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Not Nuch Headway Now Being Made by the Drummond Railway Enquiry Committee.

Mr. Blair Sharply Criticized by Mr. McInnes of British Columbia - The Franchise Bill Turns Out to be Very Carelessly Compiled and the House Will Have to Considerably Amend It.

OTTAWA, March 31 .- The majority of 38 in the senate against the Yukon ill was larger than even the opponents of the measure ventured to expect. It only indicates that the more the improvident bargain is considered the worse it appears. A number of conservatives who at first gave a somewhat reluctant assent to the principle of the bill, or at least were sufficiently non-committal to afford the government some hope of their consent,found that they could not conscientiously go that far. Parliament Hill may not always understand the sentiment of the country, but in this particular case there was no chance for delusion. From every constituency in Canada, from members of both political parties has come floating toward Ottawa an almost unanimous chorus of condemnation or of disapproval, or at the mildest, exns of anxiety. At this moment if the bill were before the house of mons the vote of a fortnight ago cculd not possibly be repeated. Not less than thirty supporters of the government are rejoiced over the action of the senate, and if I am not much mistaken three or four, if not a larger number of ministers, share in that satisfaction.

Mr. Mills, with all the authority of the minister of justice, told the sen-ate that they had no right to defeat this government bill. His argument was that the senate was responsible to nobody, as the defeat of the government in that house did not bring in a new administration, and it was improper for senators to take the responsibility from the shoulders of the government. Mr. Gladstone could have said the same thing when the lords rejected his home rule bill. He might, like Mr. Mills, have warned the lords that they would be responsible for any disasters occasioned by their action. So he did. But the lords went on and the country endorsed their action. Senator McCal-lum interrupted Mr. Mills with the suggestion that there was yet a refor the government, which might appeal to the people on the question. But this is not a question

ministers are app rently ager to fling these gold lands viol ly from them, and grow furiously dignant when anyone interferes the programme It will be said that the other routes

are partly in American territory, but over and again it has been shown that American trade has exactly the same chance to capture the market by this route that it would have by any other. Mr. Blair comes in at this last moment with a strenuous attempt to force' the commons railway committee to charter an American line to tap the best district of the Kootenay cour try, after a Canadian line has been idized into that very point. It is difficult to see why a principle that is good on the Yukon is not equally good on the Kettle river, and why ministers who are rending the air trying to persuade people to let Ameri

can trade in at one point should be going into hysterics in order to keep it out at another. This is the way it will strike the ordinary carnal mind. But no ordinary mind can fathom the sublime mysteries of this inscrutible government of ours.

Mr. Davin has applied his mind to the task. His motion affirms that good faith on the part of the government with the people of the North-west requires agricultural implements to be made free. There is no question that the men who are now ministers went into the Northwest and asked the people to vote for them on the distinct assertion that they would, if returned to power, take the duty off farm machinery. Mr. Davin quoted their words. He had reports of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches in the west. He had reports of Mr. Fisher's speeches and those of Sir Louis Davies. There is no contradiction as to the pledges. There is no denving that the duties remain as high on heavy farm machinery as before. The queet thing is that half a dozen members elected as liberals and patrons in the west on the strength of these distinct promises and on their own pledge to sopport the programme, are not doing anything about it. There is the Rev. Mr. Douglass, who was elected as an independent on this one issue, and has never given a vote to bring it about. The same is true of Mr. Da-

vis.' Mr. Oliver of Edmonton, who has shown independence on other things, has not done so in this. The four government members from Manitoba have been as mild tariff reformers as any government of the most extreme protectionist type could have desired. These western men will not be elected any more.

