PE-RU-NA.

g Catarrh.

inty, New York, Hone a recent letter written York, stated: "I was riend to try a bottle of tonic, Peruna, and the gratifying that I am

ody needs a tonic in the ing to brace the nerves, brain and cleanse the una will do this is ben. Everyone who ha the same experience as berlake, of Lynchburg. cent letter, made use of rds: "I always take after business hours, as g for the nerves. There ng tonic, and I have them."

pring.

the best time to treat renews herself every em is rejuvenated by This renders medicines short course of Pehe balmy air of spring. orn cases of catarrh ed treatment for years. ld have a copy of Dr. ook on catarrh. Ad-Medicine Co., Colum-

mer, Stoughton, Wis-

I suffered with nerv ous trouble and stomach disorders until it seemed that there was nothing to me but a bundle of nerves. I was verv irritable. could not sleep. rest or compose myself. and was certainly unfit to take care of a nerve tonics and pills Vhen I began taking ily better, my nerves rest was no longer fit sider myself in perength. My recovery but I persevered and perfect health."-Mrs.

m the use of Peruna. . Hartman, giving a you his valuable ad-

artman, President of tarium, Columbus, O.

G CATCH SEALING FLEET

Vessels to Return-Been Unsuccess-1 One.

of the sealing schoon-McPhee, and the ot. McCaulay, Monthree more of the vet to return, exclushaving white crews. r island. This latter ht vessels, the Casco, r and Hattie. Carora Siewerd, Vera. of San Diego. The number eight. Three, return, and one, the t, was lost, it will be southwest of Flat-

ave done thus far is or two instances. The the close of the er skins to the Ida 217, and the Dora two others were h small catches, cont of the Cox, so that those in port would the whole coast fleet. ns as the total catch he average would be For the nineteen the total catch for ng 29 skins salved the Geo. W. Prescott, neighborhood of ear the entire coast ters was 3,384 skins, led 1,491 skins taken will thus be seen his year is a little rding to the above very small.

ooner of the fleet follows: Umbrina. 256 skins; Ida 53 skins: Director. 97 skins; Annie E. McKiel 586 skins: A. H. Olson, 60 apt. A. B. Whidden. pt. D. L. Jones, 3 Capt. McPhee. 137

Capt. McCaulay, ee vessels still out as reported from as having 130, and Libbie were he former with 120 with 117 skins. and all report that the wildness of the sible for the poor hunted off the slands, where Capt. ig haul, but did not

same opportune quent ill luck.

SUBMIT REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION

IS OF INTEREST TO VICTORIA MERCHANTS

The Chamber of Commerce Transact Their Weekly Budget-Reports and Other Matters.

ommerce on Tuesday was the report f the transportation committee read by the transportation committee tead of the transpo Phil R. Smith. It was received and laid on the table for consideration. President R. Carter occupied the chair. Richard Hall, M. P. P., Andrew Blygh, R. L. Drury and Frank Adams made application for membership, and were duly elected.

Stock available. The unprecedented growth of the Oriental and Coast trades leads your committee to believe that the only relief that can be afforded in this direction is in the building of another transcontinental line. Considerable inconvenience is attached to the present order of things, which will certainly not diminish with increased shipments.

A number of unimportant communica-

also the results attained and the proposed action tomouncing that the proposed action tomouncing the turns of the future.

We believe this information is of such
a startling character as to create uneasiness on the part of any who care to go into the matter, and will show the urgent
necessity of future development along the
line of ownership or control by the govline of ownership or control by the govearliest date tabulate this matter for use
of this chamber and the proposed
at their regular session. The report was
received and the committee thanked.

Mr. Mowat reported that the visits of
the school children to local factories had
so far been most successful.

Mr. Smith then submitted the following report from the committee on
lowing report from the committee on the future
at their regular session. The report was
a startling character as to create uneasiness on the part of any who care to go into the matter, and will show the urgent
or ownership control by the government. Your committee will at the
earlies date tabulate this matter for use
of this matter, and will show the urge

all centres and settlements within the province with whom commercial intercourse is or could be carried on, and again by local references among shippers and merchants. As a result of which your committee have now in their possession and in process of tabulation, some one hundred and ten communications containing invaluable information of the various products and resources of these communities, classes of goods exported and required by them, freight and passenger rates and suggestions for improved service and trade relations with Victoria. From the local shippers and merchants many complaints and grievances have been received, showing present facilities as unsatisfactory in the extreme.

