e, threatening the destruction of e block. At 15th and Valencia here is a crevasse in the street

reet car tracks are badly twisted -traffic is at a standstill. Southern Pacific hotel water carried into the building from sources for the use of the pa-Many persons suffering from in erent hospitals. The hospital on 11th street is badly damaged, the Studebaker carriage factory and Market streets, the top story wrecking the entir

re which has been raging in the

of 4th and Stevenson streets, ten beyond the control of the and the flames have leaped to chester rooming house on the e of 3rd street. Unless the flames checked here the Palace hotel, ck distant, will be endangered ter supply is entirely inadequate der is being used to check the The rooms in the Palace hotel cated early in the morning and re now returning to gather up fects. All sorts of vehicles are sed to carry out of the danger ing of value. The loss of life have been confined to the poor-ets and manufacturing territory. benefit of eastern people who lends visiting in San Francisco a to say that they have not been As the hours go by the exciteows more intense. Every few explosions are heard as buildblown up to stop the progres re. The fires are spreading and ind comes up San Francisco will e the greatest conflagration of

wer Market street, the main fare of the city, many blocks of tial buildings have been destroy-big fire is raging on the corner of e street and Pine street, one the Associated Press office. dest rumors as to loss of life ing to the newspapers, but it is to confirm them. No reports en received outside of San Franat the damage about the bay must nd is said to have suffered se-

rancisco, April 18.—The Santa ndhouse and machine shops at Richmond, across the bay, have

Zork. April 18.—A despatch to the n Union from San Francisco re-hat the Palace hotel was destroy-that everything south of Market rom 8th street to the water front rth of Market street, from San-Broadway is gone. The We received a report early in the on, San Francisco time, that ally all the wholesale district had stroyed by fire and that the were spreading into the Hayes strict, a residential section of St. Agnes cathedral was among ldings which took fire during the of the conflagration.
and, April 18.—7.45 p.m.—Another

and, April 18.-8 p.m.-At this e fire in San Francisco is increas-violence. It is spreading in all ns in both the business and resiuarters. It is reported that while ling was being blown up with te a premature explosion occurr-ng 15 men. The Terminal hotel water front and Market street fe! and buried 20 persons. These acinerated and there is no posay of learning their identity.

shock occurred here. Fire still

York, April 18.-That the world news throughout the day of the incisco disaster is due in part to rage of the telegraph ope who stuck to their posts and con-o send news and other messages of great personal danger. The ompany remained in the main company at the corner of streets, oppoand Montgomery streets, oppoger from the dynamite explosio ediate vicinity. The men proto Oakland across the bay and ssession of the office there. Tohe company is operating seven m Oakland. All messages must be taken across the bay in 'he Associated Press has estab-

The Associated Press has estabboat service for its news.
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f house. The Postal company reommercial messages until 2 p.m. in
a Francisco offices.

fork, April 18—The Western Union symphed to general Fuston, in the department at the Pacinc, im to issue passports for their emin order to facilitate their reaching in San Farncisco. Martial so far made it impossible for any to from Oakland to the burning

so far made it impossible to the burning for from Oakland to the burning for from Oakland to the burning it the Postal Telegraph offices in form their building in San Francisate 3:39 p.m. It was from electrician here, ho had attempted to enter ding after its abandonment. He the authorities ere preparing to the buildings in the neighborhed was ordered to leave. At the ere that he did not know there that he did not know there is force of operators were at presence company's cables were under street and it was not restreet and it was not restricted that they could be tapped han the hut station, near the Cill. The company was overweened seages for friends and relatives ricken city, but all had to be derivided to indefinite delay, the were that it was impossible to deseages in the city even if they to get them in.

. Cal., April 18— 4 p.m.—A terrible ke occurred here this morning and its afternoon. Loss, \$1,006,000.