While they are here Mr. Davin is naving some fun with them. Yesterday he appealed to them to show some trace of independence and to make some attempt to carry out their ledges. For himself, when the late government was in power he continually pressed for reduced duties in the interests of the west, and had the satisfaction of seeing the tariff on farm machinery reduced from 25 per cent. to 20. His friends from the west came in protesting against the 20 per cent. duty, and having thundered all over the prairies about the wrongs of the ad sat down comfortably in Ottawa, enjoying to the full its social pleasures, and forgetting about the weary farmer in the and of the setting sun. Mr. Davin as willing to excuse wild broncos like Mr. Davis of Prince Albert for some two years. It might require that time for them to become inured to the effeminate delights of Ottawa society. But now it was time to stir up and do something. Mr. Davin was very entertaining as he told about the manner in which the members were seduced by dances and dinners, and quoted the Toronto Globe, which protested against the control of tory officials at Ottawa. The Globe says that the social life at Ottawa is conservative and has a bad effect upon grit ministers, and Mr. Davin thinks that if these social charms break down the morals and principles of a minister, there is the greater reason why a poor private member should nerve himself gainst the demoralizing influences. He mentioned a minister who came to Ottawa so prejudiced that he would

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capability as a wife and mother, and the health and strength of generations to come are dependent upon this. Nothing in the world will destroy the good looks, wholesomeness, the amiability, and the usefulness of a woman quicker than disorders of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines for women who are alling in this way. It makes a woman strong and healthy where a woman most meeds health and strength. It relieves pain, soothes inflammation, heals ulcera-tion and gives rest and tone to the tortured nerves. It cures all the ills and pains too commonly considered an uncomfortable in-heritance of womankind. It has been used for over thirty years with an unbroken heritance of womankind. It has been used for over thirty years with an unbroken record of success. More of it has been sold than of all the other medicines for women combined. It is the discovery of Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years Chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Sur-gical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. He will cheerfully answer, without charge, all let-ters from alling women.

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press for active and offensive partisanship," and whether the government intends to reorganize him out of his position. Mr. Fisher would not say definitely, but he rather thought this was the same George Johnson, but the government had not decided what would happen to him. The statistician has a salary of \$2,400, which is quite a temptation. His chief of-fence has been that he issued year books showing the growth of Canadian industries and Canadian trade. The present government seems to be anxious to have the same thing done, and Mr. Johnson is disposed to go on in the same line. In the place of dismising him Mr. Fisher cannot do better, so long as trade is growing, than to keep him in his place and pay for the book. If bad times come it may be necessary to dismiss Mr. Johnson and hire a liar in his place.

Mr. Blair is not as communicative as he was when the Ontario election was going on. In a previous letter appeared his epistle to Mr. Biggar of Belleville, promising to double the vote for the Trent Valley Canal. Mr. Biggar was carrying on a political campaign at the time and he made the greatest possible use of this letter. It was printed in the local paper with a fine portrait of Mr. Blair over the top of it and a great display of head lines, such as "\$1,500,000 for the Trent Valley Canal," and was followed by such injunctions as "Vote for Bleecker and the Trent Valley Canal." Mr Corby wanted to know about this letter yesterday, and Mr. Blair indigantly declared that he would not give information about confidential letters sent to his political friends. A confidential letter which cannot be mentioned in the house seems to be all right displayed in the campaign columns of a newspaper or exhibited at every hustings between Bay of Quinte and Georgian Bay. This is another mystery. And still another is found in the fact that the \$1,500,000 promised in the letter has dwindled down in the estimates to \$600,000. Said Mr. Blair in the letter, "the vote will be double that of last year." It is in fact less than last year. But then the people of Hastings did not "vote Bleecker." S. D. S. OTTAWA, April 2 .- The chief event in yesterday's legislation was the announcement that the newspaper postage, after sixteen years of banishment, is to be restored. Mr. Mulock is much grieved over the large free car lage of papers through the mails, and gave figures to show that the tonnage had increased from nine million pounds to sixteen and a half millions since 1889. He told of the great number of mail bags which the department was obliged to furnish for this particular business, and gave a graphic account of the labors of the mail carriers in handling newspapers. Mr. Mulock does not see why newspapers should not pay postage as well as letters, and this is one of the great forms he has set about to make. He does not intend to spring it on the country all at once, and will start the half rate the beginning of next year and the whole rate of half a cent pound a year from next July. Mr. Mulock is going to discriminate. Those papers whose circulation is within ten miles of the office of publication will still go free to that extent. Outside of the ten mile zone his law will operate. We may therefore expect a new surveying staff in the post office de partment to mark the radius of ter niles from each newspaper office in Canada. The farmer who lives inside the line will have the advantage of free carriage, and if the line happens to cut through the middle of a town it will be necessary to have a neat survey in order to discriminate. Mr. Mulock did not explain the reason of his ten mile belt. Whether it is intended to strike at papers of su value to be called for more than ten miles away as a punishment for their excellence; whether it is intended as a policy of protection for papers that are not known outside their own village, or is merely adopted as an arbitrary basis on the assumption that the post office can afford to carry papers ten miles but no farther, will be explained on the second reading. On the latter assumption we might have expected a series of belts, say one of

