loyment to minelled to seek othfact of the bluff wners is simply re say the owners eir properties and s a matter of iners who they pay work is done. ed labor has been ill civilized counwork, eight hours' ep,' and that the rking men in this r the eight hours convince the govstation as carried fit. Where it has factories, buildn have had betbetter work, and ed business. For it is much better ng \$5 per day than If these same ssland, Nelson and er time, who you ney are forced or reed, to leave he the railways for ork, can they not 30 for eight hours? y one of avarice no get \$3.50 don't eir less fortunate wners will not rethey close their pay the same rate districts will folill not be so pleny more men, pro-

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h your wishes in the voters, resien of Ymir, also nore or less interties in this localit with one who is ines working here Ymir, which when the order imme

nents of Ymir, the net certainly enry letter, notwithdelegation to the way, only repremine owners of ready to reduce king the ten hours, the action of the ng the law will be ajority of the peoo Rossland a few my business to a reliable source iny dissatisfaction ers, and I founded to be working ed. In conclusion t will not weaken nour law."

ahay on the 18th Hon. Mr. Hume. meeting of minat Ymir on the April, stating that Roets, Wm. Deox had been aplutions protesting of the eight-hour to the Min-Ymir Miner, for solution, subseour law passed by

tish Columbia was to the miners of of the government operation of the rimental to the inof this district.

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the matter of the mines was repeatnotice, and my ing it. I believe gislation in its aping to be correct precedents towards ployment, but I ld be some qualiched limiting its ining only.

cement of the act suggestion of its where the workcalled deep, might present, it being would become the the legislature's se this is merely the subject, and

ying to this letter, opinion I am glad ll be of great asnment in arriving atter,"

nmunications is a a meeting of the undary Creek dis-

n enacted by the the province no person shall and in any metalthan 8 in every

are certain mena :with the said en-

pectfully submits question will not hip upon the mine but also upon the

the following rea-Boundary Creek time are entirely the lack of faciliof ores, in conseoperating the said

ines rests entirely upon the owners. not upon the ore product: The miners are entirely satisfied with the present hours of employment, and have manifested no desire for a

hange from the system now in vogue; harmoniously existing;

Therefore the mine owners in the district respectfully beg that the aforemen- dare to enfore the law. The claim that the interests of labor in the minds of the tioned amendment may be held in abey- mine owners did not know such a law executive. ance, at least until such time as the mines are shipping and productive."

tations could be made to the governfull inquiries as to the views held by in September, 1898, and the proceedings in this matter." mine owners, mine managers and the of that body appeared verbatim in the miners themselves, on the subject Vancouver Province and were published, the law should be carried into effect.

William Delahay was again heard from on the 20th of April, when he wrote Hon, Mr. Hume that

"The general opinion in this neighborhood (Ymir) is that the law ought to be enforced, notwithstanding whatever inthem both at the general election and your own (Hon. Mr. Hume's) bye-elecbut right and in justice to yourselves and to your supporters that the law be strictly enforced."

On the 27th of April, L. A. Snyder, secretary of the Ymir Miners' Union. ransmitted copies of resolutions endorsng those passed by the Rossland trades nd labor council, asking that the eightour law be enforced. In addition the

llowing was transmitted: Whereas at a special meeting held by the miners of Ymir, urging that the government enforce the eight-hour law hroughout the province, and whereas the said law being in force throughout Trail Creek district has proved a success beyond any doubt whatever, and whereas a majority of the mine operators who now oppose the eight-hour law, were also opposed to our present government prior to the last election, be it resolved that we heartily endorse the resolutions passed by the trades and labor council of Rossland on April 25th."

On the 2nd of May T. Mayne Daly confirmed by letter the telegram of the mine owners of Rossland, and stated that a memorial was being prepared for signature setting out the views of the Labor Council on April 25, are as folnine owners of this camp and other parts lows: of the Kootenay on the eight-hour "Whereas at the last session of the

ment will refrain from enforcing this the provisions of which was that no per- ment had determined to enforce the law aliens. A reference to the mining laws aw, and that the whole matter will be son shall be employed underground in on the expiration of 30 days from the will show that their whole tenor is, as held in abeyance until the next session any metalliferous mine for more than Gazette notice of May 11. of the legislature."

