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## PARLIAMENT OPENED.

The Parliament of Canada assembled The Parliament of Canada assembled Wednesday, when Mr. Charles Marcil was chosen Speaker, and Mr. Gilbert H. McIntyre Deputy Speaker. This afternion at 3 the speech will be delivered. It will be largely formal. The government has, it is understood, a good many measures, most of them non-contentious in a political sense, to submit, but it is not probable that even a majority of these will be mentioned today.

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We look for an interesting session, but unless something unexpected oc-curs, not a spectacular one. There are a number of important matters to be dealt with, but they are not of a class which necessarily involves any great question of policy. They are rather of a routine nature, using the word routine in a large sense as signifying the measures shown to be necessary by the operation of existing laws.

There seems to be an impression at Oftower that an effort will be made to

amend that an entry will be hade of Commons, so as to prevent the undue prolongation of discussion. We look for legislation in regard to the pro-posed Department of Labor. One matter of national importance, which must be considered this session is the proposed treaty with the United States. In respect to this much inferest will arise as to how Canadian rights in waters on the Pacific coast are to be safe-guarded; but of this it will be time enough to speak when the treaty is brought down.

## "THE UNEMPLOYED CROWD."

The above heading is a quotation from a letter sent in by Mr. Edward Musgrave. As he interpolates it in a general observation made by the Colonist, we suppose it is right to assume the correspond to have the expression to have a general apvery little difference what either our correspondent or the Colonist may say in regard to the problem of the unem-ployed in the United Kingdom, but the idea underlying the quoted expression be dealt with by the provincial legseems to be one that calls for some
comment. Unhappily, there is an "unemployed crowd" in the United Kingdom, and still more unfortunately it is
one that is strowing in numbers and
bitterness. The problem to which
these unfortunates give rise is one of
the most tremendous with which the
British people were ever confronted.
It is said of a French princess in the
days before the Revolution that she
asked what a mob of people were
clamoring for, and when told that it It is said of a French princess in the days before the Revolution that she asked what a mob of people were clamoring for, and when told that it was for bread, answered: "Why don't they cat cake?" The ingorance exhibited in the words of the little princess is still abroad in the world today. Men demand work; they demand that, if they cannot be given work, they shall be allowed to plant something on which they can hope to sustain life. They are told that they must not be so unreasonable, that they must not be so unreasonable, that they must not interfere with the vested rights of other men, who acquired those rights no one knows exactly how. To certain people the most sacred rights in all the world are those of property. A Victorian who was in London not long ago, told the Colonist that, in his visit to one of the many charitable institutions in that city of appalling extremes, he was told of two little boys who were expected at the institution, but did not arrive. The

be more than two or three hundred feet—a strip of land wide enough for a footpath might be bought. This would cost very little and with a cement sidewalk would be a great convenience to pedestrians. A carriage-way would be better of course, but it is not really necessary, whereas a broad, paved footpath ought to be provided, because it would be of the greatest convenience to a very large number of people.

The new streets in the part of the city referred to are going to prove a great addition to its attractiveness. Vancouver street will anford a new entrance to the Park and a very pretty drive, although it will not be very long. Southgate street will extend east to Cook and we suppose on to Moss, adding also to the length of the attractive driveways. Cook and Vancouver ought to be put in good shape just as soon as possible. We hope a good many people will act on the suggestion contained in the opening sentence of this article. Actual demonstration is worth more than all the arguments in the world. No man can possibly see what has been done in that locality without wishing to have something like it where he himself resides, if he hasn't it already, and the wish would probably be father to the necessary action to secure it.

PARLIAMENT OPENED. is very important; but the bitter cry of Outcast England is a signal of real danger; the maintenance of an econ-omic standard under which every man,

## SUGGESTED LEGISLATION.

The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has asked the Dominion Government for certain legislation.

