

No Change In Tariff Mr. Fielding Says It Will Not Be Tinke'd With This Session.

A Surplus of Over Six Millions Expected for Fiscal Year.

Misunderstanding About Recruiting a Second Thousand for South Africa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 14.—Mr. Fielding's budget speech this morning was largely quotations from the public accounts and trade returns coupled with the announcement that there would be no tariff changes this session.

The surplus last year of \$8,064,715 was, he said, the largest in the history of the country, and this year's surplus, he estimated, would be \$6,000,000.

There does not seem any likelihood of a second one thousand men being recruited in Canada for the South African Contingent.

Increased Pay. Iron Workers Get An Increase In Pay.

Youngtown, Ohio, March 14.—At the bi-monthly wage conference to-day before the iron manufacturers and the officials of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, the manufacturers granted a voluntary increase of one per cent.

Unhappy Soldiers. Seven Kill Themselves in Porto Rican Regiment in Six Months.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 14.—Two members of the Porto Rican regiment, Beltran and Arroyo, committed suicide to-day.

Fight With Robbers. Brave Cashier Killed While Defending Bank Funds.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 14.—Charles W. Ryan, cashier of the Halifax National Bank, was shot to death by Henry Rowe and Weston Kelper, of York, at noon to-day in an attempt at a daring bank robbery.

Rowe and Kelper drove to Halifax from Elizabethville, Pa., and, after attacking their team on the outskirts of the town and boldly proceeded to the bank.

Compulsory Education. Quebec Legislature Votes Down Bill to Fine Delinquent Parents.

Quebec, March 14.—The legislature to-day voted down a proposal by Dr. Beaulieu to make education compulsory. The bill provided a fine for the parents of children between the ages of 8 and 16 who did not attend school a first 16 weeks per year.

The Law's Delays. Mrs. Botkin Is Granted Still Another Trial.

San Francisco, March 14.—The State Supreme Court to-day granted a new trial to Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. J. E. Dunning in the summer of 1898 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

That French Duel. Principal Shadowed by Police to Prevent Trouble.

Langens, Switzerland, March 14.—M. Paul Deroulede arrived here to-day. The police are shadowing him closely to prevent the duel.

Ulunda Arrives. Anxiously Looked For Steamed Reaches Port Safely.

St. John's, Nfld., March 14.—The Furness-Allan liner Ulunda, Capt. Chambers, which left Liverpool on February 23, for St. John's, arrived here this morning after a frightful passage, the worst in the experience of all on board.

Drop in Copper. Ten Thousand Dollars' Worth Lost at Ogdensburg.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 14.—While heavily laden cars of copper are being from Canada to New York were being sent to the New York Central slip to-day, a coupling broke as the last car was running on to the apron.

The Funeral Preparations State Ceremonial for General Harrison Will Take Place To-Morrow.

But the Burial Will Not Be Till the Following Day.

Indianapolis, March 14.—Acting on the instructions of Governor Dubin, Charles E. Wilson, his private secretary, to-day sent messages to the governors of every state and territory informing them of the funeral arrangements.

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From Our Own Correspondent. Winnipeg, March 14.—Railway matters were not mentioned in the legislature to-day, except by the Premier, who rose to a question of privilege and complained of misrepresentation of his speech in a morning newspaper.

Polite Boers. Krutzinger's Commando Does Not Indulge in Wanton Destruction.

Adelaide, Cape Colony, March 13.—Krutzinger's commando is working northward and has eluded three British columns. It passed here on both sides of the town without attacking.

Ice Moving. St. John's, Nfld., March 14.—The Newfoundland Railway & Steamship Company's steamer Bruce, which arrived from St. John's, Nfld., on Monday, reports having passed 100 miles of ice coming out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Telegraphic Briefs. The Times says it believes that in addition to a sugar tax and the re imposition of the protection duty on cotton, the income tax will be increased by two per cent or four per cent.

The Army Increase Opposition Leaders Criticise the Increase in Britain's Military Power.

Government Questioned Relative to Russia and Manchuria Trouble.

Dimensions of the Submarine Boats to be Added to the Navy.

London, March 14.—In the House of Commons to-day the leaders of the opposition searching criticized the government's proposals for the increase and reform of the army.

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Up-to-Date Styles at WEVER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtains line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London.

WEVER BROS. Steamer Every Five Days

Islander and Amur to Give Five Day Service to Skagway.

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THE ALEXANDRIA MINE CLOSING

Men Meet to Discuss Situation—Mr. Dunsmuir's Explanation of Question.

The Colonist is in receipt of the following despatch: "Nanaimo, March 13.—A mass meeting of locked-out Alexandria miners to-day heard the answer of Hon. James Dunsmuir to the miners' secretary's letter proposing arbitration. It was as follows:

"Replying to your letter of March 7, the men were informed at the time the Alexandria mine closed that it was on account of the company not having a market for that coal, and anyone wanting work could get it either at Comox or Ixona."

"The Secretary's letter ran thus: "Sir, I am directed to inform you that an arbitration committee has been appointed to settle the present difficulty."

"The miners after the reading of these letters asked the secretary to read the report of the committee which was issued on December 22nd last."

"The principal speaker said that last week he had a long talk with Mr. Dunsmuir, and that he had been assured that the company would reduce the men's wages to the level of the market."

"When the above despatch was shown to Mr. Dunsmuir, he said there was just enough truth in it to make it misleading."

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