesterday f when they awoke to find the city re-ceiving the caresses of the tail end of a No Easter which spread its loving grasp from Port Simpson to San Fran-cleso and all through the northwest of Canada and the United States during the last three days. The storm locally was mild compared with the effects it produced in other places. Snow began

in seeking powers to engage in a gen-eral express as well as railway busi-ness, the company was seeking some-what excessive and extraordinary privilege

This provoked comment from Mr. McPhillips that any competition with the Dominion Express Co. should be welcomed as in the right direction. That company, while secure in its monopoly, was not the most energetic in striving to premote the conven-ience of its patrons. He knew by his own experience that when a parcel came for him, while the company would make dell ery at his office, they would not take the parcel to his resi-dence, where he wanted it.

"The honorable member for the Islands can very easily obviate that in-convenience," retorted Mr. Hawthorn-thwaite, "by dealing at the local departmental stores instead of sendin back East to Eaton's." (Laughter). ntal stores instead of sending railway act.

broadly "in Canada." Whole. He had heard it suggested "Salvation Army Bill" The bill to revive, ratify and con-firm the incorporation of the Graham Island Railway Co. went through com-mittee unchanged, and the Salvation Army bill was next committed with Mr. Lehnsen in the chair—a matter for some occult reason obtaining the cor-dially expressed approval of the House-Apparently in remembrance of the issue raised on his own bill a half hour before. Mr. Miller took the ground that this measure was one beyond the compe-tency of a private member to bring

Mr. Miller took the ground that this measure was one beyond the compe-tency of a private member to bring forward. Attorney-General Bowser explained that the situations were not analo-Mr. Hawthornthwaite expressed no

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formed the house that this was merely to enable the company, chartered in 1907. to increase its capital stock and transfer its northern terminus from Anderson lake to Lillooet. also to operate a telephone service from New-port to Vancouver. Ten miles of this road had already been built, and roll-ing stock was now on its way to the Squamish valley, and no doubt prove a valuable colonization factor. The Cariboo. Barkerville and Wilment of these machines, and ing promising experiments. The Cariboo. Barkerville and Wil-Several members urged that aero planes would probably prove an effec tive means of combating atrahips, and that close attention should be given to them on that account.

The Cariboo, Barkerville and Wil-low River railway was outlined by Mr. Fraser as projected to extend from some point on the Grand Trunk Pacific up Willow river to Barker-ville, penetrating a district at present lacking transportation facilities. The promoters of this new road sought no special privileges, and their bill was drawn upon the lines of the model railway act. them on that account. Colonel Wandel was asked whether it was still necessary to purchase for-eign motors for German flying ma-chines. He replied that though the home industry furnished excellent motors for airships, its technique was still deficient. The Vossische Zeitung gives some details of Major Parseval's aeroplane, which is complete, and has been taken to Plau, in Mecklenburg, for its trials. It so far represents an innovation, as it is constructed to carry no fewer than five persons. The motor is a 114

partmental stores instead of sending back East to Eaton's." (Laughter). "Score one," said Mr. McPhillips, joining in the laughter. The bill of the Island Valley Rail-way Co. was also advanced through committee, after a slight amendment to bring this bill also into line with in "British Columbia" instead off Salvation Army Rill "Status of the day's grist came the incorporation act and also extending the expropriation period under the False Creek foreshore act, the former of which was elaborated in detail by this act was not only of very great in "British Columbia" instead offices in "British Columbia" instead offices in Salvation Army Rill still deficient. The Vossische Zeitung gives some details of Major Parseval's aeroplane, which is complete, and has been taken to Plau, in Mecklenburg, for its trials. to Plau, in Mecklenburg, for its trials. to Flat, in Mecklenburg, for its trials. It so far represents an innovation, as it is constructed to carry no fewer than five persons. The motor is a 114 horse power Dalmier. The apparatus is of the monoplane type.

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 23.-A boom TAKES EFFECT SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 23.—A boom in embarkation to Canada has been started here under the auspices of the Salvation Army. It is announced that organization has made arrangements whereby settlers for that country will sall every week from this port from now until the end of April. Commis-sioners Coombes and Howard salled on the Adriatic for a visit to Canada to look over the situation and make arrangements for the reception of im-migrants. nigrants.

