the hatchery had materially effected an in-

would lead to a monopoly.

Hon. Mr. Higgins was of the same mind,

twenty-one shillings per case; case salmon, delivered in England, cost about \$4.50 per

largest and best canneries should have the

greatest number, as, with better machinery

and plant, they could turn out a bette

The commission will sit again on Monday

AFFAIRS IN ALASKA

insatisfactory Conditions Call for Prompt

Action-A Teacher Killed by Whiskey Smugglers,

Spain Takes No Interest in the Fair.

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LAST BOOK.

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a paragraph published in 7th inst., relating to "a colrecently married at Welns statements that are We very much regret that was made the means of rt injurious to that gentle e were grossly misinformed matter, and will be careful e accept as true, any infrom the source whenes atements were derived.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Another Challenge from McLean-The Preliminary Meeting of the Royal Fisheries Commission.

Doings at Nelson-Remarkable Signs of Activity in the Mining Camps.

The case of Powis vs. the Michigan Lumber company, came up to-day. The judge decides that Powis was entitled to what he

Chinese leprosy proved the report to be without foundation. The doctors carefully examined the girl said to be affected, but examined the girl said to be affected, but embracing a period from 1849 in the mines although she is in one of the lowest Chinese of California, and his many years among although sne is in one of the lowest Chinese dives in the city, she has not leprosy. The Imperial Federation League have ar-ranged for a series of lectures during the year and the distribution of league litera-

The American barque Hesper finished loading lumber and was towed into the

She has 900,000 feet of lumber for Hong Kong.
The Alhambra hotel has been sold to Messrs. McKinnon and McFarlane.

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A large number of persons went up to the
Mission this afternoon to attend the ball at the opening of the new hotel there.

A letter has been received from the City Clerk of Victoria stating that the Chinaman who was sent from Vancouver to Darcy Island maintains that he is not a leper,

and demands that a doctor be sent down.

The matter came before the Health Committee, and it was recommended that Dr. Bell-Irving and the chairman, Dr. Mc-Quigan, go down to make another examin-

VANCOUVER, Feb. 20.—Colquhoun, the man missing two weeks ago and supposed to have been murdered, has been found.

Christ Church has been standing in an un-shoe and Cayuse. Some of them go templeted condition for two years. The make investments on Yankee soil. Christ Church has been standing in an uncongregation has decided to go on at once and finish at a cost of \$24,000. Chinamen generally are refusing to pay the poll tax. The authorities are at their

wit's end to devise some means to bring them to time. The finance committee met this morning, handed over \$1,000 to the Park commission ers and arranged to begin at once the con-struction of the market sheds.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 19 .- The Vanouver and Westminster Association Football teams play a match on Queen's Park, The Oddfellows, of Surrey, are about to

build a handsome hall, for their use, at Cloverdale. The lodge has only been organized a couple of months, but has a memership of fifty-five.

The people of Surrey and Cloverdale are

wonderiag when they will get a reply to their petition, signed by 250 persons, forwarded to the l'ost Office Department, asking for a daily mail service between Westminster and Cloverdale. An increased service is badly wanted.

Harry Trim, of Westham Island reports

farmers in his neighborhood have nearly all finished ploughing, and are only waiting for April to commence seeding and planting. Thomas Shannon. Cloverdale, says the farmers of Surrey are well advanced with their spring work, and ploughing is nearly finished. In the vicinity of Chilliwhack, W. Bell, says ploughing has been going on steadily for some time, and if been going on steadily for some time, and if the weather is favorable, seeding will be inished, this year, at a much earlier date than usual.

year were elected: President, Mr. F. M.
O'Brien; Vice-Presidents, Rev. H. Irwin
and Mr. Justinian Pelly; Trustees, Mayor
Townsend, Messrs. W. J. Walker, J. E.
Phillips, G. A. Scully and J. H. Webb;
Managing & mmittee, Messrs. Springer, Ma Managing & mmittee, Messrs. Springer, Mc-Bride, Homer, Jenns and Innis.