cents a pound for papers carried to the Yukon. But Mr. Mulock's severe-ly logical mind does not reach that ne day, it is not known when, Mr. ulock is going to reduce his letter ostage from three cents to two When he gets ready to do it there will be a proclamation beginning of course in the well known form "I, William Mulock," as was done in the unfortu-

te proclamation about the imperial to cent rate in which Mr. Mulock stab ished the policy for the empire and maintained it for three days and a half. He has no ten mile belt about letters. Mr. Mulock's policy is to carry letters to Australia for the same price as they are carried from Ottawa to Hull. The ten mile zone is a pecuiar invention only applicable te newspapers.

The postmaster general tells us that he carried last year 16,500,000 pounds of newspapers through the mails. If these were all carried at his propos half cent rate the revenue would be \$82,500. But his ten mile belt will make a great reduction, and there will be some evasions, while possibly some cheap papers will cease to use the mail, and all papers will use the express if they find it cheaper. The re-sult of it all will be a revenue perhaps of \$50,000. The present postal revenue is \$3,200,000, so that even if the newspaper postage should yield 60,000, the gain will be only two per cent. To offset this there will be the additional expense of keeping a record at each town where papers are published; of weighing papers and of disputing with the publishers. There will also be the difficulty of collecting from impecunious newspaper men or from those who are disposed to escape what they may consider an unfair liability. Unless there is a discrimination in favor of dishonest publishers it will be necessary to do some post office detective work. Moreover the newspaper staffs, which now take a good deal of trouble in classifying the mail and packing it for delivery, will probably leave that matter to the post office staff. Taking it all together the department will have to

spend probably 50 cents for every dollar collected. This is not good economy. esides an inconvenience and annoynce will be inflicted upon publishers and an expense either upon them or on subscribers altogether out of proportion to the revenue obtained. After all the government will only have taken money out of one pocket of the people to put it in another, less the extra cost which will be lost altogether.

Sir Charles was in an incisive mood when he informed the government that he saw through the new policy. When the party was in power before it tried to suppress Hansard, which contained a record of their statements in the house. Now they are trying to suppress the newspapers, which also contain a report of their transactions. If there had been no newspapers, or if there had been none of the circulation wider than ten miles, ises and pl es which have been broken would not have been so visibly on the record. It would have exceedingly convenient if the been details of the Yukon deal could have been suppressed, as they were for a time. The growth of the newspapers, Sir Charles says, is a sign that the people want to know things. In the view of the leader of the opposition that is a disposition to be encouraged. But the same disposition which prevents the ministers from answering the questions in parliament relating to public business seems to be leading Mr. Mulock to choke off the most important newspapers. Mr.| Taylor, the conservative whip, is a man who takes a common sense view of things. He sized up the proposition at once. The minister reduces the letter rate for the benefit of the traders and proessional men. He increases the newspaper rate outside of the towns in order to get a little more money out of the farmers. The farmers, according to Mr. Taylor, get it in the neck every time. During the past week we have a reduction in the interest allowed by the savings banks and newspaper postage, which is pretty well for five days' work. Mr. Ellis does not agree with Mr. Mulock's statements about the mail bags furnished the newspapers But there are many things in which Mr. Ellis does not agree with ministers. The Drunmond railway enquiry did not make .nuch headway yesterday morning. The secretary of the Drummond company is not a well informe man. He was examined about the cost of the road, but could only furnish accounts in gross. There was a construction company comprising the same men as the railway company, although he was secretary of them both he was not able to say about the construction acmuch

When he was through it was not clear to any not clear to anyone how much of the alleged cost of the road was real cost and how much was a bonus to promoters. Mr. McLeod of the government service was a more satisfactory witness on the government side. He was of the opinion that the road was worth a million six hundred thousand dollars, and ought to have cost that whether it did or not. He told Mr. Blair, who was the head of his department, that he thought Mr. Blair had made a good bargain.