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make their appearance. Horses, am-bling, obligingly but with amazed ex-pressions in their eyes, hauled gay par-The commission appointed a few weeks ago by the Provincial govern-ment to inquire fully into the manner in which the various fire insurance in which the various fire insurance companies are transacting business in British Columbia will hold its first sittings at Vancouver on the 3rd proximo. Sittings will be held subse-quently in this city and at Nelson, on March 9th in Victoria and the 15th in Nelson. It it both possible and prob-able that sittings will also be held in New Westminster and in Fernie. On New Westminster and in sternie, provided clrcumstances are such as to justify such a step, sittings may also be held at other places than those mentioned.

that they sang, explanatorily:

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way This queer-looking thing we're riding in

is meant to be a sleigh; Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the

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eral young men and women who had ferreted out some of the long-forgotten Klondike sleds common enough in Vic-toria years ago, enjoyed a few hours

At Vancouver on Monday evening city. Taken altogether the snowfall did n

the marriage was solemnized of Mr. H. S. Rowling and Miss Mary Hous-ton, daughter of Mr. John Houston. Taken altogether the snowfall did no-damage in Victoria or vicinity and al-though the fall is reported to have been heavier outside the city than it was within the urban limits the general effect of it will be benefield. J. W. Watson, alias J. Jackson, alias

J. W. Watson, and J. W. Andrews, S. N. Murray, and J. W. Andrews, alias Bob Johnson, alias Neis Johnson, have been convicted of fraud in Ross-land and sentenced to 23 months' imeffect of it will be beneficial. Late yesterday afternoon the temper

The announcement is made that the regulation of the Pro-vinctal government abolishing all tolls from pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the trans-Fraser bridge at New West-minster, will come into force and effect on the 1st of April next, the fiscal year of British Columbia closing March 31. ature moderated and light snow which had begun in mid-afternoon changed to rain which drizzled down during the evening making short work of the snow. Mr. Baynes Reed, of the meteorological

bureau stated last evening that it was likely that the rain would turn to snow

rected sleighs of all types began to make their appearance. Horses, am-

thaving been wiped out by the defalcations. The bank carried deposits' of thos. The bank carried deposits' of sti27,432, mostly the money of small tradesmen.
John L. Bate, formerly governor of Massachusetts, was today appointed receiver of the bank by the comptroller of the currency.
AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION
Preparations Under Way for a Big Boom to Begin During the Next Year
MELBOURNE, Feb. 23.—The preparations for a great Australian land settlement boom are rapidly developing. The Victorian cabinet has adopted a scheme which is designed to see cure 40,000 settlers within two years for irrigation blocks specially reserved for English and American agriculturists, who will be invited by a travelling delegation consisting of a cabinet minister and Mr. Mead, chairman of the water commission, which leaves I Melbourne for London almost immediately.

Melbourne for London almost imme-diately. The scheme embraces the dispatch in December next of special excursion will transport farmers and their fami-lies at low fares. Mr. W. I. Baillieu, minister of public works, will probably be chosen for the delegation. works, will probably be chosen for there can be no doubt that the onam-ber of Deputies and the senate will The incoming Britishers will secure deal with the question before the close the same consideration as native-born of the present legislative period.

Pugilist Dies of Injuries

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Puglist Dies of Injuries COALINGA, Cal., Feb. 23.—"Ginger" Williams, a young puglist, of Visalia, died in a hospital here today from injuries suffered yesterday during a fight with "Kid" Kenneth, of Bakers-burg. Williams was knocked through the ropes in the third round, and in falling his head struck a projecting board, fracturing his skull at the base of the brain.

have been convicted of Asamonths' im-land and sentenced to 23 months' im-prisonment with hard labor. William McWhirr, an accomplice, turned King's evidence, and was sentenced to two months as a vagrant. The trio came from Spokane, and were guilty of systematic forgery and passing of bogus cheques.

way way Excuse us please for saying 'bells;' we could only find one today." It was a great day for the boys and many a young and tender arm will be sore this morning as a result of the snowball tossing it did yesterday. And if some playful youngsters who directed the hard-packed globes too fairly, receive their just deserts tonight arms will not be the only sore features

of small-boy anatomy. During the afternoon yesterday sev-

of coasting on the hills adjacent to the