Studied neglect or failure to understand the nature of service required by Victoria as a Coast point, the polished attention merchants the attention of the trade, have been without effect.

In reviewing the past and planning for the future we believe awaits this city, your committee realize that which is now apparent to many of our citizens, namely: That in order to obtain those concessions and considerations which are necessary to offee commercial intercourse common to other Coast points, the merchants should stand together, favoring those who favor such policy in the building up of our city, the merchants be approached with a view of appointing a committee in whose hands all routing orders shall be placed for use where they will do the most good.

J. L. Beckwith moved that the report be received. Unless there was some combined action on the part of Victoria merchants.

indied neglect or failure to understand a nature of service required by Victoria a Coast point, the polished attention a Coast point, the polished attention of the state of the promises of redress by railroad offiles, show plainly the futility of protest definition of the property of t disadvantages under which Victoris and the gradual shifting of commer distribution to the Mainland.

labors and the gradual shifting of commercial distribution to the Mainiand.

Our georaphical position gives Vancouver two days' start on up country orders (which is a sufficient handicap on quick deliveries), without an additional laying over of from three to eight days in the freight sheds of that city.

Emergencies we are aware will sometimes arise for which all are willing to make due allowance, but the frequency of these complaints has made it apparent to many that the trouble here complained of has been the rule and not the exception.

Great dissatisfaction is expressed at the withdrawal of terminal privileges on salmon shipments from Victoria. This move not only tends to centralize this industry on the Mainiand, but will limit competition in freight rates to Eastern points; it has also a sufficient bearing on trap fishing possibilities of the southeast and southwestern waters of Vancouver Island, and the ultimate supplying of Coast and the ultimate supplying of Coast and Northern convertes through their Main.

would deal only with matters affecting and the ultimate supplying of Coast and Northern canneries through their Main-land agencies.

Another bone of contention, and in this Another bone of contention, and in the ground that it would have a tend-Another bone of contention, and in this are have the support of the mercantile increases of this province, is the privilege the Coast should possess in being able to hip Eastern at Western rates. Not only be coast manufacturer at the coast manufacturer this give the Coast manufacturer a nance in disposing of Western wares, rould make British Columbia a dispose point in the East for Oriental Appended to this report is a conformation of rates in this particular.

Northern traffic both Vancouver in being coattle research advantage in being

Another pressing necessity and one

Another pressing necessity and one chich the Coast cities have apparently sot sight of for the time being is the coast-Kootenay road. The many communications bearing on this subject emphasize strongly the urgent need of early construction, retaining to this province and the Dominion the trade which now cost to the state of Washington.

The Gulf and Island service carried on y the Victoria & Sidney railroad last ear has not escaped severe criticism rom our correspondents. While admitting the advantages derived from the same cointed to losses in fruits and meats owns to the firegularities in arrival. This natter your committee are now working the advantages derived from the same of the firegularities in arrival. This natter your committee are now working the analysis of poster service for the onling summer.

Sooke correspondents call attention to a good opening during the summer months.

Re correspondents call attention to a opening during the summer months weekly or fortnightly service with a steamer. In this way a great deal oduce will find its way to market, will not reach here under present ions, a corresponding increase in rerade will of necessity take place.

A vexation is caused by the action C. P. R. Co. in levying on local ints a lighterage rate of from 5c. to be hundred on broken carload lots.

Well grounded complaints arise in the settlement of shortage, losses or over charges from our merchants against the railroad companies, the system prevailing among them of keeping these claims open for periods extending from six to fifteen months cannot be too strongly condemned. There is no reason why all claims of this nature could not be adjusted and settled for within thirty days. If this matter was left in the hands of committee mentioned elsewhere there is little doubt but what this grievance could be entirely removed.

The enormous demand for lumber now taking place in the Northwest is making itself felt among the local shippers. To place this business on a proper basis, however, connection by rail with the waterfront properties embracing lumber and other industries will have to be accomplished. In this connection the question of harbor improvement looms up as the only effective method of encouraging trade and giving to this city the most satisfactory results from an economic and commercial standpoint.