SAVED OVER TWO MILLION

Lowest Tenders Accepted for Winnipeg-Quebec Sections -

Different Construction Bids for Part of Transcontinental Railroad-Hillcrest Road Incorporated

Ottawa, April 14.-In giving the contract to the lowest tenderers for the con-struction of the Winnipeg and Quebec ections of the Transcontinental railway, instead of to the Grand Trunk Pa-cific, about \$2,150,000 has been saved. The different tenders for the Winnipeg section and the amount of the tender

are as follows: D. McArthur\$13,010,000 Pacific Construction Co.... ..\$13,028,000 Grand Trunk Pacific\$13,991,000 McArthur Construction Co...\$17,048,000 For the Quebec section: Hogan & McDonald \$5,297,000 O'Brien & Mularky \$6,499,000 \$6,667,000 Connolly, Jardine & Wilson. \$7,081,000 McArthur Construction Co. ..\$7,940,000 The tenders for the Quebec viaduct

Dominion Bridge Co. "A"
Dominion Bridge Co. "B"
Locomotive Machine Co.\$329,000 \$331,000 \$333,000 Canada Bridge Co. Grand Trunk Pacific \$347,000 Phoenix Bridge Co. \$348,000

The successful tenderers on the Quection, Hogan and McDonald, were about \$300,000 lower than the commission's engineers' estimates, and J. D. McArthur, the successful tenderer on the Winnipeg section was about 10 per cent

lower.

It is reported that the Pacific Construction company may join with J. D. McArthur in building the western section. If this is correct, the railway commission will have no objections.

The commission have arranged to hold that we can tof the contract order of eight per cent of the contract price of eight per cent of the contract pitce of the western section on deposit and also to retain 10 per cent on all progress es-timates, to secure construction in case of the failure of the contractors. The \$400,000 now on deposit will be part of

the 10 per cent retained.
On the eastern section the government will keep 15 per cent on deposit and will hold back 10 per cent of the progress

estimates.

Application will be made during the present session of parliament for an act to incorporate the Hillcrest Railway, Coal & Coke company, with power to construct and operate a railway from a coilt near Morrissey in British Columconstruct and operate a railway from a point near Morrissey in British Columbia through the Crow's Nest Pass to a point near Hillcrest Junction, thence southeasterly to Cardston, Alberta, with branch lines to the town of Pincher Creek, Alberta, and to coal and oil deposits.

Ottawa, April 16.—Canada's foreig trade for nine months of the current fis cal year shows an increase of \$55,214,049 over the same period last year. The total aggregate trade is \$296,859,365. The total aggregate trade is 1.8,500 and because of \$31,531,587. The foreign exports increased by \$5,265,187 and imports show an increase of \$18,417,275. Every department of trade contributes to these increases. The exports of agri cultural produce show a gain of over eighteen millions, animals and their produce over three millions and a half, pro duce of the mine about a million and half, over four millions in fisheries, over three millions in forest wealth, and over two millions in manufactures. For the month of March, the imports show ar of nearly two millions The transcontinental railway commission will advertise next week for 50,00 ons of steel rails, and 2500 fastening at the same time the commission wil advertise for ties.

Prince Arthur of Connaught was pre sented with a civic address at noon toda; in the city hall. The prince read a very short reply of thanks. The party afterwards right of thanks. wards visited the house of comons. At 1.30 the prince and suite had luncheon with sir Wilfrid Laurier and lady Laurier, R. L. Borden, the leader of the op position, being also present. A state din ner party was given at Governmen ouse tonight. The weather is beautiful and the prince seems to be enjoying his visit to the capital.

GREATEST COAL DEPOSIT.

posit is Unequalled

A. C. Flumerfelt Says Crow's Nest De-The International Coal & Coke com-pany, of Coleman, Alberta, are getting pany, of Coleman, Alberta, are getting ready to invade American territory with

A. C. Flumerfelt, president of the company, and better known here as the former executive of the Granby company, in an interesting interview as to the aternational company's prospects, said:
"Ours is not a domestic coal, but it is fine steam coal. We are mining about 1000 tons a day. The Canadian Northern railway takes about 200 tons a day; are using about 100 tons a day making coke, and the Canadian Pacific staking nearly 600 tons. There is pracy an unlimited supply of coke in row's Nest Pass field, and mining an industrial propostion, on getting good markets. I sup-it is safe to say that the Crow's Pass fields are the greatest depos-in America. They will be producof great wealth when the markets

"Our property covers seven miles on

Pacific crosses our land two miles from Pacific crosses our land two miles from its northern extremity. The measures run northwest and southeast and the veins pitch about 35 degrees. The No. 2 seam is 13 feet wide, all coal. The No. 4 seam of coking coal is eight feet wide. "The bond issue of \$300,000 authorized by the company will take up the outstanding debt of \$200,000. We are fully equipped to meet the mechanical de-

equipped to meet the mechanical demands upon us for some time. We will still have \$100,000 worth of bonds available for future needs, and there are 200,000 shares of stock in the treasury."