This was acknowledged by Hon. Mr. Semlin, as acting Minister of Mines, with the declaration that the government had already given the matter careful consideration, and had decided to Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. enforce the clause, notice to that effect | the Miners' Union, Trades and Labor being published in the Gazette of the Council of this city, and other labor or-11th of May.

ers' Union, No. 38, Western Federation ligent working man, labor and reform orof Miners, were transmitted by Presi- gaization in the province; and dent John Leaden and Secretary James

ing letter reading: unqualifiedly endorsed the resolutions of the Trades and Labor Council, re the strikes, lock-outs, etc.; and eight-hour law, copy of which is here- "Whereas said eight-hour law is at the with enclosed. It is certainly unfortun- present time actually in force throughout ate that so much agitation has been Trail Creek district, containing many generated against this law which promis- of the largest mines in Canada, and at ed so much for the operatives of the all working mines in Ymir district, evimetalliferous mining industry, but which | dently to the satisfaction of all parties only at most could place them on the concerned, as there has been no expressame footing in respect to working hours | sion of dissatisfaction made on the part as obtains and prevails in practically of the mine owners to the knowledge of every community in the British Empire this council where said law has been where mining operations of any kind are given a fair trial; and that such representations were made strict and rigid enforcement of the the signature only of the members who prospect for and appropriate minerals. Replying to the criticism of Mr. Francher was not put for the signature only of the members who prospect for and appropriate minerals. they were positively not in a position eight-hour principle; and they were positively not in a position eight-hour principle; and to demonstrate what the actual results "Whereas so far as this council can views alone. I reserve the right to publish of the power to amend the terms and Eye district of Suffolk, Mr. A. J. Balof the enforcement of the law would ascertain in no part of Her Majesty's this letter." be, since they had made no fair practical Dominion, except in Ontario and British test of the same. In contrast to the ac- Columbia metalliferous mines, are untions of complaining parties in this case, derground operatives of coal, metallifer-Eagle Mining Co. towards the eight; more than eight in every twenty-four

concerned-laborers only were re- terests of capital; tional, international, and universal repu-

institution; now in all fairness we ask deavoring to create an impression in the most weight and value. On the one hand we have a corporation employing hundreds of men, adopt and initiate of "3. That with the reduction in the their own free will the eight-hour syshours of labor if will be necessary to reduce the wages per diem from a ten to direct them to do so; on the other hand would be enforced does not hold good. "Be it further resolved, that copies of

Before your government was formed, la- these resolutions be forwarded immediatebor was agitating for and demanding by to every Kootenay member of the legis The mine owners of the Rossland this law. At the convention which nom- lature, and members of the cabinet, Ralph Camp also took occasion, on the 1st of insted and pledged Mr. J. M. Martin, our Smith, M. P. P., president of the Deminion May, to place on record their strong dis- member, to this bill, your colleague, the Congress of Labor, and Robert Machber approval of the 8-hour clause, and re- Hon. Mr. Cotton, spoke very strongly in son, M. P. P. for Vancouver, and that the spectfully to request that its enforce- favor of it, and pledged himself to sup- legislative committee of this council are ment be delayed until further represen- port the same at the earliest opportunity. The eight-hour question was also made ment on the subject, and in reply the an issue in the bye-election of the Hon. Minister of Mines wrote that the govern- Mr. Hume. Furthermore the same sub-

ish Columbia, but practically throughout ment of the eight hour law, Hon. Mr Canada. Why has Mr. J. M. Martin re- Hume wrote on the 19th of April that ceived so much adverse criticism from owing to certain representations made by the press that opposes this law, instead the mine owners, the government had of Hon. Mr. Hume, who actually intro- "thought it advisable to withhold the en- the Lieut.-Governor dated the 12th ult., Brais, wholesale gents' furnishings, asduced it? Simply because the Kootenay forcement of this act until they are in wherewith is transmitted a copy of a signed this morning. The liabilities are country knows Mr. Martin was pledged possession of fuller information from the petition addressed to the President of \$120,000. to it before he was elected a member of miners themselves, who, it is reported, are the United States by certain residents fluence may be brought to bear to the House. This certainly does not look not in favor of the act if it involves the of Atlin, complaining of recent mining riotic Fund to date amounts to \$87, contrary. It is also a well known fact as though the country did not expect the myment of a lower rate of wages than legislation of this province as therein set 764.44. that the majority of those who now op- law. We beg to say the miners' unions of they have been receiving for a day's work forth. pose the present law were hostile to the Nelson, Ymir, Sandon, and Rossland are of ten hours." present government, and used whatever in the same federation, and all heartily neans they had in their power to defeat endorse the law; and all statements to the effect that the miners of Kootenay do not want it enforced are absolute Consequently I deem it nothing falsehoods. This matter is not a question of wages; there is a greater prinenergies in every effort to secure legisla- owners succeeded in calling you down? I jects,