Alex. McLean, the oarsman, issues the blowing challenge to-night: "I, Alex. McLean, hereby challenge any man in the province, or resident in the Puget Sound country to row a race in best and best racing skiffs, three miles with turn, for any sum ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 ay sum ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 and y sum ranging from \$500 to \$2,0 arranged within three weeks; the course, conditions, and other details to be settled by agreement. The whole amount of the is to be deposited in the Columbian office, Westminster, ten days after signing the agreement. I also challenge any man in the province to paddle a canoe race, in best and best canoes, three to five miles stakes, from \$100 to \$500 a side.

tions as above. (Signed), A. McLean."

The first meeting of the Royal Commis sion to enquire into the salmon fisheries o the Fraser River, was held this afternoon The Commission is composed of Messrs Samuel Wilmot, Dominion superintendent of fish culture, Hon. D. W. Higgins, Vic-toria, and Sheriff Armstrong, of this city. Hon. D. W. Higgios, speaker of the Provincial Legislature, arrived in the city thi morning. He is the connecting link of the Royal Fisheries Commission. It was owing o that gentleman not being able to dupl eate himself at Victoria and Westminste at the same time that the sessions of th mission have been delayed. At 2 e'clock the commissioners met for a preliminary sitting to arrange a programme for the regular sittings. It was decided to the regular sittings. It was decided to mencing at 8 o'clock, a number of cannery men being anxious to give their testimony

reliable source.

NANALMO. NANAIMO, Feb. 19. - W. Hewartson manager of the Alberni Paper Mills, left for Alberni, to day. He says the machinery an unsuccessful war. The dispatch says for the paper mill goes up next week. The that this is understood to be true in Russian machinery for the saw mill, to be run in official circles.

oal from this city.

. Messrs. W. A. Lindsay and James Kesley successfully passed examinations as mine managers. The examinati n was an extra managers. The examinati n was an extra hard one, but the candidates passed very creditably. The certificates will be issued in a few days.

The plans of Mr. Hayes, architect, Minne relies Minne have been recented for

Minneapolis, Minn., have been accepted fo the new Presbyterian church here. It wil be built this summer. A duty of \$150 will have to be paid on the Hayes plan, accord-ing to the customs tariff. Some members VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19.—George Munroe, read master, Kamloops, North Division Canada Pacific, arrived here to-day, looking after the work to be done on that branch of the railroad.

Some members of the congregation are not satisfied with the plans from outside places, and think local architects should have been selected. T. R. Morrow, of Vancouver, and Dr. Hall, will open a drug store here, shortly. Mr. Morrow has already two large drug stores in Vancouver. Dr. Hall is well and

favorably known in Nanaimo.

A report was current that Major Downie had passed over the Divide, but a letter re ceived by the Free Press, states that he is sued for.

The court of revision met to-day and made at Whatcom, Wash., and enjoying good health. He still has great faith in the a general reduction of claims.

An examination into the alleged case of Kootenay country, and predicts there will the mountains of British Colum

Tenders are asked for the construction the new wharf at Nelson, the plans of which have been changed to meet the views of the

pected to be laid from Sand Point, on the N. P. to Bonner's Ferry by April. In the meantime freight is carried on sleighs from Kootenay to Bonner's Ferry, for 50 cents pe

100 pounds. A number of travellers have found their way in over the trail, among them F. Fiet-cher, C. & K. land agent; and John R. Cook, mining operator. Others are looking for business openings.
Capt. Gray, of the steamer Spokane, an

nounces that he will make two trips per week, calling at all Lake ports, beginning at the opening of navigation. The Spokane has now cabin and state rooms, and will be a very comfortable boat. The steamer Idaho has gone to the head of the lake with passengers for Bonner's Ferry, who will complete the trip per Snow

A meeting was recently held at the Phair Hotel to arrange for a hospital. About \$2,000 has been subscribed to the building

An abundant harvest of ice of fine quality has been stored by the hotel men, meat dealers and others. Axel Johnson is making a large excava-tion behind the Kootenay House. R. E. Lemon is digging a cellar, 20x60 feet, 9 feet deep. He proposes to put a building over it, and introduce bottling works. Houston in the located poor in works. Houston's Ink have decided upon a stone foundation for their new block. The shingles are going on the roof of Mr. Barnard's build-

One of the C. &. K. locomotives has had steam up, and has made an unsu cessful attemp to back up over the line to Robson.