In investigating the complaints received Well grounded complaints arise in the

The principal business dealt with at the regular meeting of the Chamber of interest on Tuesday was the report of the transportation committee read by the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods shipped over the transportation committee to the delays in arrival of goods sh

Mr. Snith then submitted the following report from the committee on transportation:

Sirs:—Your committee appointed some few months back to look up the trade and transportation questions as affecting this city, beg to make the following report:

That an intelligent understanding of this very important matter might be arrived at by your committee, it was deemed advisable to approach the question from both resident and non-resident standpoints.

This was accomplished by circularizing all centres and settlements within the province with whom commercial intercourse is or could be carried on, and again

combined action on the part of Victoria merchants the trade of this city with tinue to diminish until it became practically nil. Some determined effort should be made to see that no delay occurred from the time freight passed into the

On motion of Mr. Laird exc shortly after adjourned.

and England.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Himself. Berlin, May 19 .- The Mercury, a weeky paper, published by a group of young dren." Hans Pagel, a medical student, the responsible editor of the paper, thereupon shot and killed himself and his sweetheart.

D. J. Munn, of New Westminster, is at

As a Coast point, goods should be delivered in this city at tariff rates, a course now pursued by the Great Northern Railway

COVERED BY NOTICE was received.

A storm of indignation has swept over sident, Dr. Milne; vice-president, placed on a block of land variously estimated in extent at from 500 to 700 square miles, to enable the Island Power Company to select lands therefrom for

Inquiry about the offices over James

Bay discloses the fact that little general

pulp purposes.

knowledge existed in regard to the mat-

was based, it is believed, the representations made by the property of which Mr. Farrell, of Vancouver, is the principal. When protests began to come in from the loggers, however, it is stated that the clerical staff of the department scaled the lands and discovered that in When Definition of Swill Is Required the aggregate it represented over 700 square miles. This was so far in excess of any area that would have been permitted by the minister, that there i good ground for believing that the next Gazette will contain the cancellation or the offending reserve.

jection could be taken. It is also understood they are in favor of providing for the renewal of existing special timber licenses within the area of the reserve.

Sing was seen conveying a melange of stuff in which fish entrails predomin-

serve will be cancelled.

The Life Giving Virtues of Paine's Celery Compound Rescued a Lady Who Was Drawing Noar the Grave.

NELW IN MAY.

power to deal with matters relating to wondrous work for sick and half dead

fact in connection with the importation of these pots is that this year the demand A neighbor kindly suggested the use of I am sleeping well, appetite in good condition, getting back lost flesh, and feel Editor Shot His Sweetheart and Then as active as a girl of fifteen. I think ennal source of neighborly disputes. Sermy cure is a permanent one. I thank God for Paine's Celery Compound; it saved my life to my husband and chil-

paper, published by a group of Journal paper, published by a group of Journal terary men in Strasburg, was recently onfiscated on the charge of Les Majeste.

Pagel a medical student, the repartment, The Wells & Richardson Co., partment, The Wells & Richardson Limited, Montreal, Que. All correspondence is sacredly confidential.

Edyth-Get out! I'll bet you cried for Engineer Geo. Stewart of this place, and

NANAIMO GAS COMPANY.

Annual Meeting Was Held on Saturday -Officers Elected and Reports Received.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Gas Company was held at the company's office, Nanaimo, on Saturday last, at which the annual report of the secretarytreasurer as well as that of the auditors

The report received showed a prosperous year than that of 1902. The management intend to still further extend their mains, and to induce consum-ers to use gas for fuel purposes. The directors elected for the year were: Dr. G. L. Milne, Thomas Shot-

bolt, Morgan Harris, J. Bryant and W. K. Leighton. The officers elected at a meeting of the directors subsequently held are: Pre-

Commissioner Walkem's Lindings on Curtis's Charges.

The Speaker reported that the Royal

EXPERT EVIDENCE NEEDED BY POLICE

How Lee Sing Escaped a Conviction.

