

THE TREADGOLD CONCESSION

Members Defend the Grant Which is So Generally Opposed in the Territory. Opposition Members Express Some Strong Views.

Yukon Sun, May 15.) members had endeavored, he would not say to vilify, but to misrepresent the actions of the government. Sir William Mulock's point that the amendment order was not yet gazetted by showing that the first order was not gazetted. He read the protest of the Dawson Liberals against it and spoke strongly against the concession. Fitzpatrick held that the government had a legal right that the work should be done by government or company. The government decided that a company was best, and he approved of what was done. The government was prepared, however, to listen to any grievances, and prepared to remedy them.

then distributing it to the miners. The government was first asked to undertake it as a public work, but it was found that works on the scale demanded would cost more than five million dollars. The government was not prepared to spend such a sum. Were the opposition ready to advise the government to spend two millions? The work therefore had to be done by private enterprise, and capitalists came to the government and declared their willingness to do the work. The government entered into an agreement with them, subsequently making some conditions when representations were made, and providing that the miners should have the prior right to enough water to operate their claims.

Some Queer Marriages Among certain African tribes husbands are not permitted to look upon their wives. They live in huts apart, and only during the night are they allowed to visit their brides. This custom, which prevails in the neighborhood of Timbuctoo, is equalled in singularity by that in vogue at Futa, where wives never permit their husbands to see them unveiled until three years have elapsed since their marriage. In Sparta, as is well known, the husband was only able to seek the society of his wife by stealth and under cover of darkness, as seems to be the case among the Turkomans of the present day, on whom, sometimes for the space of two years after marriage, a similar taboo is laid.

Only One Lance Broken. Berlin, April 11.—Emperor William met Prof. Delitzsch, the Assyriologist, for the first time since his majesty wrote his recent letter to Admiral von Hollman, councillor of the German Oriental Society, replying to the professor's lecture on the Babylonian origin of the Bible, at a dinner Chancery von Bulow gave before his departure for Italy. The professor is hard of hearing and the emperor's part of the dialogue was consequently in a rather high voice.

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