TIMBERMEN'S **VIEWS OF CASE**

THE ARGUMENTS FOR

It Is Urged That Unless This Is Done There Will be Waste of Resources.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Some interesting observations co cerning the timber industry were heard from Dr. Clark and E. P. Bremner, in explaining the objects of the Forestry Association now under organization in the province, to the meeting of timber men in the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday night. Summarized, their argument was about as follows:

deal of pulp wood, though in this commodity there is doubtless much larger supplies in the east. The timber resources of British Columbia were not to be considered as inexhaustible. It all depended on how they are used. No country in the world could support a larger lumber industry in perpetulty than British Columbia if the forests were cut with a view to their yielding continued crops of timber. On the other hand, if it be made in the financial interest of the logger to strip the OBJECTIONS MADE land and abandon it, the forest re-sources of the province will soon be dissipated and with that must come the crippling and final extinction of the

lumber industry.

Some three years ago the local par-liament had amended the special license law with a view to attracting capital to the lumber industry. But no conception was then possible of the rush which had recently taken place the rush which had recently taken place.

Refere Trustees for timber lands in this province. Within the last twelve months the area placed under license has grown to the enormous total of between six and seven million acres, and includes rauch the most valuable portion of the propating such vast growth of the special in twenty-one years or the owners will lose title. This cut must, of course, be made in addition to whaterer is cut meanwhile on the crown granted lands, fair and equitable principle, but that pose that twenty or thirty times that

amount could be cut within the next twenty-one years. The maintain the present statutory limitation of twenty-one years for the renewal of these licenses would mean that all owners of timber held under special license must proceed to strip their lands of whatever they could during that period with a view of abandoning them. Only the best timber could be cut under these circumstances, and the lands would be converted into fire-traps, with the result that in the end more timber would be burned than was sawn. This would be a very serious loss to the owners of the timber, and to the province as well. The periodous results of forcing the exploitation of the timber was witnessed in Michigan, where a tremendous glut of lumber resulted, financial disaster.

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James Stewart offered two lots adjoining the Victoria a West school proper the role to state school proper the remewal of these licenses would mean that all owners of timber for \$1,100. He stated he has had an offer for the land, but gave the school proper to \$1,100. He stated he has had an offer so the was not known to be suffering from and had not since been working. By and had not since been working. By and had not since been working. By and had not since been working. Bay and had not since been w lumber resulted, financial disaster chasing a piano and books for the vince. Worked through the industry, and the forests were in large measure wasted Principal Paul of the High school relative forests were in large measure wasted

of licenses, Dr. Clark stated that more than half of the merchantable timber of the province, representing about than half of the province of of the province, representing about 6,500,000 acres, had already been placed wrote urging the use of his charts in under special license, and there was a teaching. cobability that it would run to 7,000,one acres before the end of the year.

The holders of these licenses had a The resignation of E. R. Patterson The holders of these licenses had a twenty-one year tenure only, and if they failed to realize on their timber within that time they lost all right and chairman of the Building and Grounds Chairman of the Building and Grounds (Committee he had looked into the petititle whatever in their timber. If there was no extension of time for the removal of this timber all holders of spe- found there were fifty children of the cial licenses must proceed with all school age in the district refer speed to cull their lands of the best timber preparatory to abandoning coming council. them. Half the timber that should be cut would remain to fall a prey to for Victoria West school was referred fires, which would inevitably run to the architect. through the slashings. Everyone concerned would be a loser. The province were ordered to be paid. would no longer receive any license fees after the loggers had culled the land, and the province would be a still cided to allow pupils to bring gifts larger loser in the loss of royalty due intended for that society to the schools to the burning of the timber on the culled lands. The greatest loss would The meeting then adjourned. be the destruction of the most valuable portion of the provincial forest re-

would enable him to cut conservatively with a view of returning again in twenty or thirty years for a second crop, he would have an interest in protecting the lands from fire. He would to the results of the results o



also contribute to the provincial rev enue by paying up his license fees from year to year instead of abandoning the and after the first cutting, as he mus under present legislation.

JAPAN'S DIPLOMATS.

Recall of Aoki From United States Necessitates Many Changes.