(From the Miner.) Superintendent Robertson, of the Grizzly

Jacket; from C. Abrahamson and James A. Gilker, the C. & C. and the Brunswick; from William Springer, one half of the Number One; from M. Gray, the Eclipse.

Mr. Cook left this morning for Spokane.

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sized ore-body is close at hand.

A Trail Creek correspondent writes:

"Of the claims bonded lately, the following can be mentioned: The War Eagle, the Virginia, and two-thirds of the Iron Mask, bond \$14,000, cash \$1,000; one-third of the Iron Mask, bond \$4,000, cash, \$400; the Cliff, bond \$10,000; cash \$1,000; the St. Elmo, bond \$6,500, cash \$650. A numb of lots in Trail have also changed hands. A pre-emption has been taken up near the Le Roi mine. There is also a little stir

gether, things down here are beginning to run very smoothly."

The staff of the Nelson branch of the Bank of Montreal was increased, this week, the arrival of Mr. Craig from New Vestminster, who will act as accountant. The manager and accountant of the Bank of British Columbia's branch are reported on the way in, and are expected to arrive at

Velson next week.

Frank Fletcher, land agent of the Colum bia & Kootenay branch of the Canadian Pacific, arrived at Nelson from Victoria, on Tuesday.

GRAIN FOR RUSSIA.

It is Said That Though the Peasants Are Starving the Government Granaries are Full.

LONDON, Feb. 19.-A despatch from Vienna to the Chronicle, says that most of the corn bought for the starving peasantry of Russia, with Russian Governi is still stored in the granacies of that country, and that a portion only has been dis-tributed to the suffering multitudes of the famine-stricken provinces. There have been the victims. The Russian government, on this occasion, has used the famine to disguise its policy of prohibiting the exporta-tion of corn and of cramming with food the

of San Francisco, will be employed carrying THE SALMON COMMISSION, stated that offal deposited in deep water

Proceedings of the Board of Inquiry-Evidence Given by Canners and Rishermen.

The Granting of Licenses—Profits of the Industry—Disposal of Offal.

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The first witness called was William Costifor \$50 to Peter Nelson. Witness considered that the fee of \$ 0 for a fishing license was excessive for a poor man, especially during a bad season. He thought that twenty licenses granted to the canneries was

Peter Nelson, the person alluded to in the testimony of the former witness, stated that it was not from Grant but from John Wagner that he purchased the fishing license. Grant had given the license to Wagner to sell. Here witness produced in testimony a slip of paper upon which was written a transfer of the license from Wagner to witness. Witness did not think the offal of salmon thrown into the river had any injurious effect upon the salmon run. oftentimes got into his net and damaged it. The bad odor from the offal might prevent the fish from entering the river. The size of fish caught by the witness averaged six pounds. A six-inch net was used : it was 40 meshes deep. In July, last year, witness had caught 1,100 in one day. The fish were in greater abundance at the mouth of the river. It was at that point that most of the

fishing was done. Kekonie, a Swedish Finn, who has been in this country several years, says he worked for Ewen. He had use of their fishing tackle and got ten cents for each fish he caught. Witness was charged \$100 for the loan of the fishing boat. He understood that cannerymen English and Todd only gave the men employed by them 62 cents a fish. A fish was valued at 20 cents, last season. Witness stated that it was the general impression that several of the canneries, this year, were going to import Jap-anese labor in fishingr The Japanese would work cheaper than the white men. Witness complained that he had come to British Columbia under the representation contained in a pamphlet which he had received from He thought he could get a license for the asking. He had applied for one and, notwithstanding that he had taken the oath of allegiance, had been refused one. With ness stated that there were many men who

Superintendent Robertson, of the Grizzly Bear returned to Nelson from Spokane this week. He reports the new owners of the Silver Queen as ready to go to work as soon as supplies can be brought to the ground. Work would even be commenced at once were supplies obtainable. The Silver King tunnel is in 786 feet, and the work reported as going on as usual.

