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ollowing is a copy of the letter by the Hon. the Minister of to Messrs. Woolston & Beeton: THE TREASURY, Victoria, B.C.,

Woolston & Beeton, 6 a, Austin irs, London, England: LEMEN. With reference to the mat-neconversion of the British Colum-r cent. and 4½ per cent. loans (acts 1 1887) into the British Columbia 3 inscribed stock. I wish to state my opinion it is advisable that a h of the premiums offered for sion of these loans should be ma

t. stock and also of the compara-hort time intervening before the ty of the loans, you will, I think, see offers. I would, therefore, sug-these premiums be materially re-nd would ask you to be good to state your views on the matter earliest convenience. I have the o be, gentlemen, vour obedient se

J. H. TURNER, Minister of Finance eply Messrs Woolston & Beeton uder date, London, February 14,

-We have the honor to acknowledge ter of the 28th instant, and in reply ther of the 28th instant, and in reply to say that we entirely concur in pessity for reducing the terms of con-a offered to the 1877 and 1887 bond-s, and on receipt of a cablegram from e will ask Messrs. Glyn, Mills, & Co., to issue a new advertisement ngly. We would suggest that to 7 bondholders should be reduced 77 bondholders should be reduced per cent. to 25 per cent., and that 1887 bondholders from 25 per cent. to cent. We frankly confess that the had escaped our notice, but the is one of theoretical rather than al interest, inasmuch as the outpebonds, as we have already exit to you, are held by insurance compand others, who will hardly be insulty any terms which the govern. and others, who will hardly be inde by any terms which the governmay offer. As advised you in our
ent of account, only £1,100 of the
an was converted during the half
dding 31st of December last, and only
of the 1887 loan during the same
and we think we are right in saying
bonds have been presented since
we the honor to remain, sir, your
nt servants.

(Sd.) Woolston & Breton. Minister of Finance, in replying letter under date March 1, 1896,

Woolston & Beeton.
6a Austin Friars, London, E.C.

TLEMEN:—I have the honor to acedge the receipt of your letter of the time, in which you suggest that the offered to bondholders of the 1877 37 loans be reduced from 40 per cent per cent, on the former loan, and for cent. on the former loan, and 5 per cent. to 20 per cent on the lat-reply thereto I cabled on to-day: control proposed letter 14th agreed his cable message I now confirm. e the honor to be, gentlemen, your

it servant, (S'd.) J. H. TURNER, Kennedy moved for a return

he total number of acres of land yed or alienated or in process of ance or alienation un ne Island Railway act of 1884, and all other railway aid or land grant nce that date.

otal number of acres now under for the purpose of or with the of being conveyed or alienated

Helmcken, seconded by Mr. n, moved that "Whereas it apthat the government of Canada to government of British Columbia moved to act to the second seco greed to act upon the terms of the tion passed by this house on the anuary, A.D., 1896, relative to the

removal of the Songhees tribe of Indians from the reserve to some suitable dians from the reserve to some suitable docality: And whereas the question submitted is of so great importance that it is desirable the special commission that a should meet for the purpose of proceeding with the reference without further delay: Be it therefore resolved, that a respectful address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor to request the Dominion government to instruct their minion government to instruct their mouse. It was read a Wednesday.

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Mr. Helmcken did not think there

broading to the two of the word "ambig." Drough instructions there said sections, which began "Wave the began "Wave the began and the began an ing money to the members. In Europe this had been found the most successful part of such an organization. In Ger-many, Italy, France and Belgium such mutual banks as this had been in effect mutual banks as this had been in class and it was marvellous the success attained. In Milan in 1865 the co-operative bank started with only £28 capital, all of farmers' funds, and twenty years valuable aid in the perfecting of legislable and twelve females, at the rate of \$40 per month.

ABSTRACT OF ATTENDANCE FOR 1895-96. in his place in the house, and although he does not look as strong as his friends there had not been one of these banks a failure was the most striking feature of the whole system. When these co-opthe whole system. When these co-operative banks were started they met with ridicule and opposition, but their success was because all the depositors were directly interested and regulated by the committee in each district. He really thought that in some districts of this province some similar system would be successful. Outside this provision the bill was an ordinary farmers' institute bill, and he believed it would have the consent of the house.

consent of the house. Mr. Semlin had no objection to the second reading, as he believed the principle right. There were certain sections,

nowever, that should be amended in The bill was then read a second time.

Dr. Walkem resumed the debate on the motion by Mr. Helmcken that the Dominion government be asked to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capits tax on Chinese, and urging that three-fourths of all moneys received in British Columbia ports from the present tax or (if such ports from the present tax, or (if such tax be increased, three fourths of such revenue so increased should be paid to this province.

Dr. Walkem did not think that a tax of \$50 on Chinese had secured the end desired and he hoped the resolution

would pass.

The resolution was passed without de-The debate on the motion by Mr.

Walkem that a tax upon mortgages bears unduly upon different members of a community was further adjourned till Monday next.

At 3 o'clock the house took a recess for half-an-hour for the purpose of await-ing a message from the Lieutenant-

When the house reassembled the Attorney-General presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor trans-

## mitting to the house a "bill to accelerate the incorporation of towns and cities." The house went into committee on the message and rising reported the bill to THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS message and rising reported the bill to the house. It was read a first time and set for second reading on Wednesday. Mr. Kellie wanted to know whether

wenty-fifth Annual Report of the Educational Department Presented to the Legislature.

Comparisons of the Growth of the System for the Past Quarter Century.

Mr. Speaker—Certainly, it is a question of privilege."

