raser, on Monday next, ques-Hon, the Minister of Mines: is the provincial mineral ex-as sent to London, England, in

10 HOUSE **VOTES SUPPLY**

Ross Granted Half a -Validity of Dun-

op's Election.

A COLD AND HOW TO AVOID THEM.

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Supporters Dined And Sevens" Isual Banquets and Receptions

Presents Startling Anomalies

in House.

Premier Balfour Absent and

The House frankly expressed its re-lief when the speech was over, and gen-erally termed the proceedings one of

Austin Chamberlain Defends Held in London Last His Honorable Friend From Night. West Birmingham.

Premier Balfour III and May No Attend Opening of House Cleavage of Political Parties

mingham," as Austin Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in the drama that marked the opening of parliament today. For the first time in years Joseph Chamberlain took his seat as a private member of the House of Commons, and was separated from his former colleagues in the cabinet by the gangway. From this seat he saw his son act as leader of the House of Commons, a position which Joseph Chamberlain with all his years attend.

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When Austin Chamberlain rose to reply on behalf of the party of which his own father is supposed to be the most prometal duries under the reformed by the Ester commission has provoked by the fact that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, has just concluded a merciless saftre on Joseph Chamberlain, who had sat unmoved under the ridieule of the Liberal leader, turned nervously towards his son, who now takes precedence over him. With his monocle in his eye, an orchid in his buttonhole, and his hands clasped across his knees the most promient figure in the British Empire listened while his son defended him.

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his son on. As Austin Chamberiain neared the conclusion of his defence of the attitude of Premier Balfour and his father towards the fiscal question, the interruptions grew more frequent, and the chancellor of the exchequer clurched the brass bound treasure lox of which Gladstone was so fond of leading and addressed his remarks almost solely in the direction of his father. Defaulty Austin Chamberlain accused Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman of attacking the Premier in his absence, and with a touch of pride he said: "The member from West Birmingham is here; he can speak for, and look after himself." The House frankly expressed its re-MODERN METHODS

Investigation in Telephone Franchise Reveals a Strange State of Affairs.

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1904.

DETROIT'S WISDOM. Puts Its Foot Down on Plague of Fake

War Talk In London

Both Adversaries Threatening Dire Disaster in Event of

Very Little Known as to What May Really Be the

***************** The Commons : "The Latest— The Very Latest,"

John Redmond Delivers Scathing Speech Against the London, Feb. 3.—Just at the adjournment of the night session of the House of Commons a member asked the government whether it had any information concerning the rumor that Russia had declared war. To this question Home Secretary Ackers-Douglas replied, "None whatever."

Municipal Machinery Stopped By Action of Section of Council.

Wholesale Discharge of Officials and End Not Yet in An Act to Amend Irish Land
Act to Be Introduced

London, Feb. 3.—"For the Irish party there is no such thing as an alternative policy to Home Bale," declared John Irish partial the demond of the leader of the Irish partial monst today as in the House of Control of the control of the throne, Mr. Redmond proceeded in a speech of great length to defail the various grievances of Ireland, incident of the control of the control of the process of the control of the control of the control of the process of t

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MICHAEL DAVITT SAILS. London, Feb. 3.—Michael Davitt and its family will sail for America tomorrow. They are proceeding to Colorado or a protracted stay.

C. P. R. FREIGHT WRECK.

TRAINS SNOW BOUND. Big Four Blocked Up on The Michigan

Semi-Weekly Colonist.

Goshen, Ind., Reb. 3.—The Michigan livision of the Big Four railroad is mowbound. Two trains are drifted in north of Niles, for which point a snow-plow has started. Trains to and from ndianapolis go no further north than Elkhart. The drifts are as high as the toaches. The same conditious obtain on

Sight.

German Victory In West Africa

Beseiged Garrisons Pluckily Re-

Small European Force Engages the Enemy In Terrific Conflict.

Bernn, Feb. 3.—The following cable-gram has been received from Swakop-mund, German Southwest Africa, from the commander of the German gunboat Habicht:

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"The garrisons at Windho and Okahandigh have been relieved by Franke's company with two guns. The relief cocurred January 27th. Emperor William's birthday, and was without losses, company with two guns. The relief cocurred January 28th, there occurred a rerific battle. Letween a gallant little German force and the enemy, who numbered thousands. The engagement last edit of reix hours and ended with the storming of the main camp of the enemy, situated on Kaiser Wilhelm mountain. Four Germans were wounded was still lying here this morning.

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Will Seek Further Opportunity to Throw Light on Doings of Ministers.

CHALLENGES ROSS

No Difficulty **Re Mayoralty**

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

leived With Small German Legislature's Special Act Met Every Point in the Situation.

> G. H. Barnard's Official Acts Validated and New Election Ordered Forthwith.

Nomination on the 12th And Election on the