tion that will improve the condition of the industrials not only in British Co- reply from you by return saying that the in the true interest of the province is one are urging the Omtario government lumbia, but of our beloved country, thereby avoiding so far as possible industrial troubles and disturbances; but after having adopted these commendable methods and assisting in having this law placed upon the statute book of the province, we most vigorously protest against its suspension, and most respectfully request the Executive Council to enforce the law at the earliest convenient mo- compliance with the statute. ment, thereby relieving the suspense which is felt from one end of the coun-

try to the other at the present time." The resolutions referred to in this letter, passed by the Rossland Trades and

eight hours in every twenty-four-said provision now being known as the eightbour law; and

"Whereas said legislation was introduced at the instance and request of the ganizations of the Kootenay district. The resolutions of the Rossland Min- and is heartily endorsed by every intel-

"Whereas this Trades Council stands Devine on the 28th of April, the cover, firmly upon the principle that it is the duty of intelligent organizations to se-"According to instructions we have the cure legislation in the interest of labor honor to inform you that the above men- that will effectually improve the contioned organization by resolution at their ditions of employment and social life. last regular meeting unanimously and thereby avoiding and rendering unneces-

carried on. We very much fear that . "Whereas, owing to the strong reprethe argument of mine owners which in- sentations and overtures of the Slocan duced the government to suspend the law and Nelson mine owners, the Executive were of such a character as to impress Council of British Columbia has deemed the Executive with an exaggerated and it wise to suspend the aforesaid law over-estimated idea of the gravity of the pending an inquiry into the actual consituation. In fact the same is quite dition of the metalliferous mining inclear because of the fact that at the time dustry, and the probable effect of a that the document was not put forth over granting to free miners of the right to state for war.

et us compare the attitude of the War ous or other mining, required to work hour principle. This corporation em hours, in the United States, however, ploys probably more men than are em: where the influence of labor can assert ployed in all of the Slocan mines repre- itself, efforts are being made to secure sented by the five American superintend- an eight-hour law for the benefit of the ents who formed the first delegation to mine workers, success has crowned their bers gathering here to-day, other than wait on the Executive arging them to efforts in Utah and Colorado, and in to talk over the general outlook of the exempt them from the operation of the Idaho an eight-hour bill was passed by trade for next year. They expect the law if possible—if not, to suspend it. The the House of Representatives but vetoed war in South Africa will make consid-War Eagle Co.-properly speaking, the by the State Senate, in New Zesalan I erable difference in the demand for can-Blackstock-Gooderham Syndicate imme- and Australia such legislation has been ned fruit this season. diately upon taking charge of their pro- adopted, and applied even in a broade: perties in this camp, initiated the eight- sense and proved highly beneficial to the hour principle (so far as actual miners country, and not prejudicial to the in-

quired to work ten) and continued to . "Therefore be it resolved that this coun operate the same ever since. When the cil once more re-affirms its hearty endorse spector notified Mr. Hastings, the ment of the so-called eight hour law, and manager, to comply with the law. did sincerely believing that the sympathies complain? Did he ask a week-a and the sentiment of not only the people fortnight-or 30 days to adjust himself; of Kootenay, but of all intelligent people the new circumstances? No, sir. throughout the length and breadth of this That very instant, that very day, he is- province are with us, we respectfully arge sued orders to his bosses to send all the government to carry out the wishes of workmen out of the mine when their the legislature by enforcing the law at the earliest possible moment consistent with a ever remembered the Blackstock-Good- proper investigation such as is being con-