road on Toby Creek;
The preservation "in their natural grandeur" of places suitable for tourist resorts, and the granting of leases ist resorts, and the granton cover to persons who will provide accommodation at such resorts, with liberal appropriations by the government for in

data;
The resumption of traffic on the favored region
Kaslo and Slocan railway;
Public ownership of telephones;
A change in the law making mineral claims every a recommendation of the favored region. claims expire at noon instead of at midnight

are engaging the very serious consideration of the business men in the eastern part of the province. A convention called to consider matters of this kind angle to be a consider matters of the consider matters of this kind angle to be a consider matter of the consider matters of this kind angle to be a consider matter of the consider matters of the consideration of the beautiful to the consideration of the business men in the loss to the Empire, who are seeking to the impression that Canada to the impression that Canada the consideration of the business men in the loss to the Empire, unless the Empire, unless the impression that Canada the consideration of the business men in the loss to the Empire, unless the impression that Canada the consideration of the province. A convention called the consideration of the province and the consideration of the consideration of

The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has asked the Dominion of Government for certain legislation. The list of proposed measures is not very long. In the first place the government is asked to establish a department of Labor under a Minister of Labor. It is understood that the ministry has already determined upon this course and that Mr. Mackenzle King has been selected for the new office. Such a step would only be an enlargement of the present arrangement and the general opinion of the public seems, to be favorable to it. Just what particular line of work would come within the function of the enlarged Department of Labor, we do not know; but as the Congress is of the opinion that the department as as a present constituted, has done excellent service, it may be assumed that if a suitable man were given this line of activity as a special department of the public service, even better results might be looked for.

Provision for the inspection of all gear used for handling cargoes at Canadian ports. This seems like a very sensible request. The handling of cargoes is necessarily attended with more or less risk, and the government ought to have no hesitation about taking such precautions as will reduce this risk to a minimum. Possibly a question may arise as to the jurisation of Parliament over this subject, in which case it would have to be dealt with by the provincial legislatures.

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Alleged unjust discrimination by the Great Northern against points on the V. V. and E. railway and in favor of points in the State of Washington.

The proper representation of provincial resources at the Alaska-Tukon-Pacific Exposition, and the provision of abundant literature, with a competent representative to answer all proper inquiries.

A re-arrangement of the duty on the proper than one of a bundant literature, with a competent representative to answer all proper inquiries. spelter;
The reservation of 5,000 acres on the pass between Hamill and Toby and the construction of a first class trail this year from Argenta to the means of the second trail that the Lenora and Type mines are the only deposits of mineral that can be profitably worked. The only hands can of this also that the contraction of a first class trail that year from Argenta to the means that the contraction of the second can of this also that the contraction of the second can of this also that the contraction of the second can be profitably worked. The only hands the contraction of the second can be presented as the contraction of the second can be profitably worked. The only handicap of this district is in that direction. So heavy is the vegetable growth that anything like thorough prospecting is exceedingly difficult, but in course of the made that it is a specific and the state of the state time undoubtedly other valuable discoveries will be made. As a pleasure resort the future of the Cowichan dis-trict is assured, and there is nowhere in North America where men of appropriations by the government for fourist roads;
The reciprocal abolition by the United States and Canada of the duties on coal;
The establishment of additional experimental farms in British Columbia, and the prompt publication of official data;
The resumption of traffic on the favored region.

## NEEDLESS WORRY.

The London correspondent of the midnight;
The enlargement of the Welland canal;
A reduction of freight rates on fruit;
The adoption of a systematic plan of constructing highways, so as to use The adoption of a systematic plan of constructing highways, so as to use existing roads to the best advantage and connecting newly opened areas with the centres of population.

This is certainly a very interesting programme, and it is valuable because they are they are being working the sound of the matters which reformers who are seeking to create may one day, let us hope, find its way into the mind of the average newsinto the mind of the average news-paper writer in the Mother Country an idea that Canada is not and never was held to the Empire by commer-cial bonds. If some of these people would interest themselves a little in would interest themselves a little in history, they would learn that it was a determination to hold the Thirteen Colonies in commercial tutelage, which led to the difficulties out of which arose the independence of the United States; they would learn that, in proportion as there has been local political and commercial freedom in the various parts of the Empire, the imperial tie has become stronger.

Any worry felt in England over the Any worry felt in England over the supposed overtures, which our neighbors are said to be making, is quite unnecessary. The tariff-reformers will have had a chance to try their hand at empire-building long before there will be a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada.

Our English friends are given to Our English friends are given to theorizing from insufficient data. There is no general demand in the United States for a reciprocity treaty with in Canada for a reciprocity treaty with the United States. When there was a reciprocity treaty between the two countries, so little did it promote annexation sentiment that reasons why a renewal of the treaty was refused was the hope that the ab-sence of reciprocity might make the British North American provinces anxious to join the United States.