week's ore shipments

Week's ore shipments

Five more properties joining

Much capital being everywhich and the reason's more of the first time for the past year and declared, the ranchers' winning by seven the past of the play was often ragged but on the whole the ranchers both batted and bowled better than the local team, were out of practice, and the play was often ragged but on the whole the ranchers both batted and bowled better than the local team, were not seen that there are no less than five new ehippers this week, coming from the Boundary and Slocan districts, yet the total number of singlers is fewer than at any time during the present year, owing to the state of transportation. The new shippers the week carleads, or parts of carloads, sent to the smelters being trial shipments. One of the Boundary and Slocan districts, yet the total number of singlers are not yet and an appear, the Jumbo, has been off and an hippers, the Jumbo, has been off the halts temporarily as the roads are only just beginning to be in a fit condition for halings. The mine has, however, now sufficient tonnage in sight to justify a mile long siding being bursty will doubtless become a steady contributor to the Rossland fonnage. The Velvel-Portland is again opening ap and this will be simple is other mine contributory to the same is not the western adde of Sophile moutmain, on which they property, with a number of singer promising locations, is situated, and to consect that with he mine by a half mile arrival. In the Boundary some of the slight or company. As the Oro Denoro has closed down temporarily pending the result of a Copper company. As the Oro Denoro has closed down temporary pending the result of a copper company. As the Oro Denoro has closed down temporarily pending the result of a copper company. As the Oro Denoro has closed down temporarily pending the result of a copper company, which has a smelter, and is thus obtaining capital to operate more advantageously its other holdings:

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the property, with a number of other promising locations, is situated, and to connect that with the mine by a haif mile aerial tramline.

In the Boundary some of the higher grade properties are shipping experimentally, but the Oro Denoro has closed down temporarily pending the result of an option taken upon the mine by the B. C. Copper company. As the Oro Denoro is a low grade mine it is ritally necessary that it possess its own smelting plant and falling the capital to erect one for itself, the company is selling out the main property, the Oro Denoro itself, to the B. C. Copper company, which has a smelter, and is thus obtaining capital to operate more advantageously its other holdings.

In the Slocan district it may be noted that the La Plata mine, which is shipping to some small extent to the Hail Mines smelter, ore taken out in development for its mill all upon the ground and the plant should be assembled before the end of next month and operations proceeding on a larger scale.

In the Alasworth district the Arsenta Mines, a Boston syndicate, headed by W. F. Almy, M. E., has started to develop its property which is a low grade copper mine, situated about two miles on the old wagon road above the townsite of Argenta. The owners have sufficient faith in the property to put in the haif of a ten-drill compressor plant, which is now being assembled by the manager, Alfred C. Garde, for its better development. After the mine has been properly prepared shipments will be started but it is not probable that this will take place during the coming season. The Argenta mines is but one instance of the Kootenay district in mining, and aithough the fruits of this are airsady visible yet after development has been pushed sufficiently far the output of the Siocan will at a future date show clearly what is being undertaken, now, and something of the extent of the capital being quietly invested.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

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	Cuamber16,680	243,620
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		4,569
8	Emma	3,698
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-3	Pambler 15	15
	Other mines	7,942
-		361,969
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19	Contro Stor	54,759
r		30,978
9	Le Roi No. 2	7,761
2-3	Other mines	1,200
4	7 794	100,712
1	Total 7,724	
r	SLOCAN-KOUTENAT	9,806
r	St. Eugene 712	7,420
a	Spilitan in	1,476
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	La Plata 37 Broadview 38	162
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y	year to date, 495,300 tons.	
y	GRANBY RECEIPTS	
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t	Granby 16,580	7,099
n	Other mines	
	Total 16,580	250,719
	DOMINION COPPER CO.	
	DOMINION COPPER CO.	42,741
+	Brooklyn-Stemwinder 3,414 Sunset 1,027	12,830
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Other mines	7,08
Total	250,71
	42,74
Brooklyn-Stemwinder 3,414	12,83
Sunset 1,001	3.65
Rawhide	2.2
Other mines	
A 607	61,50
Total 4,697	4
B. C. COPPER CO.	
Mother Lode 4,305	46,3
Strathmore 40	
Other mines	2,3
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Total 4,348	48,68
TRAIL SMELTER	
TRAIL OMINIDAN	54.78
Centre Star 4,206	30,9
Le Rol manne Apple	7,7
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St. Eugene	8
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Ben Hur	5
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Preston 10	200
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British Empire	
	3.9
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MARTSVILLE SHELLTRE 500 7,420

The total receipts at the various smelters for the past week were 35,415 tons and for the year to date 436,449 tons.