John R. Cook has during the week secured bonds on the following claims in the Trail Creek comper From Samuel Creston, and in consequence had to pay \$300 to the

told him that anyone could fish in British Columbia; no license being required; he could not get a license. In the cannery in which witness was working, there were only ten white people, out of 100 employes; Chinamen and Siwashes were numerously employed. Boys and girls were also en gaged at the canneries. Witness knew man named Fred Kaye, who held two or three licenses, and who sold them. P. Walgren, a Swede, testified that he

Fraser River : he had to fish upon shares with the cannerymen. Witness advocated that licenses be reduced from \$20 to \$5. James Beer, general merchant, came to British Columbia twenty-six years ago. He Alaska, by whiskey smugglers have been thought that there should be free licenses; he was of the opinion that the issue free licenses would not thin out the salmon. Experience had taught him that the fish killed the ova of one another in the spawning ground, to make room for their own.
He did not regard the depositing of offal in
the river as injurious to fish; he was of
opinion that there should be no weekly ose season. It worked prejudicially to the

interests of the cannerymen. If fish could not be caught on Sunday, the canneries were generally thinly supplied by the Mon-Ruley Lheinoff had come from France, twelve years ago, and had no fishers' license; yet he had fished upon other men's There was too much gambling in icenses, and he thought they should not be transferable. Depositing offal in the river did not consider injurious to the fish.

Fish fed upon it. Bernard Ruck stated that if more licenses Bernard Ruck stated that it more licenses were granted the canneries, the fishermen would be driven out of the fishing occupation; the cannerymen would not buy from them. They would obtain foreign labor, at

cheaper rate.

J. E. Lord said the fisheries hatchery and get home without further loss of time. The commissioners will take every word of regions where the famine is now raging; but no official action has been taken to relieve reliable source. Witness knew saloon-keepers in Vancouver who held fishing licenses. Licenses were granted Italians and other foreigners who ived on scows upon the river and paid no taxes. Twenty Americans regularly came to the Fraser river and fished every season.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

stated that offal deposited in deep water did no harm; the canneries were generally situated in deep water. Small fish consumed the refuse or offal. The present Sunday close season was right. Witness thought that licenses should be equitably adjusted for both canneries and fishermen. If free licenses were granted to either to the argusters of the consumer of the c President Carnot Accepts the Ministerial Resignations-Mutual Recriminations in Order.

The Majority as Much Thunderstruck as the Minority-Scenes in and About the Chambers.

of the resignations, and the Premier told the President that his action could not gan, who had been five years fishing upon the Fraser river. He had applied for a lithe Fraser river. He had applied for a liwould injuriously affect the canning indus.

was punishable by a heavy penalty. Without the recalled, and that the course of the ness thought, if that law were enforced, it would injuriously affect the canning indus. cense but was refused one. He applied to try of this province.

Commissioner Armstrong asked witness of Public Works, is looked upon with cold try of this province. Mr. Mowat when he was inspector, and this year had applied to Mr. McNab. No reason had been given him why he could not be licensed. There were fishermen on the river who bought licenses for \$50 apiece. Witness replied that it would not pay. Cannerymen wanted all their hands to attend to the fish, not to cart offal away. Witness was the name of one man. Ross lived at Port Moody. Grant, a fisheries officer, had obtained a license and sold it for \$50 to Peter Nelson. Witness considered that the fee of \$ 0 for a fishing license red that the fee of \$ 0 for a fishing licens Hon. Mr. Higgins thought that the best remedy would be for the Dominion Government to conduct an oil refinery, to make oil of the fish offal.

Mr. Wilmot said there would be an outcry against the Government, if the entercry against the Government, if the entersuddenly awoke to a sense of the result.
They threw aside their dignity, and began
embracing, some even kissing each other.
Stately nobles from remote parts of France,
who are loyal to the Church and the royal "Then hand it over to the people," said Hon. Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Munn continued that he was not aware that complaints had been made by house, forgot their reserve and danced the cannerymen that dead salmon at Point about like dervishes in their delight and Roberts had had a bad effect on the Fraser risersfish. He thought that the Government should get information as to the and frantic, and answered the shouts of joy with yells of execution. The produce of ment should get information as to the and frantic, and answered the shouts of joy natural history of the salmon. The red salmon should be traced to the spawning grounds. Witness did not consider that any theatrical display prevented serious dis-

or free licenses; he did not think that it would work injuriously to the fisheries. He believed it to be the only remedy of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as an act of persecution of the was intended as a fine of the was intended as a set of the was intended as a set of the was intended as a contract the was intended as a set of the was taken Pregrievance.