In the house the Kettle river bill made its appearance again after its lorg sojourn in the railway committee. The minister of railways was on hand to help Mr. Corbin through, but Mr. Corbin got very little good of it. Perhaps it was not all Jim Sutherland's fault, but young McInnes of British Columbia is not free from blame. In the committee the contractors agreed to accept an amendment reducing the capital stock to less than half the sum proposed. Somehow Mr. Sutherland, the chairman of the committee, failed to make a note of the amendment on the margin of the bill. So it came to house with the clause left clean

An amendment cannot be added in the house to a private bill without notice, and so the house was obliged either to lay the bill over, refer it back to the railway committee, or adopt it without the amendment. The minister of railways has a horror of the railway committee, remembering that seventeen of his own supporters voted there against the bill the day before. He did not want delay. On the other hand, as he had himself urged and the company had accepted the amendment, it was impossible to put the bill through without it. Sir Charles could not see his way clear to agree to a violation of the rules, and Mr. Blair accordingly gave notice of amendment asking that it should be made at a later stage. Meanwhile he thought the bill might go through committee. Mr. Blair added, looking significantly at some opposition members, that he noticed a disposition to obstruct the bill.

He had hardly made this observation when a member on his side of the house rose and squared off for a speech on the general issues before the country. Mr. Choquette is one of the prominent members of the liberal party in Quebec, and is going to be a judge. But Mr. Choquette is not consumed with affection for Mr. Blair, and he proceeded to speak ve hemently in his mother tongue while the minister of railways lay back in his chair looking as if he would like to know what Mr. Choquette was saying. The French speaking member was suppressed while nearly half of the hour for private bills was still available. But close to Mr. Blair's shoulder was another member equal the occasion. Master McInnes of British Columbia stood up with last year's Hansard and proceeded to read. Mr. Blair's Crow's Nest speech. As he read Mr. Blair's appeal to the grasp from the United States for all time the "exclusive control" of the Boundary Creek district, he was vigorously applauded. Mr. McInnes was sisted by occasional enquiries from across the house. One member would ask "is this the same district which the minister or railways now proposes to reach with the American rallway ?" and Mr. McInnes would solemnly explain that was the very same district. Sir Charles Tupper, in a most innocent way, asked from time to time whose language Mr. Mc-Innes was quoting, and Mr. McInnes, in an instructive attitude, would patiently reply that he was using language of Mr. Blair. Mr. Blair. within two feet of him, was trying to make as light of it as he could. But when the hour was up the minister of railways appeared to be greatly re-lieved, though Mr. Corbin's bill was no farther ahead. The franchise bill is still in committee. It is not as carefully drawn as might have been expected from the fact that it is held over from last year. The ministers in charge of the prove to be unable to make explanations. They are trying to graft a dominion election law on a provincial franchise system, and have proceeded with a careless disregard of misfits In many instances it is found that their general clauses cannot be worked in harmony with the provincial laws which they are embracing in the measure. Sir Louis Davies, who likes to postpone evil days, and was leading the house most of the evening, seemed disposed to run the bill through, regardness of these things, He has no sympathy for the unfortunate sheriffs and returning officers who will be left unable to understa the statute. Mr. Powell confronted them with numerous difficulties out of which neither Sir Louis nor Mr. Fitzpatrick could show the way. One member on the government side thought he saw a way out by abolishing electoral lists altogether and allowing every man to come in and vote at the risk of being sworn if his qualification was doubted. Sir Charles Tupper thought that that was about the only way out of the difficulties that surrounded the case. But the only way out of the confusion that Sir Louis could see was to accept the whole crude mass and send it to the officers to interpret for Sir Charles suggested hemselves. that as the lawyers in the house were all at sea, it was hardly fair to leave an unskilled layman in the country grapple with it. Finally the lea of the opposition went home as Mr. Davin was explaining that the franchise bill afforded a fair illustration of what Dr. Johnson gave as the neaning of higglety-pigglety, namely, a conglomerate mass of heterogenous matter." After the leader Was gone, Sir Louis Davies said that Sir Charles and he had agreed some time ago to put the bill through con mit. tee at this sitting, and called upon the opposition to stand by the agreement. The opposition had never heard of the agreement and apparently Sir Charles did not know he had ma When he left the chamber his wers were discussing the various amendments they proposed to offer and they had understood among

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themselves that it would take several days to discuss the various features of the bill. It was all a mistake on the part of Sir Louis, but he seemed disposed to stick to it.