tation as a shrewd business and financial that certain enemies of this bill are enwhat argument ought we to consider of public mind that alien laborers were the cime movers and instigators in securing this law; and that the working men of Knotenay d'd not seek and do not wan this law, all of which we denounce and Report of the Executive Council resent as unjust, and unfair argumen quires them to do so; on the other hand a slur and slander on the intelligence of an eight-hour basis, thereby working delegations of mine owners refuse to Canadian labor, not calculated in any sense great hardship upon the men and the obey the laws of the country, rush off to assist the government in reaching an consequent disturbance of the condition to Victoria, fill the air with rumors of honest, proper and justifiable decision in of employer and daborer as at present impending disaster, and it is currently its inquiries; on the contrary such staterumored threaten to close down their ments and efforts are used and put forth mines if the government of this country with the unterior motive of prejudicing

hereby instructed to forward copies every labor and reform organization in British Columbia with a request that these resolutions be endorsed, and a communicament did not propose to enforce the eight-hour clause until they had made Dominion Labor Congress at Winnipeg, with our reasonable demands and wishes

thirty days' notice being given before not only in every daily papers in Brit- son, M. P. P., with respect to the enforce-

Robt. Macpherson, M. P. P., in a reply dated the 4th of May wrote to Hon, J. Fred. Hume, saying: "If it is further information you re

quire to put it in force, and that, as you state, from the miners themselves, I wish to inform you I have received rescutions ciple involved, and should not be viewed forwarded from the Miners' Labor Union only one-fifth left for other aliens and Coburg, Jan. 31.-J. B. McColl has from that aspect for a single moment, from Rossland, a copy of which has been because every student of political econ- forwarded you direct, which show that probably like the other statements in the Northumberland to contest that constiomy knows full well that although labor the miners are in favor of the act being petition, greatly exaggerated, but there tuency against G. Gullet, Conservative organizations may keep them up tempor- enforced, and, seeing that your objection is sufficient truth in it to justify (if this M.P., at the next general elections. arily the wages of labor are ruled by to the enforcement of the act till the proportion between aliens and citizens. Toronto, Jan. 31.—Jas. Brown, a secthe same law that regulates and controls miners were heard from has been met by should be maintained) the stand which tion man on the Grand Trunk, was killthe prices of the products of labor. We the resolutions in your possession, I want the legislature took to carry out their cd at Bathurst street yards last night. claim the rights as intelligent citizens of to know if you have now ordered the law avowed policy, the reservation of the This is the third victim to be killed at this country to organize and unite our to be enforced, or has a handful of mine provincial placer mines for British sub- the same place within the last three

On the 4th of May the Minister of Mines

vised the Minister of Mines of their en- izens of the British Empire. lorsation of the Rossland resolutions, and

the correspondence closes with a letter confiscated. forwarded to the Minister of Mines by

"I see published in the Nelson Miner a memorial addressed in the name of the above association to the Minister of crown, in the northern part of the pro-Mines of this province regarding the eight vince-and no one will be allowed to hour law.

the recent Rossland meeting of the above claims in reserve after the mining interassociation, and there was no vote taken est in the other parts of the province endorsing the views or principles enunci- had been more fully developed. ated in the memorial, but the latter, some ime after midnight at the last sitting, was opted-that all the miners had been ex- of Sunbury, aged 96, and Martin Strachreferred to a committee to prepare a cluded from the lands in question—the an of Barriefield, aged 80, two venermemorial, which, of course, would em- absurdity of the petitioners' claims able residents of Frontenac county, are body their own views, but not at all ne- would be seen at once, and the absurdity dead. Both were staunch Liberals in cessarily the views of even a bare ma- exists no less although the reserve thus politics. jority of the delegates. I very much made has been relaxed so far as citizens loubt if it is so: I know it does not ex- are concerned. The grievance of the press mine, and, as one of the delegates, I hasten to express my dissent. I emphatically believe the eight hour law is the fifth clause of the petition claims

Are concerned. The grit date they are phatically believe the eight hour law is shut out, but that others are admitted.