Tokio. Dec. 12.-It is authoritatively stated that Baron Ishii will be appointed vice minister of the foreign office to succeed Baron Chinda, who will probably represent Japan in Austria. Baron Uchida is going to Berlin, and Keiruki Tsuezki to Rome, where he will za, the head of the political bureau of the foreign office, will be consul-general

The programme of diplomatic changes will not be officially announced until the arrival of Prince Ito.

EAGLE LAKE MINE.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 12.-Preparaons are being made for the operation of the new coal mine in the Eagle Lake district. J. J. Davies, superintendent of mines at Regina, has been out at the mine, and states the prospects are excellent, and that the deposit will supply ment was about as follows:

The province of British Columbia probably has more standing timber of sawing quality than all of the rest of Canada combined. There is also a vast the columbia that is the columbia to the columb mine, which is about a hundred miles

G. T. R. EMPLOYEES.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Five hundred car nen, employed by the G. T. R. will probably ask for a board of investigation to inquire into grievances.

BY THE TEACHERS

Before Trustees.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At last evening's meeting of the school boord the question of increases in salaries again came up. At a previlicense lands the legislature had fixed the renewal term for these licenses at were made and since that time there day is that there was at least 70 billion have been a large number of letters and perhaps much more than 100 billion received from teachers complaining feet of timber which must be cut with- that in the supplementary of allowrailway lands and under lease. The to-tal cut of timber during the last had received increases while those of twenty-one years was less than six bil- long standing were left at the existing Lee, in the boat house since he came

that twenty or thirty times that unt could be cut within the next try-one years.

This necessitated several small increases, the trustees adjusting the salaries to suit the circumstances.

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It was decided to procure one to

The contract for heating apparatus Slavonian,

On the request of the secretary of

PETTIBONE ON TRIAL.

In the main, the testimony was the if ever been found in any of the work same as given at the Haywood trial, but the questions emphasized Pettibone's alleged conspiracy.

A new feature of the evidence was ed the place on his usual round, and

that Pettibone had told Orchard in found not a trace of gas. Immediately 1904 that he had purchased 100 rifles on his departure a shot was blasted from a hardware company in Denver which failed to bring down all the coal. and shipped them to the Coeur What was left, however, was hanging, d'Alenes for use in the riot of 1905. Acpaid \$150 of the Western Federation's a sudden explosion.

money for the rifles.

Mercanich, who was only a youth of

MERCHANTS' BANK.

yearly statement of the Merchants' stinctively, and, although he suffered Bank of Canada issued to-day shows profits of \$507,400.75.

SOUSA AGAIN UNWELL.

Buffalo, Dec. 11 .- John Phillip Sousa, he was so dangerously injured, but he the noted bandmaster, was too ill to must have inhaled the flames, and as stated, he died in Chemainus hospital, was taken to New York under orders of whither both men were removed on his physician.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

LOCAL CRICKETER

succeed Baron Takahira, while Yama- Dead Body Was Found in His Sleeping Quarters at Noon

> (From Thursday's Daily.) While suffering from a fit of melanaddicted, Arthur Francis, well-known as the best batsman among the cricket players in the province, rose from his bed shortly before 12 o'clock to-day, and, placing the muzzle of a 38-calibre revolver in his mouth, ended his life.

The tragedy occurred in a wing of the nouse connected with the old Jones' body was not discovered until nearly half-past twelve, when W. R. Mason, with whom Francis had been staying, went to call him for lunch. Receiving no answer to his call Mr. Mason opened the window of the room, and, upon entering, found the body of the unfortunate man lying close to the wall opposite his bed. A revolver, which Francis invariably kept in a holster on the wall, was near his head, and the horrible mutilation of the features showed that he had placed the muzzle in his mouth and killed himself. Five cartridges were loaded and one empty. Francis was last seen alive by Mr. Mason, who, with Mr. Lee, now owns the boat house and occupies the living apartments. At 11 o'colck this morning Mr. Mason and Mr. Dumbleton went to the wing in which Francis had been living for some time, and found would dress and go to lunch. No shot was heard, and although the body was quite warm when discovered, Francis had evidently killed himself half an

Detectives Palmer and Perdue and Leasowes. Sergeant Carlow visited the scene of the tragedy as soon as the police were and outside the building before the apnotified and took charge of the dead man's papers and effects. Mr. Mason said that Francis had been living with him for six weeks. He had been helping Mr. Mason and his partner, Mr. there, and was noticed to be suffering from attacks of melancholia. A few days ago he was attacked by grippe, and had not since been working. Be-

hour previously. He had dressed him-

indicate that he was premeditating the

Very little is known of the deceased's relatives, although he is survived by a a very pretty effect, while the dining splendid cricketer, Francis was a good association football player and was deeply interested in all local sport. The body is now lying at the

GAS EXPLOSION

Who Was Severely Scorched in Ladysmith Mine Accident, Succumbed.