What is swill? The word is not a The members, particularly from Vancouver, have been very active in the matter. Messrs. Garden and Tatlow have Messrs. Garden and Tatlow have general conception of what it is com- ceedings it is deserving of reproduction been besieging the ministers with protests. Some of the ministers held the tests. Some of the ministers held the view that as pulp woods do not include any of the timbers used in lumber operations, and as pre-emptors were protected under the reserve, that no serious obligations of the solution of the solution of the ministers held the world to prove in a police court. The authorities found this out Tuesday when they tried to secure a conviction against Lee Sing, who was charged with the solution of the ministers held the view that as pulp woods do not include in the world to prove in a police court. The authorities found this out Tuesday when they tried to secure a conviction against Lee Sing, who was charged with

Mr. Garden was up the coast a few days ated, on Cormorant street on Saturday ce, and was full of indignation at evening. Information was laid charging finding the new company's posts driven him with an infraction of the health by in all the best land for timbering purlaw in conveying swill through the The apparent oversight, in permitting streets within prohibited hours. This are only representing the miners what loggers and lumbermen regard as morning when the case came up in the but that further, it is not to be undergross injustice, is explained, from a governmental standpoint, by the fact that Crease, contended that it was not proved any rights that we have or ought to have all the ministers have been so engrossed with the proceedings of the special com-swill, being a variety of fish internals, Mr. Dunsmuir: "Well I won't meet mittee that departmental matters have liquid and some decayed vegetable leaves been left very largely with the deputy as a side dish. The magistrate held won't meet them until they withdraw heads. However, the assurance is given with Mr. Crease that the authorities had from the Federation; then, and not till from authoritative sources that the renot proved their case, so the charge was dismissed. It is quite evident from the foregoing that the next time the police the Federation. I will meet a commitgo into a prosecution of this sort they should secure expert testimony.

tee."

Mr. Bodwell: "It seems a pity that

peared to be in extremis, and the two constables, somewhat alarmed, hurried Mr. Bodwell: "Perhaps we might effect constables, somewhat alarmed, hurried back, secured a blanket and their emaciated charge to the police paragraph as for as the words "miners" here, adding: "I suppose if it stopped here." THE LIFE BUILDING MEDICINE that the jailer telephoned for the health there, adding: "I suppose if it stoppe that they work it would be all right?"

THAT WIVES AND MOTHERS officer, and Dr. Robertson soon arrived. The Chinaman was found to be in no immediate danger of dissolution, in fact Bodwell re-reads the passage. Paine's Celery Compound does a deception of appearances. It was discovered that he had just escaped from harbor improvements was left in the hands of the executive. The meeting have been detrimental to the health of friends footing the bill. When brought women and girls everywhere; they have to the station he was unable to walk,

shortly after adjourned.

With Northern trafficular ancounver with Northern trafficular ancounver with Northern trafficular ancounver with Northern trafficular ancounver with the first point of arrival from the Northern trafficular tr China Mutual liner Oanfa 8,800 cases of pots, and they are expecting on the Keemun this week an additional shippound, Mrs. Flora S. Brantley, Levis, P. the boundary for the use of the Ameri-can market 2,500 cases. A noteworthy again. I was suffering so much that 1 provincial police and told her story. She said she saw Mrs. Newcombe take away two boards. She was advised to lay an for them by consignees in London is just Paine's Celery Compound, and to please information to this effect, and did so. her, I consented to try it. The first few In the court yesterday, however, she Several carloads are now in demand for doses seemed to send a feeling of new shipment overland to Eastern Canada life into my blood, and I went on using admitting that she had not seen the the compound. I have taken five bottles boards removed, but had heard that and can honestly say I am fully cured. they were. This was not sufficient to

convist, so the case was dismissed.

That innocent piece of land is a pergeant Murray has frequently attempted to arbitrate the question, but has ex-hausted his stock of diplomacy to no avail. Neither lady owns the land in question, so neither has the right to

Fireman W. A. Woods.

BEFORE THE MINERS

Meeting of Committee Representing the Men and President of Coal Company.

Ladysmith, May 17 .- A conference between the owner of the Wellington collieries and a committee of his employees place." on strike has at last taken place, and there are now strong hopes and probabilities that a settlement will be arrived at before the royal labor commission, which reopened its sittings to-day, con-The House met this afternoon at 2 clude its labors at this place. As the ences between the commissioners and the commission, Mr. Justice Walkem, had counsel for the miners and Mr. Duns-A number of unimportant communications were received and disposed of in the usual manner.

