Again Considered by Committee Enquiring Into Assessment Act.

John Oliver M. P. P. Expresses Views With Respect to the Farmers' Grievance.

Representatives of the Property Owners of Victoria and Vancouver Are Heard.

HE assessment commission met yesterday to hear certain representations from Mr. John Oliver, M. P. P., concerning the operation of the act as it affects the farmer and from members of the Real Estate Owners' Association of Victoria and Vancouver.

Vancouver.

In response to a request of Mr. Oliver a letter was read from Assessor Fisher to Mr. McKilligan, asking if farmers were allowed to deduct the cost of proof the farm produce. A reply from Mr. McKilligan stating that such re ns should not be made was also

Mr. Oliver contended that this dis-criminated unfairly against the farmer In support of an assertion previously made by him that "growing crops" were subject to taxation, he said that Mr. Major, an employee of the assessor's office, had come to him in June last and asked for the value of the crops then

In explanation of this, Mr. Fisher explained that Mr. Major was a junior clerk and did not comprehend the latitude of his office. In this case he had exceeded the authorization of the act, and this Mr. Fisher had explained to

iberally with regard to others. In reply to Mr. Ker, witness said his objections were taken rather to the form of the act.

Mr. Cotton: Then as I understand if the government can devise some other way of doubling the taxation that would not be so much a grievance with you as the mere fact of it being inequitable in its form. as the mere fact of it being inequitable in its form.

Mr. Oliver said he would not commit himself to any such statement as that.

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Mr. Oliver wanted to know if Mr. Fisher meant that he was called upon to supply the deficiencies in the act.

Mr. Fisher admitted that his clerk, Mr. Major, had asked Mr. Oliver certain questions as to his growing crop, but this was due to misconception of his duties, and the matter had been explained to Mr. McKilligan said that in no case had instructions been issued or was an an assessor allowed to aggregate the value of the produce of a farm. What he had to do was to value the actual product in hand on the date of assessment. If any assessor had done otherwise it was through mistake.

Mr. Oliver explained that in his representations he had no desire to reflect upon any officials of the government. His objections were to the act itself, which was unworkable.

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### North Sea Investigation

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DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Today Lord and Lady Grey paid visits to the general and Boyal Victoria hospitals and the Ville Marie convent. The Governor

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Governor General Trepoff Declares Backbone of Revolution is Broken.

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anywhere. The great demonstration, with an accompaniment of bloodshed, which was anticipated at Moscow yesterday, did not occur and the strike in the ancient capital has not spread rapidly, only about 20,000 workmen being out according to latest reports. Cossacks charged and dispersed a crowd of 3,000 workmen, and reports were circulated in St. Petersburg that many were killed, but advices direct from Moscow at midnight deny this, the best information being that only a few blank volleys were fired. The Moscow military have received orders to avoid a repetition of Sunday's tragedy here and not to use ball cartridges unless they are driven to do so by the direst necessity.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British am-

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, called Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's attention this afternoon to the telegram printed at Moscow yesterday saying that the disturbances at the Russian dockyards and arsenals were due to Angle-Jaganese instigation and that concllistory Policy Adopted With Promise of industrial Reforms.

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# TELEGRAMS IN BRIEF.

Rome, Jan. 26.—The illness of Car-dinal Satolli has taken a serious turn, oneumonia intervening.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The lawyers of the French court of appeals have circulated a petition of sympathy with the lawyers of Russia for the substitution of mili-

Mount Sterling, Ky., Jan. 26.—Fire today did \$100,000 damage here. The Masonic Temple, with other buildings, was destroyed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—Charles Lockheart, a director of the Standard Oil Company, and one time president, died here today. Mr. Lockheart was one of the oil kings, and with John D. Rocketeller, Wm. G. Warden and Henry M. Flagler. laid the foundations for the Standard Oil Company.

Liverpool, Jan. 28.—At a conference today of representatives of labor organi-zations of the United Kingdom, repre-senting 900,000, resolutions of sympathy for the Russian strikers were adopted. for the Russian strikers were adopted and the conference inaugurated a relief fund for the benefit of the Russian strik ers. Resolutions were also adopted expressing sympathy with the German coal miners.

New York, Jan. 26.—Police Commissioner McAdoo announced tonight that charges are being prepared against Police Captain John W. O'Connor and will be submitted tomorrow. O'Connor will be charged with nelect of duty in failing to close alleged poolrooms and disorderly houses in the Mercer street precinct.

Informed the Canadian
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COTTON MILLS SET ON FIRE.