Mr. Wilmot thought that this probably church, or that it need be regarded precursor of the separation of church, or that it need be regarded as the state. He warmly commended the concili-atory spirit of the Pope. He added: "We and it would leave the fishermen at the doubtless will be called upon some day to mercy of the canneries.

Mr. Munn placed in evidence the laws of tions. A portion of the clergy may possi treat with the Vatican on Mr. Munn placed in evidence the laws of the salmon rivers of the United States; bly refuse to enter upon the path fuller liberties-were granted in the States. Their industries were not so much restricted as here, and the consequence was that American institutions could compete more favorably than Canadian.

Mr. Munn placed in evidence the laws of those. A portion of the clergy may possibly refuse to enter upon the path pointed out to them, but universal suffrage will judge between the two policies. In conclusion, De Freycinet gave assent 30 the demands for urgency, though he said that he would not give the measure avorably than Canadian.

Mr. Munn went on to say that last year the significance that Hubbard's motion did. the canneries had been allowed only twenty

Finally De Freycinet again rose and delicenses. In some cases it had been found

manded that the order of the day be moved,

licenses. In some cases it had been round that that number of licenses was not sufficient, and more had to be asked for. The cient, and more had to be asked for a case of salmon The crisis, which was completely unforemark that the complete subject. auerage wholesale price for a case of salmon was \$3.60. During three months of last year the price in England did not exceed about by a coalition of Radicals and the Right. The division revealed a Radical strength of 191 votes, which will not suffice to constitute a governmental majority hence, it is agreed that the formation of

case. Their profit, therefore, was only about 75 cents per case. Being asked what the canners intended to do with the offal from the canneries this year, he replied that new ministry will be a difficult task.

The ministerial crisis sprung so su he did not know what arrangements had yet been made. As far as he was concerned he did not intend, for the present, to make any were supplies obtainable. The Silver King tunnel is in 786 feet, and the work reported as going on as usual.

John R. Cook has during the week secured bonds on the following claims in the Trail Creek camp. From Samuel Creston, three fourths of the St. Elmo; from Axel Johnson and Thomas Duffy, the whole of the Standard and three-fourths of the Yellow Jacket; from C. Abrahamson and James A. Gilker, the C. & C. and the Brunswick:

Compute Silver King tunnel is in 786 feet, and the work reported as going on as usual.

Caught 3,000 fish, last season. The fish were worth 20 cents each. That would make \$600. Witness only got \$300; the cannerymen had the other \$300. He could not get a license which would only cost \$20, and in consequence had to pay \$300 to the cannerymen for fishing privileges. Witness naintained that the cannerymen should not get a license which would not pay \$300 to the cannerymen for fishing privileges. Witness naintained that the cannerymen should not get a license which would only cost \$20, and in consequence had to pay \$300 to the cannerymen for fishing privileges. Witness naintained that the cannerymen should not get a license which would only cost \$20, and in reply, Mr. Munn said he would be very glad if the gentleman mentioned therein would interest himself in the Fraser River fishing business and bring out some capital. He wished to know before the commission losed how many licenses each connery was solution of the Chambers, unless the Ministerious forms of the Steam of

VANCOUVER'S TRAGEDY.

Finding of W. G. Colquboun, Who is Supposed to Have Been Murdered.

The Dead Man's Antecedents-A Train of Circumstances Which May Have an Important Bearing.

(From our own Correspondent.) WASHINGTON Feb. 19 -The facts rela-VANCOUVER, B. C., February 20. tive to the killing of Charles W. Edwards. The Colonist reported in its columns government teacher at Kate Island, in some time ago that W. G. Colouhoun was missing from the Richmond hotel. To-day, transmitted to the President by Secretary at 2 o'clock, the dead body of Colquhoun Noble. In his letter the secretary says: was found under Palmer's wharf, off Dupont Noble. In his letter the secretary says:
This correspondence discloses a very
sad condition of affairs amongst the
natives of Alaska consequent upon the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors. The remedy suggested in the correspondence is the
appointment of several teachers to be justices of the peace, but the assistant general
assigned to this department has submitted
an opinion to the effect that there is no exsisting law authorizing the appointment of street, in an advanced state of decomposi tion. The marks on the body point stro to murder. The base of the skull to murder. The base of crushed in, apparently by some blunt in-strument. There were deep gashes on the chin and right cheek. Coroner McGuigan ordered the removal of the body to the morgue. The body was identified by let an opinion to the effect that there is no existing law authorizing the appointment of justices of the peace in that territory. There are four commissioners, with justice of the peace powers, appointed by the President for the territory, one at Sitka, one at Wrangel, one at Ounalaska, and one at Juneau City, with jurisdiction Sitka, one at Wrangel, one at Ounalaska, and one at Juneau City, with jurisdiction defined by the Act of May 17, 1884. But this is deemed entirely inadequate to the present needs of this extensive territory, over which the means of communication are very imperfect, and tedious. There are settlers and schools hundreds of miles distant from the locality of the nearest commissioners, with facilities of travel afforded only at long intervals, frequently many months at a time intermust be reached through the action of the Departments of Justice and the Treasury.