A. B. Fraser, on behalf of a sub-committee on home industries, reported having waited on the Women's Council with satisfactory results. Since then a letter had been received from the council announcing that the proposed action towards the encouragement of the patron-wards the exclusive power of creating those reserves resets with the Chief Commission, Ar. Justee walken, had reported to the House upon the charges preferred by Smith Curtis against the power of creating those reserves resets with the Chief Commission was the free view that the proposed to the House upon the charges preferred by Smith Curtis against the proported to the House upon the charges the curting these reserves resets with the Chief Commission was the ter. Under the exclusive power of creating those reserves resets with the Chief Commission was the reported to the House upon the charges the Chief Commission was the ter. Under the exclusive proposed to the House upon the charges the Chief Commission was the reported to the House upon the charges the Chief Commission was the power of creating the and The government was also exonerated alternative propositions on his return to that a in respect to the negotiations with Mr. Ladysmith on Wednesday night, when his examination before the commission is to be continued. Unless in the inthat \$14,000 a month will be forthcoming in their support, it is possible that Thursday morning will see the end of the

The discussion which took place at the conclusion of to-day's sittings of the commission and which was a preliminary to the meeting between the parties, more suggestive of the attitude of Mr. Dunsmuir towards unions and the public generally in regard to the management of his own business than anything said by him during the course of his examina-

Mr. Bodwell: "I understand, Mr. Duns

resenting themselves, I understand?"
Mr. Bodwell: "I have a statement here in writing: 'We, the undersigned miners residing at Ladysmith, are willing to have an interview with Mr. Dunsmuir in connection with the present difficulties be tween him and the miners. It is distinctly understood that we are not representing any union in this interview, but

back, secured a blanket and carried this."
their emaciated charge to the police

Mr. Bodwell then read over the above

Mr. Dunsmuir: "Read that again." Mr. immediate danger of dissolution, in fact with him it was an illustration of the deception of appearances. It was distance to the western Federation. They had all taken up residence voluntarily at Lady-of the removal of the miners from Exmith, and were opposed to Extension as tension to Ladysmith. the Chinese hospital, where he had been and I do not know why, but that further

> ing so are foregoing any rights that we have or ought to have in connection with organized labor." Mr. Dunsmuir: "No, take that out." Chief Justice Hunter: "I do not see any force in the addition of that paragraph. It adds nothing nor subtracts nothing.

don't see that that provision helps or Mr. Senkler (representing the miners): "The reason for putting that in is that the men don't wish it to be said now, or

be said they would be giving in to Mr. Chief Justice Hunter: "The probabili- given by other miners this afternoon. ties are that Mr. Dunsmuir will probably

take up that point anyway after receiving them, if the receives them."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Why should I give in Mr. Dunsmuir before the labor commis
The publication of the evidence given by the publica of the strike."

ing anything by appointing a committee to Bodwell it was decided that Mr. Dunsmeet Mr. Dunsmuir. If they come to an muir be recalled on Wednesday night. agreement, all right. If not, then-"

they understand it that way. But where trouble then was one of recognition of the union, a pit committee and eight hours from bank and hack. The trouble then was one of recognition of the union, a pit committee and eight hours from bank and hack. by meeting Mr. Dunsmuir in this way." difficulties at the Wellington collieries in

to discuss all about that." A West-bound passenger train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad ran into a rock slide near Palisades, Colo., killing Engineer Goo. Stavent of this area of the men will be glad to meet Mr. Dunsmuir, and in seeing him they would not represent any organization. There had been a kind of the mines were closed. There had never been any trouble at Wellington as fong as they kept unions away.

of any kind, simply the miners here." Mr. Dunsmuir-"Put it in writing, leave taken any notice of it. All dealings had there was no water there that was fit to

the balance of that out, then I'll meet been with a committee of the company's Chief Justice Hunter—"That question Asked as to whether he had always

the men like to meet me as a committee never recognized any committee as comof my own men I will see them, but not, ing from a union."

place."

Chief Justice Hunter—"How will this do? sent out to ask if they represented the (reads): 'It is agreed that Mr. Dunsmuir Western Federation of Miners, and they will meet a committee of the miners, re. said they did, so I sent word back that

Mr. Dunsmuir—"What I told the men of that committee,"

The next committee, two or three was that I would not recognize them until weeks later, had represented that they result of many interviews and conference of they withdrew from the federation. They were a committee representing Extension cannot force me to recognize that federation. An interview had been granted

tion."

thing ought to be done to settle."

I don't give way." is to have the meeting."

of my own workmen, in no way connected that it was better for them to follow with the union."

the union." be picked out of this room. I don't want to allow.

Mr. Senkler-"I am instructed that Mr. tion was based on the interference of the

understood that the committee will wait to unservine the union, and had told them belonged to a union, and had told them so. He had no other motive for refusing to the individual miners and not as the ing to recognize the Western Federation.

the union." This proposition was acceptable to all the management of business; they went parties and agreed to.

morrow morning. To-Day's Sitting.