Mr. Kellie did not know if it was a question of privilege or not, but he had noticed in a Spokane newspaper a dispatch stating that Dr. Walkem had left

of the protection of the prote

ABSTRACT OF ATTENDANCE FOR 1895-96.

Pupils enrolled during the year 14,460
Increase for the year 978

Number of boys enrolled 7.437
Increase for the year 389

Number of girls enrolled 7,023
Increase for the year 589

Average actual daily attendance 9,254.2

Increase for the year 643.9

Number enrolled in high schools 460
Decrease for the year 555 Decrease for the year.

Average actual attendance high schools.

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Average attendance graded and schools. Average attendance graded and schools. Average attendance in ural arcshools. A standard was accordingly saked for superintendent Hussey in this event tryed that the ball honds be raised, as here was a possibility of another and more serious charge being laid against the example of the control of the serious charge being laid against the accused.

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Mr. Hussey pointed out that the proceedings had been altered to the matter. In writing during the results have been the findly brought up on a subsequent octation of the vertical system in custody as the bonds under which she had been the find that the defendant should now be in custody as the bonds under which she had been the manual that the defendant should now be in the sent of the servance of the bonds and markers, gurth the servance of the bonds and mr. Tedingham—one of the bonds mem—provincial constable Beaven was sent to the latter's house to take charge of Mrs. Jones until bonds were submitted, Mrs. Jones herself in \$1,000, and two others in \$500 sach, to the satisfaction of beart in provincial constable Beaven was sent to the latter's house to take charge of Mrs. Jones herself in \$1,000, and two others in \$500 sach, to the satisfaction the two others in \$500 p.m., and the case is now set for hearing pext Monday, the lat March.

- A POPULAR C. P. R. OFFICER

for hearing next Monday, the 1st March. attention given to that department.

Everyone was glad to see Mr. Kitchen

THE CASE OF MRS. JONES.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A case of peculiar and especial interest to mining men as well as to all members of the legal profession was decided in the Supreme court sesterday, when Mr. Justice Drake handed down his judgment in the action of Kilbourne v. Mc--better known as the "Ameri-

can Boy "suit.

The owners of the "American Boy" gave notice in the British Columbia Gazette of November, 1895, of intended application in 60 days for certificate of improvements. Notice was in the form as provided in the amending act of 1894—and stated that adverse claims were to be sent to the gold commissioner. The

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Provision is also made for the care of families unable to pay anything, so that the services of the nurse might be had free of charge. Proper care would be taken so that the working of the scheme

The city health authorities, Ald. Part-world not interfere with the professional ridge. Hell and Stagent accompanied by taken so that the working of the scheme would not interfere with the professional services of either doctors or trained nurses. All arrangements would be made so that it would be an honor to belong to the order and the members regarded as public servants.

It is proposed to open a fund for each.

The city health authorities, Ald. Part-ridge, Hall and Stewart, accompanied by Dr. Fraser, city health officer; R. Chipchage, Sanitary officer; and Dr. Richardsen, paid their quarterly visit to Darcey island, Sunday, with provisions and stores for the lepers. No change is an attention of the control of the

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 826 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

Cargo Ship En Route to This Port Reported in , Trouble.

A VERY sad case was that of which the required to raise a sum towards her maintenance, which would be paid to the central committee, who would fix the charge, or suitable board and lodging and means of conveyance could be substituted for a cash payment.

A VERY sad case was that of which the last chapter was closed yesterday afternoon, when Rev. J. P. Hicks officiated at the funeral of the late Mrs. Dockings, from Hayward's undertaking parlors, services afterwards being held at the Matropolitan church. Mrs. Dockings

garded as public servants.

It is proposed to open a fund for establishing the order in Canada, and to put the scheme in proper working order not less than one million dollars will be required. This would mean a contribution of the sevent in excellent spirits.

tis the grave Rev. W. D. Barber officiated. The pallbearers were G. S. Williams, John Jamieson. W. J. L. Hamilton, J. Maddick, A. Heathorn and F. Nicholson.

Where will the next "find" be made? Victoria may yet have a mining district in its immediate vicinity, for Clover Point, until recently the resort of the riflemen, the beach wood gatherer and the searcher for the succulent clam, is now marked by the ubiquitous, in this province, miner's stake. Some weeks ago Mr. Henley, of the Cliff house, accidentally knocked off a piece of beach some with the found it to be rich in mineral. Communicating this to his friends they immediately began to stake out claims and mediately began to stake out claims and are very enthusiastic about their find and declare they have struck a regular browners. The Haymakers," an operated by George F. Root, was presented in St.

The mortal remains of William Booth, the father of pioneers, who died on Fritted and statement of the Lieutenant-Governor transform the Lieute "The Haymakers," an operetta by George F. Root, was presented in St. Luke's hall, Cedar Hill, under the di-rection of Mr. C. E. Welsh, in aid of St.

their parts well and the reproduction on Monday night next in the agricultural hall, Saanich, should be well attended.

THERE was a largely attended meeting of the Natural History Society last even-ing. Apart from general informal dis-cussion of a number of matters, the business was mainly routine.

THE stars and stripes floated proudly Narrow Escape of the Steamer "Enterprise"—Sealers on the Move—The "Miowera."

The Port Townsend Leader says:

"Steamer Enterprise has not lost her wheel in her lete content with the classification with the forces of the United States consulate in this city yesterday in honor of the birthday of the "father of the republic," while throughout the United States Washington's birthday was more generally celebrated than in recent years. At San Diego, Cal., permission was granted to land sailors and marines from H.M.S. Comus to take part in the celebration in conjunction with the forces of the United

Always Permanent.

of Beamsville, Ont.