The fifth clause of the petition claims right—that it has come to stay, and that the petitioners had acquired vested that the petitioners had acquired vested ine owners to secure its repeal may lead, to the very disester which the memorial- ficates, not only to the rights granted amendment of Lord Edmund Fitzists declare its passage has made immen. by such certificates at the time, but to maurice, Liberal, to the address in reent. I protest against the memorial being renewal in perpetuity of such rights. To ply to the Queen's speech, which is virrepresented as the views of the associated state this is to refute it. The crown tually a vote of censure on his brother, board, and I beg to express my regret and legislature in providing for the the Marquis of Landowne, secretary of

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Feb. 2.-All prominent packers of the Canadian Fruit Association assembled to-day at Walker House. The officers of the association intimated that there was nothing important in the mem-

MONTREAL'S MAYOR. (Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 2.-The result of the taine, is regarded as a victory for the reform element. Eight out of the nine old aldermen were defeated.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION. (Associated Press.)

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 2.-A collision without being bound by the strict letresulting in the death of two men and the serious injury of two others occurred ham syndicate have a provincial, natime, and it is with regret that we learn two miles east of Savanmah.

on a Burning Sub-

Reply of the Ministry to the Representations of American Petitioners.

In reply to the resolution of the House calling for a return of the report exaggerations of the whole of the docuof the Executive Council in regard to a ment. petition addressed to the President of As already repeatedly stated, the petithe United States by certain residents of tioners had acquired no rights which are Atlin, complaining of the recent mining in any way affected by the legislation Atlin, complaining of the recent many complained of. affecting that district—this report having been referred to in the report of the The committee of council concurred in submitted as follows:

To His Honor the Lieut: Governor in Council:

The undersigned has had before him for consideration a communication from

The undersigned has the honor to report as follows in regard to said peti- ing.

according to the petition itself there is many years.

that body endorsed this policy is suffisotified the inspector, Jas. McGregor, that cient to show that the government and the government had decided to enforce the the legislature were in complete accord eight hour law, and that upon the expiry in the matter. There is no attempt to of the 30 days' notice appearing in the discriminate between the native-born Gazette of May 12 the law should be on- and the naturalized citizen, nor to throw forced, not in an arbitrary manner, but in any difficulty whatever in the way of an alien desiring to become naturalized; all that is done is to say our placer mines On the 3rd of May, Wm. Donohue, see are reserved for those who are prepared retary of the Sandon Miners' Union, ad- to acknowledge their obligations as cit-

Taking up the complaints in the petition seriatim, we would say any rights "We are entirely in favor of an eight acquired by the petitioners have been hour day, and trust you will do your ut-most to enforce the law as it stands, and plained of specifically exempts all claims it necessarily must be, that no right is acquired until a claim is recorded. As On the 4th of May the Carpenters and already stated, all such right are scrup-Joiners' Union of Rossland forwarded to ulously respected. It may be well to note the Minister of Mines their resolution this, as a casual reader of a petition, unspproving the Trades and Labor Council's acquainted with the facts, might naturaction regarding the eight hour law; and ally suppose that such claims had been

The government with the saction of Smith Curtis, of Grand Forks, being a the the legislature had an unquestioned copy of a letter addressed by him to I. S.
C. Frest, president of the Associated
Boards of Trade of Eastern British Colin its own possession for the present, all prospect for or appropriate minerals in "As you know, there was no time left that section. Such a course might have "As you know, there was no time left of discuss this matter by the delegates at that section. Such a course might have Robert Mackay was elected president, Jahn Machan Ma

Suppose such a course had been ad-

thing, as already stated, had been done erroneous, that the most extreme advocate of vested rights could justly claim.

plains of alleged losses to the petitioners Treasury, whereupon the Chancellor of through lack of sufficient facilities for the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, recording claims. This to some extent hotly interrupted, saying, "From the may have been the case, but so far as very beginning neither the Treasury nor it did exist was caused by unavoidable. Chancellor have in any way stinted any circumstances for which no responsibility attaches to the government.