Ladysmith, May 18.—At the sitting of the good man to the level of the one. Men had to observe union rules, and were, therefore, not free. The three Extension miners were examined, union at -the Nanaimo collieries had who testified that they were opposed to caused all the trouble there. Monday afternoon Constables Har without prejudice, an arrangement in Monday afternoon Constables Har without prejudice, an arrangement in on account of its being a Socialist body wages paid at the Wellington mine dur-Monday afternoon Constances Harper and Blackstock discovered a misersome way."

Commissioner Rowe: "I understand
outside Hay's blacksmith shop. He apoutside Hay's blacksmith shop. He apdice."

without prejudice, an arrangement with a preponderating control exercised
from the executive in the United States,
but that they had joined the local union
at Ladysmith because others were joining
at Ladysmith because others were joining
at Ladysmith because others were joining at Ladysmith because others were joining, lows: and they wished to have a voice in con- 1902.-April, \$73,549.85; May, \$76,trolling decisions that would affect their 710.44; June, \$65,116.52; July, \$65,440. interests. One witness said it was also the fear of blacklisting. They agreed that the 172,50; October, \$69,695.45; November, union question was the only issue. They \$68,287.78, December, \$65,622.48. pelieved in trade unions as a good thing for employers and men, but were opposed \$65,000.63.

nhealthy place to live in.

It is expected that more evidence in support of the company's contentions will be the manager to tell them.

Through part of this Mrs. Newcombe in one inch. I will meet them as my men had been in the habit of driving her and not in connection with any federation Wellington Colliery Company, and at the or organization." (Turning to the miners afternoon sitting called Mr. Dunsmuir. cently, however, Mrs. Morley erected a in the room) "Pick out any men and I Mr. Senkler, of Vancouver, was present could, Mr. Dunsmuir replied that he will meet them." (To the commissioners) as counsel for the miners in the absence "We are not fixing that up now. I am of Mr. Wilson, K. C., who is expected years ago. He explained that he had here to give my evidence as to the cause by Wednesday. Mr. Senkler asked for time before proceeding with the cross-Mr. Bodwell—"I do not know how anyone could understand that they were waivthe close of the examination by Mr.

> After stating his connection with min-Mr. Dunsmuir—"It is just the same." ing on Vancouver Island, a connection which had lasted for over thirty years, ing on Vancouver Island, a connection the men are going to prejudice themselves Mr. Dunsmuir gave an account of the Chief Justice Hunter-"It is meeting hours from bank and bank. The com-them as a committee from these men, pany had refused to recognize a union, When they meet they will probably have and the outcome was that the men agreed to abandon their position and go Mr. Senkler-"Why not throw out any back to work. There had been no furwritten agreement in connection with this ther difficulty at the Wellington mines was causing a lot of trouble. In the matter? I am in a position to state this, till the mines were closed. There had

they would not represent any organization There had been a kind of a union at Alexandria, but the company had never

will probably be discussed at the interview."

dealt with a committee of his own men,
Mr. Dunsmuir replied that he had re-Rev. Mr. Rowe-"It seems to me a super. fused to deal with a committee of his Rev. Mr. Rowe—"It seems to me a superfluous statement. No man foregoes his rights by having an interview where a question involving—"

Mr. Bodwell—"Mr. Baker has been here and insisted that Mr. Dunsmur should recognize the committee. The reporters are here, it might get out to the world that the committee undertook—"

Mr. Bodwell: "The objection you have is to meeting a committee representing some foreign body or union

the committee undertook—"

Mr. Dunsmuir—"I am not here to settle

Mr. Dunsmuir—"I don't say foreign. senting some foreign body or union. this in court here. I can settle it outside. I say any union. I don't want anything What I mean to say is I am going to have to do with unions. I can get along with the right to carry on my own business my own men without having any union. without the interference of anybody. If At Alexandria they called it a union. I

Witness then told of the committees That is what I have always said, and that that had come to interview him in regard is my stand."

to the present strike. Some time in Mr. Bodwell—"After this statement I do April a committee of three had come to not see why that meeting should not take Victoria to see him. "They sent in their presenting the miners of Extension, and not as the executive of any union."