Special Correspondence of the Times) Ladysmith, Dec. 9.-Mike Mercanich, a Slavonian, who was working with a fellow countryman in the capacity of loader, died in the Chemainus hospital Boise, Idaho, Dec. 11. — For four to-day as the result of burns which he hours to-day in the trial of George A. sustained in No. 3 Extension mine on the surface, and gas has very rarely

ording to Orchard, Pettibone said he cracks, for when it fell away there was

17 years of age, did not know enough or was too dazed by the sudden shock of the explosion to jump down below. Montreal, Que., Dec. 11.-The half The man who was with him dived inworst of the flames. Mercanich stayed where he was, and sustained a severe

It was not at first thought that eve their arrival at Ladysmith on Saturday.

TRIED TO KISS HER.

Taunton, Mass., Dec. 12.—The unwrit-ten law of Ireland is cited as a defence for a policeman accused of attempting to kiss a pretty girl. In certain parts of Ireland it is the custom of a constable, after escorting a pretty girl to the end of his duty, to say, "Now, isn't that worth a kiss?" Nine-tenths of the A pretty woman is irresistible. It is

easy to be beautiful—with well rounded figures, clear skins and sparkling eyes. Mrs. Jackson, of Toronto, writes: "I have finished my second box of Fruita-tives, and can say they were just what I needed. I never thought my what I needed. I never thought in health could be improved so much in so short a time. I feel better than I have for years." As a blood purifier—and general tonic to build up the whole system-Fruit-a-tives are wonder workers. They are made of fruit juices and tonics. 50c a box. At all dealers.

CONDUCTOR MURDER TRIAL.

fury Disagreed, Seven Being Willing to Acquit Mrs. Nellie Osborne.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 11. - After beng out more than 25 hours the jury in charged with the murder of street car disagreement to Judge Sawer late today, and was discharged. The report about the court house was that the jury stood five for murder in the first degree and seven for acquittal. The foreman of the jury said the feeling had not changed at all during its de-

WEDDED TO-DAY IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Mr. A. Gillespie and Miss Todd Were Joined in Matrimony This Afternoon.

One of the most distinguished weddings a long time took place this afternoon at two o'clock, when Rev. Percival Jenns, assisted by His Lordship the Bishop of of Mr. George Gillespie, of Highwood, manager of the Canadian Bank of Com-merce, and Miss Rose Ellen Todd, daugh-ter of the late J. H. and Mrs. Todd, of

and outside the building before the ap-pointed hour. The ushers were Messrs. Dugald Gillespie, W. C. Todd, Arthur Gore, Kenneth Gillespie and E. P. Colley. Promptly at two o'clock the choir and the officiating clergymen entered the sacred edifice, while the organist, G. Jennings Burnett, played the Wedding Offertoire and March from Lohengrin. Two minutes later the wedding party entered, the bride on the arm of her brother, Dr. Todd. She was handsomely gowed in

five o'clock, the bride's going away dress

PRIEST'S RESIGNATION.

Perturbation in Montreal Parish Which Wants Rev. Father Reinstated.

being of cinnamon brown with a pale blue

Montreal, Dec. 11.—There is an uproar in St. Patrick's parish, the leading Irish-Canadian Roman Catholic parish of the city. Some days ago the resignation of Rev. Father Callaghan, the parish priest, was announced by Archbishop Bruchesi. It was at once rumored that the resignation between a valuation had not been a valuation and the control of the control o tion had not been a voluntary one, and this was substantiated to-night, when a a meeting was held of the parishioners and some warm talk indulged in. It was charged that the removal was due to the caballing of some interested parties, and it was decided to fight the matter out. t was decided to fight the matter out. Some years ago Archbishop Bourget removed a popular priest in the same way, and the result was that the indignant parishioners took the case to Rome and finally won out. A petition is being creculated praying for the reinstatement of the North Ward park, and if the present the summary was and if the present the set of the North Ward park, and if the present the set of the North Ward park, and if the present was a sometime, so as to keep the best of the men employed. Work is also being proceeded with at the Quadra street cemetery, and good progress made, the work being done well within the same way, and if the present was a sometime, so as to keep the best of the men employed. Work is also being proceeded with at the Quadra street cemetery, and good progress made, the work being done well within the same way, and the result was that the indignant parishioners took the case to Rome and finally won out. A petition is being creating the matter out. Father Callaghan, and the matter will be carried to Rome, if necessary.