So anxious have the government and the legislature been to minimize as much as possible any hardship or injustica which may have been occasioned through the sudden rush into the northcivic elections here yesterday, excepting ern country, following on the discovery that of the re-election of Mayor Prefor- of rich diggings there, that an act was passed at the last session of the legislature providing for the appointment of a judge of the Supreme Court as a commissioner, with full powers to settle ail disputes in that country in accord with equity and the spirit of the mining acts

ter of the law. The grievance complained of in the cannot obtain work on claims held by of Winnipeg.

as, had already been removed. By legislation of last session the necessity of a laborer in a mine taking out a free miners' certificate is done away

The 8th clause of the petition alleges great injury to the interests of the country through the action of the law complained of. This is, however, purely a matter for the legislature to judge of, and is of no concern to outsiders. The government do not consider the statement true, nor that any present depreciation, even if such exists, is likely to be lasting.

The 9th clause of the petition alleges damage to citizens of the United States Only Waiting a Favorable Opto the extent of many millions. This is only necessary to allude to as a good

Minister of Justice for Canada upon the the above report, which is signed by disallowance of certain other provincial Hon. C. A. Semlin, as Provincial secrestatutes consists of a single document- tary, and recommended that a copy, if a report of the Executive Council bear- approved, be forwarded to the Secretary ing date of the 6th June last, has been of State, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in coun-

CANADIAN BRIEFS

Montreal, Jan. 29 .- Messrs. Glover & Ottawa, Jan. 29.-The Canadian Pat-

Toronto, Jan. 29.-John Blevins, for many years city clerk, died this morn-

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The Toronto Star The petition states that four-fifths of has secured the services of Sam Hunter, the claims prospected and located belong the well known cartoonist, who has been to citizens of the United States; thus connected with the Toronto World for

our own citizens. This statement is been chosen by the Liberals of West

weeks. hope it is not so, and that I will have a The question whether such policy was The fruit growers of Ontario

wishes of the legislature are to have ef- for the legislature, and the legislature against the practice of putting all large alone; and the unanimity with which apples on top of barrels for export, which they contend is ruining the export trade. The government is also asked to take measures to stop the ravages of the codlin moth, which has been very destructive to pear and apple crops.

Speaking before the Young Liberals' Club last night Hon, Mr. Tarte referred Club last night Hon, Mr. Tarte referred to colonial representation in the Imperial government and said he did not exial government and said he did not expect to die before seeing Sir Wilfrid Laurier representing Canada sitting in the councils of the Imperial government, associated with the British Prime Minister and Australian Premier. The annual meeting of Toronto Board

of Trade was held yesterday. The re- Soldiers Complain of Bad Treatclause. He added

Legislative Assembly an act entitled an act to amend the Inspection of Metallithe mine owners is very strong on this feeling amongst subject, and it is hoped that the government legislation, one of subject, and it is hoped that the government legislation, one of such claims by the holders although and the last session of the law as it stands, and to impress upon the government the necessity for its adoption in the Slocan."

In acknowledging this, the minister is formed the Sandon Union that the government legislation, one of such claims by the holders although a reference to the mining laws

The last session of the law as it stands, and to impress upon the government the necessity for its adoption in the Slocan."

In acknowledging this, the minister is formed the Sandon Union that the government legislation, one of such claims by the holders although a reference to the mining laws was never on a better footing. The board British Officers Leave for the Care heartily favors the holding of a Pan-American exhibition. Paris, Ont., Jan. 31.-The Rev. J. B.

Silcox, Congregational minister of this place, has applied to Hon. Dr. Borden. Minister of Militia, for a position as chaplain with the Strathcona contingent. Quebec, Jan. 31.—Fox Bay settlers, who were ordered to be ejected from their settlement by the decision of the court at Murray Bay some months ago, have appealed to the Court of Review to have the decision of the lower court

Montrea', Jan. 31.-The old Morgan mines and minerals, the property of the block, formerly occupied by Henry Morgan & Co., and owned by estate of late Romeo Stephens, was sold this morning by auction for \$140,000.

farlané second vice-president and E. W. Evans treasurer of the board of trade this morning.

Kingston, Jan. 31 .- Wm. McConnell.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Jan. 31.-The House of Comrights by taking out free miners' certi- mons resumed to-day the debate on the soldiers.

conditions of such certificates in any four, government leader, said nothing had manner that might be deemed expedient, thus far occurred to convince him that MEETING OF FRUIT PACKERS. When recorded claims were exempted the information given by the intelligence from the operation of the law, every-department regarding the Boer guns was

Mr. Sidney Charles Buxton, Liberal, referred to the charge brought against The sixth clause of the petition com- the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the preparations or expenditure the cabinet had been found. thought necessary."