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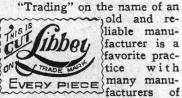
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ley Sound Railway is Endorsed

very lively interest is being out the country. Largely, and very enthusiastic meet held at Sooke, near Milne's and Colwood, on Monday oth meetings were purpose of banding together dents with the sole object of ing the best interests and ge fare of these most importar of the island. It has long b tablished fact that these distr sess advantages in the timber, and minerals wh must prove of the great to the settlers and cap

Perhaps the most Some of those interested in this ject in Victoria, were in atter and with the help of Mr. John Ja M.P.P., were able to give ings a general outline of and to answer necessary

tricts that a line of Railway Victoria to Barclay through part of these district through part of these districts jected and that the promoters intend to apply to the Parlian Canada and to the Legislative bly of the Province of British bia at the next sessions the spectively, for the incorporation company to be called the wand Barkley Sound Railway Compute the lith precessary provers

and Barkley Sound Kallway Comp with all the necessary powers to struct, equip, maintain and op such Railway.

"And whereas the developme the portion of these districts the which said Railway will run and her hear very seriously retarded. has been very seriously retard asmuch as the said districts being rich in timber and min consists largely of lands suitab farming and particularly for rarming and particularly for ingrowing, which industries howe have been much hampered by the of suitable means of transportar and neither the productions of farm, the forest, nor the mine been enabled profitably to reach

market.
"And whereas it is the opinio this meeting that the proposed way will not only be of incalcul benefit to these districts but that benefit to these districts but that sa Railway is an urgent necessity the welfare of the same.

"Be it therefore resolved, that meeting is heartily in favor of proposed Railway and of all prand necessary means and aid to cure the early construction of cure the early construction of

And that copies of this resolu And that copies of this resolute be duly forwarded to Messrs R. Smith, M.P., and John Jardine, M. and to those having charge of Ball at Ottawa and Victoria with view of bringing the same to the no of the proper authorities."

#### CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO ORGANIZE LIN

Ministers in Great Britain, Ur States, France and Japan, to Make Investigation

That the Chinese government i earnest regarding its proposal to tablish national steamship lines show the Chinese flag on the Pa subsidised and constituted simit to the Japanese lines which are so erally aided by the Japanese government. The Chinese government given instructions through the given instructions through the 1 er of Posts and Telegraphs at to the Chinese Ministers to the Led States, Great Britain, Japan France, ordering them to make quiries concerning the system and operation of steamship lines in t countries. The object of the intigation is to make preparations for projected steamship companies to established jointly by the officials people of China for service on the ers of China, on the China coast, in the trans-pacific trade. The n nent for the national steamship is being organized from Canton, moving spirits being all Cantonese the 72 guilds of Canton, have g the project much support. Some ago prospectuses were sent to Chinese of this city and to Chinese of communities in the Uni States, Australia and elsewhere ing them to subscribe for the sof the proposed companies. The ganizers pointed out the exampl Japan and laid stress upon the n per of Chinese seamen engaged or freighting steamers and liners freighting steamers and liners of world, stating that Chinese, w trained, would make capable sear Much of the stock was subscribed the assistance of the government Pekin was then sought. The cials are giving the promoters e assistance and it is expected that project will succeed. The idea is establish lines on Chinese rivers first then coast steamship lines. first, then coast steamship lines when the scheme has borne trans-pacific steamships flying dragon flag of China.

## CORDWOOD ON STREET

(From Thursday's Daily) In the police court yesterday prosecution of the Baker brothers gun by Samuel Jennings was ca The complainant is prosecuting u the Streets bylaw and the burde his complaint is that the accused been piling cordwood on the stree front of his place. J. A. Aikman, is prosecuting found that the evid which he wanted from the city er eer's office that the land actually ered by the wood was part of the lic street, was not ready and obt

an adjournment.

R. T. Elliott, K.C., who appear
the defense, intimated that he w insist on the matter being prove the aid of the city official map. the aid of the city official map-also remarked that his clients fenced this land for thirty years had been piling wood on it for ty and so claimed title. In this ca would be found that the magis had not jurisdiction. It is understood that in point of there is no official city map of whole city. The only such ma existence being that of Victoria and the old original Hudson's

and the old original Hudson's townsite.

Near Yates Street