POINT GRAY WIRELESS.

A. C. Fraser, of Vancouver Telegraph Office, Will Have Charge of

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 11.-A. C. Fraser, of the C. P. R. telegraph office in Vanouver has been appointed to take charge of the Point Grey wireless sta-

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EXPENDITURE WAS WITHIN THE LIMIT

The Park Board's Financial Statement -- Business Which Was Transacted at Yesterday's Meetings

(From Thursday's Daily.) Yesterday afternoon there was meeting of the public parks board. Mayor Morley presided in the absence f the chairman, John Arbuthi The progress of work was reported upon by D. D. England, boulevards superintendent, whose report read as follows:

"I herewith submit my report of the work done since my last report. The following boulevards are completed when the trees are planted, namely Heywood, Superior, Michigan, Medana, Clarence, South Turner and El-These streets comprise approx 14.500 feet frontage, the cost being at be submitted, so as to keep the best the North Ward park, and if the present indications hold good, I will k to make a good showing with the amount appropirated."

D. A. McNaughton, of the Victoria

Motor Club, wrote relative to the placing of signs at points where it would warn motormen to go slowly. One place was near Clover Point and another in Beacon Hill park. The board agreed to have the signs

put in place.

The question of cattle running the boulevards was brought up on a letter from F. Napier Dennison. His Worship explained that the subject was being dealt with, and that cattle were allowed to be driven around Beacon Hill, Heywood avenue and Cook street. F. B. Pemberton called attention to questrians invading the park and ridng on the turf.

It was decided to enforce the regula-

tion against riding in the park limits.

The financial statement covering the time since the board was created was submitted and showed the following Salaries, \$805.

On Beacon Hill park, \$3,733.70. On North Park, \$400. On the Gorge Park, nothing. Total, \$4,938.70.

As the appropriation was \$7,500 fo the uses of the board the expenditur-was well within the limit. The meeting then adjourned.

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The backbone of the havy, sixteen first cla for the Facific ocean cruise. Parading in represident of the Un saluting as they went white vessels drew their the rendevous grounds Roads, steamed out of Virginia capes, and end of the West Indies. dad on Christmas eve, of its journey at an end.

hip fairly studded to vhile decks resounded party of guests cam Point Comfort at 8:10 morning, the arrival be by the firing of the nat 21 guns from the fleet. ulting veil of powder he ships, the Mayflow rehor in the very cen There followed a bri officer cordially by the went over the side

an official adieu. Then for nearly 10 miles the presid mander-in-chief of the Ar and navy, led the long ships out into Chesapea followed his flag to Thin past eighteen months, of stances the great ships anchor chains, while yacht passed up and dow To-day the fleet was outw To-day the fleet was out was cruise, which, as the place self expressed it, "No fleet size has ever before unde Guns which have voiced the president upon his Hampton Roads uttered tribute as they passed the outward bound.

The fleet passed out in self-control of the president passed out in self-control out passed out passed out passed out passed out passe

The fleet passed out in s the big government built flagship of Admiral Evans way. The vessels were yards apart and from the to the Kentucky, which be rear, the line reached more than four miles. her of yachts and excurs companied the fleet down and gathered at the revie President Roosevelt's President Roosevelt's p Mayflower included Mrs. I secretary of the navy an calfe, the assistant secr navy and Mrs. Newbury, I W. H. Brownson, chief o of navigation, and Mrs. Co lieutenant commander an The naval dispatch boat came down from Washir

ness the review. MAYOR COMMIT D. M. Burchill, of Glace

Stand Trial on Charg Glace Bay, C. B., Dec. Burchill, former super stores of the Dominion

and the mayor of Glace committed for trial on a tezzlement.

SLEEPING, HE CUT H Salem. Dec. 16.-While

> severed some large veins ripe. He is likely to re RAISED LARGE

last night actually too

Toronto Ont., Dec. Street Methodist chur raised over \$14,000 to lift from the church.