PROCTER IS VICTORIOUS ANNUALVESTRY MEETING LOCAL MINING MARKET

WON BY RANCHERS HOME THAM SUFFERED THEIR FIRST DEFEAT FOR A YEAR

The first cricket match of the season played yesterday on the recreation group between Procter (fruit growers) and Nel-son for the first time for the past year was defeated, the ranchers winning by

(From Tuesday's Daily)

NELSON
F. C. Corry, b. Sammons
H. E. Wade, b. Bourke F. H. Graham, c. Thompson, b. Bourke
D Low h Inglis
A. H. Coppen, played on Bourke L. Craufurd, b. Bourke
Marks b. Smellle
T. Partington, b. Sammons
Morrison b. Bourke
A Wye, c. and b. Bourke
R. Howe, not out
Total
Total

Rumor That he Has Been Carried off by His Enemies

St. Petersburg, April 18-Father Gapon, the labor leader, mysteriously disappeared about a week-ago, and his wife is greatly alarmed, fearing foul play on the part of his enemies. As the police insist that he has not been arrested, and add that they know nothing of his whereabouts, it is considered possible that Father Gapon has ben kidnapped by his enemies, as was the case a fortnight ago with Urusoff, one of the workmens' delegates, who being suspected of being in alliance with the governor, was captured by the social democrats, and conveyed to Helsingfors, Finland, where he was subjected to torture.

BUREAU OF EDUCATION Toronto, April. 18—At the annual convention of the Ontario Educational association today, J. B. Dow, in his presidential address advocated a dominion bureau of education. ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH ACCOUNTS LAST 12 MONTHS SHOW SMALL DEFICIT

JOHNSTONE DECLINES REELECTION—OTHER OFFICERS CHOSEN

St. Saviour's church was held in the mis-sion room of the church last evening. The reports of the various church organi-

satisfactory.

George Johnstone, people's warden, was disagtisfied with the condition of the church revenue, and declined re-election, although it was tendered to him by unanimous vote: After nearly-two hours spent in endeavoring to alter Mr. Johnstone's decision, the yestry adjourned for a week, leaving the position vacant.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock by the rector, Rev. F. H. Graham, and was then opened with prayer. There were present eight ladies and about 39 men, including the two church wardens, F. Irvine and G. Johnstone, and the vestry clerk, H. Bird.

The rector reported briefly on the work of the church and parish during the year, He mentioned that there had been 21 baptisms, Il marriages and 9 funerals in the church since last Easter. He recommended greater activity by the church committee in future to relieve the wardens of a pari of the financial burden.

George Johnstone presented the financial statement for the year. The total expenditure was 12883.73, the revenue was 3731. The accounts payable amount to 383.77, while the cash in bank is only \$27.54. He urged either an increase of revenue or a curtailment of expenses. Several urgent wants were stated, including improvement of the ventilation and painting of the roofs of the church and mission room. Mr. Johnstone also stated that the report printed was not a full indication of the deficit, as no allowance had been made for depreciation of assets.

F. Irvine reported on the Sunday school. It has 125 pupils, taught by 10 teachers. It is efficiently conducted and is more than self-supporting. Its receipts for the year were \$21.10, out of which it has left a balance of \$25.70, after contributing \$1.35 to other purposes.

Mr. A. Jowett reported briefly for the choir, stating that it was fairly eaticractory as to numbers and attendance.

In the absence of Mrs. R. R. Hedley. Mrs. B. Applewhalte reported for the Women's Auxiliary, which has done a great deal of work during the year for various missionary and philanthorpic cause

the entire business of the Kettle River Lumber company, are making arrangements for a gigantic lumber output this present year. They will operate four sawmills, one at Nelson, one at Nakusp, one at Robson and the fourth at Cascade. The four mills have a combined daily capacity of 200,000 feet of lumber or a combined half yearly capacity of over 30,000,000 feet, the mills only running during the summer months. It has been learned on reliable authority that this company will confine its business principally to supplying lumber for the northwest markets and are now filling orders for 18,000,000 feet for the markets of Alberta. The Gennelle Bros., of this of Alberta. The Gennelle Bros., of this company are expected in Grand Forks tomorrow when more particulars regarding the working of the big company will

KOOTENAY AND ALBERTA MINING

ond Vale Coa

BERYLLIUM

This metal was first discovered by a French chemist in 1797 who gave it the name of glucinium, owing to the sweetish taste its salts have. This is the name it still goes by in England and Europe, but the Americans consider that the name at the head of this article more suitable. This name is derived from the name beryl, a precious stone which contains, when pure, about 14 per cent of the oxide of this metal. The mineral beryl is usually found associated with granite, in the form of coarse and large six sided prisms, of a green color. The emerald is a form of beryl, its color being due to the presence of a little chromium. Aqua-moraine is another precious stone mainly composed of beryl, it has a beautiful blue-green color. Apart from the precious stones connected with this mineral, beryl is found in considerable quantities in many granitic formations.