I would not see them; that was the end of that committee."

them on that ground. At this interview, Chief Justice Hunter-"The first point is witness had asked if they belonged to to get the meeting."

Mr. Dunsmu'r-"Your Honor, I came up they did, and he told them that he would here to give my evidence as to the cause not have anything to do with the feder-of the strike, and not in any way to try ation in any shape or form, that he would meet his own men if they would and settle this dispute."

"Chief Justice Hunter—"I think you must withdraw from the federation. There admit that the public is affected and agree had been a colored man on the previous that in the interest of the public some deputation, and as he was not on this witness had asked where the nigger was, Mr. Dunsmuir-"Weil, I can't help that. He had heard of certain bets being made as to his meeting such a represen Chief Justice Hunter-"If anyone is giv- tative, and he therefore told them he terval the men should receive assurances from the Western Federation of Miners that \$14,000 a month will be forthcomist to have the meeting."

Comer Justice Hunter—"It anyone is givening way it is the men. They agree to see you in their individual capacity. The point is to have the meeting." Mr. Dunsmuir-"I will meet a committee ters were sucking the blood out of them, Chief Justice Hunter-"I understand they wasn't giving them bread. The commitdon't wish to see you as representatives of the union."

tee had said witness need not recognize the union or the federation, but only Mr. Dunsmuir-"And let the committee allow it to exist. This he had refused

Asked if he objected to the Western the executive, they can have one or two of them."

Asked if he objected to the Western Federation more than to any other union. Mr. Dunsmuir replied: "I object to all unions foderated on least or all unions foderated on least or all unions. Mr. Senkler—"We have the names of the large Mr. Senkler—"I am instructed that Mr. Barnes and Mr. Jeffries do not belong to the executive."

Mr. Dunsmuir—"Well, if you don't belong to the executive I don't mind meet the did not think the men had as much freedom; they were dictated to by the prelong to the executive I don't mind meet-ing you. I won't have anything to do with to the union, to the three or four heads, Chief Justice Hunter—"You had better agree among yourselves and see if you cannot get a committee among yourselves not." Witness said he could not. not get a committee among yourselves not on the executive."

Mr. Bodwell—"How will this do? 'It is had the right to discharge them if they executive or otherwise as the officials of than that he wanted to manage his own works. Pit committees interfered with After Mr. Dunsmuir had given evidence stalls and tons, instead of allowing the round the mines and put their prices on the commission adjourned until 10.30 to- management the right of fixing a price with individual miners. The pit committee fixed the price so as to bring down

1903.-January, \$71,527.32; February, Mr. Bodwell then took up the question

Mr. Dunsmuir explained that the John Bryden, ex-manager of the Welling- work at No. 1 sloke had commenced in ton Collieries, was also examined. He November, 1895, No. 2 slope had comtestified as to Extension being an unmenced in January, 1896, and work at healthy place to live in, from the lack of a the main tunnel in January in 1898. All water supply and as to his having advised of these were at or near Extension. In Mr. Dunsmuir against allowing Extension to become a mining camp. He knew that Dunsmuir had advised some of the land for the townsite at Ladysmith had men personally and also the manager that been purchased at a cost of \$6,340 in Ladysmith was to be the place of rest- April, 1896. The company started to dence. It was after the injunction which ship coal from Extension in September, prevented the company from shapping from 1899, at which time about 200 men were Departure Bay, at Nanaimo, had been is working. At the very beginning, witever said, that they have not the right to maintain their right to organize. It might be made the camp.

sued that it was decided Ladysmith should ness said, he had told the men the town was to be at Ladysmith. He had told some of the men himself, and had told

Asked about the committee of miners who had come to interview him about two years ago as to their being obliged told them they could live where they liked and I could hire them if I liked.

That is what I actually said.' Requested by Chief Justice Hunter togive the conversation as well as her couldn't go into it now as that was two meant by his reply that the townsite was to be at Ladysmith. His meaning was that he was not going to have then live at Extension

When asked by the Chief Justice how it was that the men got the impr from this interview that they might live at Extension, witness said: way as they have reported lots of things that I have said. They said I would recognize the union. I said the reverse.

thought possibly it might be the latter. Continuing, in detail, Mr. Dunsmuir said his standpoint was in the first place that they were too near Nanaimo, which second place Extension was not a fit place to live. At Ladysmith, if not working, they could go boating, step on the train and go to Nanaimo or Exten-

sion. Extension was a hole. Further,