Mr. Flint of Yarmouth was in the chair when the solicitor general and Sir Louis were in consultation, apparently trying to find out what some clause of their bill might mean. Clarke Wallace moved that the committee rise. The two ministers went on with their talk and did not hear. Mr. Flint saw no way for it but to put

the motion. The opposition members rose to vote yea, when Sir Louis and Mr. Casey interposed with the point of order that the vote had not been properly called for. Mr. Flint was embarrassed. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper kept informing him that they were all standing up and waiting to be counted, Sir Louis kept advising him that he ought not to count. After some exhibition of a perturbed mind, Mr. Flint instructed the clerk to count. The vote was lost by a majority of five, and Sir Louis was saved. But the debate had to go on. The opposition members settled down to a long discussion of the first clause, when Sir Richard Cartwright arrived on the scene and took charge of the house. In less than five minutes his experienced mind sized up the situation. He interrupted Mr. Ingram, who was getting back to first principles, by observing that he had no doubt the opposition were acting in good faith; that he recognized the necessity of a full discussion of an important measure like this, and that if Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, who, in the absence of the opposition leader and Mr. Foster, appeared to be the senior leader opposite, was of opinion that there was no desire to obstruct, he would propose the adjournment. Sir Charles Hibbert promptly assured Sir Richard that though he had no authority to speak for the opposition, he knew that the members on his side only desired a fair discussion and had no worse disposition than the hope of making the measure as workable as possible. Thereupon Sir Richard proposed that the committee rise, and the

house adjourn. Sir Louis seemed disposed to vote nay, but consented to be effaced. The first clause of the bill is, therefore, under consideration. S. D. S.

OTTAWA, April 1.-Two days ago it was explained that the government as represented by the minister of railways had taken a great variety of positions in regard to railroads connecting with the United States. In the railway committee yesterday Mr. Foster confronted the minister with his declaration of last year and invited him to apply the same rule to the Kettle river charter. Mr. Foster dwelt upon the fact that the ores in the district proposed to be tapped were of a class convenient to use in smelting with the Rossland ores and that great economic loss would follow their transport into the United States. The government had paid last year about two million dollars more than was necessary for the Crow's Nest road, for the alleged reason that this consideration pr

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h the appeal will be taken Foolish as this government may be it is too wise to go to the country with this rope around its neck.

The minister of justice drew a boy of great length when he said that the contractors had spent half a million dellars already on their contract Mackenzie and Mann are not fools, and if they have purchased rails and other supplies they know how to dis-pose of them. As a matter of fact they have agreed to take some cheap and disused rails from the C. P. R., doubtless with the understanding that they will not be taken unless needed. Not a rail, so far as is known, has been moved. It may be that the contractors have spent one tenth of the amount mentioned by Mr. Mills. It may be that they have an action for damages against the government. If so they have great cause for gratitude to that member of the administration who at the outset admits their claim for half a million dollars.

But suppose they lost it all. Who was to blame for it? Is it not the government who shut out all other tenderers and closed the contract a week before parliament opened, and who assured the contractors that both houses would endorse the bargain? Whatever claim the contractors may have against the country the men who ought to be made to pay " are the nisters who insolently and stupidly, and it is feared in the case of some of them corruptly, made this ghastly contract at such a time and in such a way. If Mackenzie and Mann were rash enough to invest their money on the promise of Mr. Sifton that he would make the senate solid, it was their gamble, and justified the statement of Mr. Blair, that the whole thing was a gambling propo sition Suppose they have half a million dollars worth of worthless plant on the Stikine. Is there not a company with nearly three million dollars' worth on the Isthmus of Chignecto? Every dellar expended on the ship railway was put there under a statute, and yet no one is offering to repay the money.