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# News of the New and the Old World in Storm King Supreme

Entire Atlantic Coast in Grasp of One of the Flercest Blizzards.

Many Deaths. In New England and Suffering Is Intense.

Extended as Far South as Florida and Orange Crop Suffers.

EW YORK, Jan. 26 .- New York tonight is recovering from the effects of yesterday's storm, which so effectually put a stop to traf-ic and tied up some lines of business. Although the day was bitter cold, the hermometer registering zero this morning, 15,000 men were sent out to remove the snow from the thoroughfares, and, aided by the men of the surface car roads, many avenues of travel are now open. Over 250 snow shovellers were treated at the hospitals below 14th

be charged with nelect of duty in falling to close alleged poolrooms and disorderly houses in the Mercer street precinct.

Esquimalt To

Be Abandoned

Imperial Authorities Have Informed the Canadian Government.

Treated at the hospitals below 14th street for frostbites, and scores of others were attended at uptown stations and by physicians. Owing to the difficulty in reaching down town offices, but little business was transacted during the day and all places of amusement were scantily attended tonight.

Over five hundred men and women spent last night in the passenger station in Long Island city and 125 persons slept in the station in Jamaica. Many others were compelled to remain all night in trains and trolleys stalled in deep drifts on the roads around New York. The embargo on shipping was lifted with the advent of clear weather, and the large fleet of delayed liners

### HUNGARIAN ELECTION.

# Day's Do

Chairman of Stand tees Chosen Common

Municipal Delegate Promise of Le Protectio

Light Traffic Comp Registration of Patents

TTAWA, Jan. 27 committees of the committees of the mons were organi sion this morning following chairmen: I man; agriculture, Green counts, McIsaac; bank merce, Campbell; det Montreal; expiring laws, ing orders, Grant; priviers, St. John's; privilege Logan.

At an interview between all delegates and the the prime minister's officedecided that a draft those provisions athirth those provisions which municipalities consider acted to insure munic the streets against the in phone companies, should to the government with

enactment.
Mayor Sharpe of Winn route to New York to eng expert to proceed to Win tigate the cause of the ophoid fever there. Du seven weeks there have cases of typhoid fever i the local authorities are in their efforts to locate the epidemic. the epidemic. The Vancouver, West kon Railway Co. is pet ment for authority to in tal from two to twelve and for an extension of Celeste Jolly, London, the Light Traffic Co. lumbia are jointly petit ment for the passage of izing the commission of sue patents for Jolly's r tion notwithstanding the tion notwithstanding the original application was the department within o issue of the English particles. Premier Laurier told that there has been no instructions to the new eral as far as he was. The premier said the goot yet received any report the new transcontine.

ARIZONA GAM IN ROUGI

Tragedy Ends Fou Nogales 8 Yesterday

Tucson, Arizona, Jan. in which four men lost curred in Nogales toda Walters, a gambler, en ace salon, owned by M. ed to a poker table and ing opened fire on the as "Cowboy" Simpson, f through his head.

Walters then turned proprietor, who was m toward the door, shootin the head and heart. then turned his weapor desto Olivas, the monte ing him through the bac He fired a shot at Geotleman, which grazed thand then turned the reself and sent a bullet brain. All of the victin being able to make stat Walters had been emp but had been discharge before. It is said he vat the time he entered th was one of the best keep in the southwest.

Walters, who is known west as the "Catalina K eled extensively. He wa Alaska, in 1897, and the was identified with the "gang" walters, who had bee poker game in Conn's he charged on complaint of resort who said he ha marked cards to win When Walters turned to another man on We he remarked to the man place that there probat some dead men around to

PILES FOR SE Olympia, Wn., Jan. 2 Piles of Seattle was States senator today by

# Croup C Sudder Hence the Wisdom of B House the Most Effect

Dr. Cha Syrup of L Turpent

Slight hoarseness in the only warning of crou About midnight the coughing—that peculiar, cahed croupy, and which to the mother's heart.

Then begins the strugg and if reher is to be obtainst be prompt and effe. Anyone who has teste Syrup of Linseed and Treure for croup will not hounce it an unqualified it is wonderfully pround the cough, clearing the athe head and soothing nerves.

People who realize the with which croup comes danger which accompaniery seed and Turpentine in the in case of emergency.

For bronchitis, who asthma and every form bronchial trouble, this medicine is a quick and There are imitations of Syrup of Linseed and Trure you see the portrait of Dr. A. W. Chase, the book author, on the bo Twenty-five cents a bottlebre times, as much, 60 dealers or Edmanson, Battonto.