American Scouts.

London, Jan. 31.—A special from Cape- United States Commissioners Recomtown says one hundred and fifty American scouts, who arrived there as muleteers, have enlisted in the British forces. Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.-The Canadian Patriotic fund, to date, is \$89,031.

NEW SENATOR.

(Special to the Times.) has been appointed to the senate in sucthis morning on the West Shore rairoad, seventh clause of the petition that aliens cession to the late Senator Sutherland, with the same functions as counties in

Christians in Danger

Turks Reported to Be Preparing For Another General Massacre.

portunity to Repeat Their Horrible Work

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 2.-The World's specia says: "Fears have been repeatedly expressed during the last three months that the Turks are planning another general massacre of the Christians in the interior of Turkey. The Kurds, particularly in Kurdistan, are much excited, and it needs only a spark to start

them upon their awful work." The World has information which indicated that in Mardin, Bit is, Ditabekrand Harpoot, the principal cities of Central and Eastern Turkey, the Mussulmans are only waiting a favorable opportunity to repeat their horrible work of rapine and murder of the fall of 1895 and the spring of 1896.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 2.—The Dominion pe lice authorities have succeeded in rounding up a gang of alleged counterfeiters who have been issuing counterfelt Dominion Bank of Montreal and Mo'son's Bank bills. Anthony Decker, the father; Paul Decker, the son, and Hans Kuntz, confederate of the latter, have all been placed under arrest, the former at Baltimore, Md.; the son at Woodstock, Ont. and Kuntz at London, Ont., while Mrs. Decker, wife of the son, has been placed under police surveillance at Hamilton.

NEWS OF CAPT. DIXON.

(Associated Fress.) Wrangel, Alaska, Jan. 26, via Seattle, Feb. 2.-The mail from the Cassiar, B. C. region, came down the Stikene for the first time since Nov. 15th. The carrier reported the whereabouts of Capt. Dixon of 'Halifax, reported lost on Hays mountain last fall. He was en route from Dease Lake to Telegraph station The winter in the interior has been un usually mild and snowfall light.

Soudanese

ment -Col. Wingate Sent to Investigate.

-- Alleged Breach of Egypt's Neutrality.

(Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 2.-A dispatch to the Havas News agency from Gairo confirms the report to the Associated Press on January 31st that a rebellion had occurred among the Soudanese troops in

Khartoum. It says: "There is much anxiety here. There have been a number of grave incidents, notably the growing discontent in the Egyptian army, which has attained to mutiny in two Soudanese battalions. The government has sent Col. Wingate to pariey with them.

"The army complain of bad treatment and the secret dispatch of Egyptain troops to South Africa. It appears certain that ten Maxims and a darge as signment of saddles have gone to Durban and a number of English officere and civil functionaries have obtained an unlimited furlough to go to South Africa, which is believed to be a breach of Egypt's neutrality.

"The government is alarmed at the attitude of the black troops and has asked the Khedive to intervene. The latter has sent a letter urging obedience, but the anxiety neverthless continues. "Egypt is almost denuded of European

BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fate of Four Children Whe Were Left Alone in Their Homes.

Katanoah, N. Y., Feb. 2.-The house of Geo. Winans, at Boutonville, about five miles east of this vilage, was des troyed by fire last night and four of Winan's children, whose ages ranged from 2 to 8 years, were probably burned to death.

The parents left home yesterdug aftempoon leaving the children to take care of themselves. It is supposed that they set their home on fire while at play. The house stood in an isolated place, and no one apparently knew of the fire until Winan returned home last night and found the house burned down. The children were missing. Up to noon to-day none of the bodies

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mend Home Rule in Local Affairs. (Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.- A survey of the first half of the report of the Philippines commission, as submitted to the president, is published here. The comm tee believes it would be safe, expedient and deirable to grant to the inhabitants of the Archipeingo home rule in docal affairs. The town should enjoy the Ottawa, Jan. 31.-Finlay Young, late rights and privileges of towns in the ter-Speaker of the Manitoba Legislature, ritories of the United States. The provinces should be turned into counties. the United States.