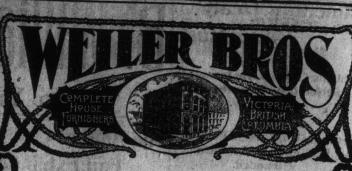
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Busy Session Board Of Trac

Many Matters of Importe Before Quarterly Meeting Last Evening.

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(FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.) Yesterday evening's meeting of Board of Traue was largely atten and proved a very important one. I cussion ranged over a variety of to of vital interest, and action was ta on lines which whi meet with gene commendation. A matter which quires immediate attention was bround up—the urgency of the necessity of fering a reward for the recovery of bodies of the unfortunate victims of Clallam horror. The board will be the matter to the attention of the attention of the thorities at once.

President C, F. Todd presided a there was a good attendance of me bers.

iMr. Pitt's moved a resolution of co dolence to those who had suffered the Clalam disaster. He thought would be well also to instruct the seretary to write letters of condolence Mr. Galletly and the widows of the late Capt. Thompson, the late N. Snaw and Chief Justice Hunter. The was carried unanimously.

The proposed amendments to the Bills of Sale Act were next taken up Mr. Pitts, chairman of the special committee, reported as follows:

That it has made inquiries as to the Acts affecting mortgages in the various provinces of Canada, and that it finds that in the province of Quebec chattel mortgages are null and void, and that in the other provinces they are limited by Acts passed for the purpose.

Your committee has made captul in

6; section 9, section 10, amending subsection 2.

The report was adopted and the committee was requested to wait on the
government and present their report,
which embodied sections of the Manitoba Act respecting assignment and
preference by insolvent persons.

Secretary Elworthy read a communication from the Vancouver Board of
Trade, offering certain suggestions in
the amending of the act. This will also
be handed to the government. It was
decided also to sear copies of the Victoria Board of Trade committee's report
to all the boards of trade in the prov-

the seaked to use every means to bring about the various points aforesald mentioned.

And it is further resolved, that this Board of Trade appoint a committee to enter into negotiations with the railway companies interested and to obtain full information on the subject, and to encourage the construction of the said railroads to ling the above objects in view, namely, having terminal points as above mentioned, and the said committee report to this board as as enarly a date as possible.

Dr. Milne said he had found in look and the said committee report to this board as as enarly a date as possible.

Dr. Milne said he had found in look carridand from Victoria to the north end of the island. The intention was no doubt to make connection with the mainland. As the Grand Trunk—uld go to Port Simpson no doubt the Canadian Northern will make its terminus at Port Simpson. He thought it important to amenember that Mr. Greenshields representing Mann & Mackenzie, had applied for a charter in 1902 from Victoria to Seymour Narrows. Now was the time in the speaker's mind when it was advisable to open communication with Mann & Mackenzie and see what could be done for the building of the island portion. He looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion, the looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion, the looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion, the looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion, the looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion. He looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion. He looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion. He looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting the island portion. He looked upon the C. P. R. Placing a boat on the Sound route as affecting th

committee was not already appointed to deal with the question of island rail-way extension.

I. Dr. Milne's motion was carried and referred to the special committee and Dr. Milne was also made a member of the committee.

Mr. Helmcken pointed out that previous committees had ascertained from the E. & N. railway company the terms on which that company would undertake to build a line to the north end of the island.

I. Dr. Milne said he wanted the whole matter gone thoroughly into—that is, have all the railway companies interested approached in the matter.

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The adjourned debate on the Assessment Act was next taken up. Secretary Ellworthy explained the attitude of the various boards of trade throughout the province.

Mr. Carter felt there could be no doubt that the act was working to the detriment of the commercial interests of the province. He knew of his own knowledge that instances where merchants were reducing their stocks in consequence. He felt the board should take some action at once. He believed that as an outcome of the agitation there would be formed an associated board of trade embracing the entire province. He would like to add to the motion "that the government appoint a commission not of a political or official nature to investigate the act and report."

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Mr. Shallcross was of the opinion that the act would act most detrimentally. Savings banks' deposits are to be taxed according to the act; but he did not think the government had power to get information regarding savings bank deposits. Not to collect the tax would be an injustice. Nothing was mentioned in the act as to the date when a merchant must present his stock lists. This was bad, as if a merchant were a week before Christmas required to take stock it would work a hardship. He did not think there would be any difficulty in raising revenue and raising it properly. A. Car Bennet to appoint a commission. Mr. Shall-begney