The preclous stones being mainly found an elay-slates, or schists in close proximity with granite formations. Beryl is often found in very large crystals or pleces, which have no commercial values as preclous stones. The largest plece known to be found came from Massachusetts; it weighed nearly two and a half tons. Beryllium, the metal, is a soft, white metal, with a very low specific gravity. It will rolt into sheets like gold, and with nearly the same fineness.

ZIRCONTUM

ZIRCONIUM Tis is another of the metals which in Tis is another of the metals which in combination with silicon, forms precious stones. Lircon, the gem, varies in color from a colorless stone to a green, yellow or even red. Azorites, hyacinths, and lircons are the most popular stones of this metal, and are frequently substituted in rings, brooches, etc., for rarer gems. The metal itself, or its oxide was first discovered in 1789 by a German chemist, but up to this date it has not been obtained in a solid form similar to other metals. It has been obtained in a crystalline as well as a powdery form, other metals. It has been obtained in a crystalline as well as a powdery form, resembling antimony in some respects. The only other commercial use that has been found for this metal, is one for the employment of its oxides zirconia. It has been found that this sait will give considerable more light than lime when burnt in the oxy-hydrogen flame, therefore it is sometimes used for lighthouse work.

CERIUM.

The oxide of this metal, ceria, was first discovered in 1808, by a Swedish chemist in the mineral cerite. This mineral is one of the rare earths, and the metal itself is called the chief one of the "rare" earth metals, of which the subsequent metals are all classified.

The metal cerium is very soft and pliable, having a color and luster very similar to iron, though not as heavy. Compounds of this metal have been found very useful in the manufacture of the Welsbach's mantles for incandescent lamps. They have also been used for medicinal puropses, being employed in cases of seasickness, hysteria, etc. Cerite, the chief mineral from which this metal is obtained, is usually found in beds connected with gneiss, and is nearly always associated with copper pyrites, mica and hornblende. Its color varies from a reddish to gray with a grayish though it has only half the hardness of the outbreak, they proceeded to deal visconney, with the situation. It soon

Earthquake Vibrations Registered at Washington at Noon Yesterday
Washington, April 13—The San Francisco earthquake has reached across the entire continent. The seismograph at the weather bureau here showed such violent agitation about \$33 o'clock this morning that the pen passed off the recording sheet. The instrument at 12 o'clock was still under vibrations, showing that the earthquake has not ceased.

TO TREAT BOSUN ORE N. J. Cavanaugh of Sandon, reports that the Rosebery zinc plant is expected to begin work shortly on Bosun ore.

"The Bosun," he says, "is owned by the Monitor & Ajax Fractional, Limited, which also controls the Rosebery plant. Now the Bosun is building a dock at Slocan lake to prepare for ahlpping its old dumps to the Rosebery plant."

ZULULAND

Precautions Which Have Been Taken by Natal Government

Origin of Trouble is Deepseated But Immediately Arose From a Police Fracas Occurring Early in February

London, April 18.—The unrest among

the natives in Natal, for which in part the new poll-tax was responsible, but which antedates the introduction of that tax by months, if not years, is in the main the outcome of Ethiopianism, or the doctrine of Africa for the black man. The collection of the tax precipitated

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of Prince Edward Island, where he received his education in the public schools, finishing at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. He came to British Columbia in 1890, and taught for several years at Mission. From 1895 to 1897 he was principal of the public school at Wellington. Since 1897 he has been on the teaching staff of Victoria as principal of the Boys' Central school. Mr. Gillis has been a successful teacher and is very popular with his colleagues of the profession.

TOOK WRONG MEDICINE Port Colborne, Ont., April 18—Frank X. Cashen, 4 years old, dredge engineer for M. J. Hogan, contractor, took a dose of wood alcohol today in mistake for medicine to relieve acute rheumatism and died shortly afterwards.