Mr. Mills says that the senate must now shoulder the responsibility, though that body has no executive powers. He will find, perhaps, that it. as power to do one thing that may be useful to the Yukon. It has power to pass an act incorporating Mackenzie and Mann or any other company, and giving them power to build their road from the coast to the Yukon river. There are other parties willing to build such roads without subsidy. The senate may well give them a chance. Then if the gov causes the house of commons t ons to throw out the charter there will be another transfer of responsibility. It need not surprise anyone if that would happen. One would expect that a ministry which was willing to give away the choice of all the Yukon gold lands for a railway into the Yukon would be glad to have one built for nothing. But this government does not seem to be so anxious to get the

not go near a house where dancing took place, but was now taking instruction from a dancing master, so that he who came to lead in great reforms was finding his greatest pleasure in leading off the terpsichorean chorus.

In their residence at Capua the ministers are going into decline. The government, according to Mr. Davin. has already the pallor of death upon it. When the speaker left the chair the bard of Regina was telling how he went wandering the other day in Hull and found a new street bearing the name of Avenue Laurier. Remembering his early days in Paris and the streets there named after Napoeon, Mr. Davin wandered along this venue to see what great palaces and sardens and other beautiful things night be found there. He discovered to his horror that it ended in a graveyard.

The criticism that is most remem cered against the late government's ailway management was the charge that the ordinary expenses of the road used to be placed to capital account. t was claimed that all the capital harges since 1878 ought to have been put down as running expenses, and that the deficit was very much larger than was represented in the books. Naturally we turn to the estimates to see how the system operates. We find there is still a capital account on he Intercolonial. Here, for instance s the whole cost of the new Moncton station placed to capital, as if there had never been a station there before. Under the late management the only harge to capital would have been the cost of the new one in excess of that of the old one. The next item is 550,000 for increasing the strength of iron bridges. Now for ten years this strengthening has been going on, and every dollar so spent has been charg-ed to running expenses. There are many other charges to capital.

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control of the Boundary Creek dis-trict, with the absolute control of railway freight rates, so that there would be no monopoly. It was now proposed to abandon this exclusive right and it was also urged by the minister that the control we paid for last year had not been obtained.

Mr. Blair was not very good natured about it. Without making clear his position, he intimated that everybody was stupid who could not see it. It was his claim that the Grand Trunk railway could use the proposed road through its Northern Pacific connecticn, and thus make it a Canadian road also. But as Mr. Beattle of London stated, this connection implies a car-riage of 200 miles 'n United States territory. Mr. McInnes, a government supporter, wanted to know why the Grand Trunk, if it wanted competition, could not come in through its connection to the C. P. R. at Lethbridge and take that route through the Crow's Nest, thus making unnecessary the Corbin line. The condition of the Crow's Nest road grant compels the acceptance of Grand Trunk traffic. Mr. Blair did not seem to get the best of the argument, but he got the best of the vote. He carcied the charter by a majority of six, which was only a moderate triumph in a committee where the government had a majority of 30. Whether the bill will succeed 'n making its way through the house is another question. The assistant manager of the Grand Trunk has been lobbying in its favor and a young fellow was heard to remark in the corridor that he and Mr. Wainwright carried the bill, meaning thereby that they had hunter up and got into the room a few mblers who might have remained absent. Mr. Corbin is still in residence here and probably will not disappear until his bill is safe.

While the minister of railways took strong ground yesterday morning in favor of United States connection. four hours later the minister of justice was furiously denouncing United States connection. Mr. Corbin's bill desires entry from across the southern border. Hamilton Smith's bill asked rermision to build into the Yukon from the Pacific Coast over territory claimed by the United States. Mr. Mills says it will never do, and though Hamilton Smith wants no ubsidy the government will not permit him to have a charter. Two interesting admissions were made by the minister of justice. One was that Hamilton Smith is able to build the road. The other is that the Dalton trail is the best commercial route. It was on this account that he refused the charter, because the cheapness and case by which that road could be operated would prevent the company from building the Stikine. Senator Wood argued that cheapness of transpirt was what the Yukon miners particularly desired. He maintained that cne route is as much in United States control as the other and that the two are equally open for Canadian traffic. But the government, which on Wednesday was opposed to connection with the United States, and on Thursday morning was in favor of it, came out strong on Thursday af-

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