of travel afforded only at long intervals, frequently many months at a time intervening between. If anything effective can be accomplished, it occurs to me that it must be reached through the action of the intervening between the case: W. G. Colquboun was an Irish gentleman, educated in Glasgow, and employed for some time in the Glasgov Post Office. The watch found on the body had been presented by the employees of the post office. He came to Vancouver some months ago and started in the insurance MADRID, Feb. 19 .- In an interview, tobusiness. He was a short time with the Archer Company, real estate. At the beday, with a correspondent of the United Press, Mr. Fred. Brackett, of the Chicago ginning of December he was robbed of \$600 to the Fraser river and fished every season. British subjects could not get licenses, of the Chicago ginning of December he was robbed of \$600 British subjects could not get licenses, of the Chicago ginning of December he was robbed of \$600 British subjects could not get licenses, of the Chicago ginning of December he was robbed of \$600 British subjects could not get licenses, are received and beaten, leaving him without means of fish unless deposited in shallow, still spain to confer with the Commission. He was robbed of \$600 British subjects could not get licenses, are received and beaten, leaving him without means all this time he had boarded at the Richmond House. His excellent qualisative with the received and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means. Subjects that the received him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means. Subjects that the received him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means. Subjects the received him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means. Subjects the received him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and beaten, leaving him without means and leaving h machinery for the saw mill, to be run in connection with the paper mill, is expected from the Eist shortly. Mr. Hewartson speaks very confidently of the prospects of Alberni.

The Knights of Pythias ball at Comors came off, last night, and was a great success. Over one hundred couples were present.

Mr. Bushell, the temperance lecturer has expended a lodge of Good Templars at Comor.

Navarmo, Feb. 20.— It is reported that the whaleback steamer Chas. W. Wetmore, chartered by Rosenfeld & Sons, wetmore, chartered by Rosenfe

present, bitterly reproached O'Connor threatening to chastise him. Shortly after O'Connor, it is said, was overheard by parties in the hotel, saying he would do for Colquhoun. The two men went out at different times that night, but Colquhoun never returned. O'Connor appearing next day, it is reported, said to a fellow boarder that he had put Colquhoun tellow boarder that he had put Colquhoun where he would give him no more trouble. A few days ago, O'Connor suddenly left the hotel, paying his board bill a week in advance. His whereabouts are at present

not known. It is said by those who knew Colquhoun, that he was quiet and in-Paris, Feb. 19.—President Carnot has offensive. The police are very reticent, and are endeavoring to suppress

FITE SEALING. The President's Prohibitory Proclamation 1 sued-Penalties Provided and Re-WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The President has issued the usual proclamation pro- cently. hibiting the killing of seal in Behring Sea. It refers to the law contained in which enacts that no persons shall kill any otter, mink, sable, fur seal or other fur bearing animal within the limits of Alaska Territory or in the waters thereof; and every person guilty shall, for offence, be fined not less offence, be fined not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than six months both, and all vessels their tackle, apparel or both, and all vessels their tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo found employed in vio-lation of this section, shall be forfeited, but the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to authorize the killing of any such ink, marten, or other sable or other ing animal, except fur seals under such gulations as he may prescribe, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to prevent the killing of any fur seal and to the execution of the provisions of this sec-tion until it is otherwise provided by law, or he shall grant any special privileges

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oung lady's character. Colquhoun being

The Herchmer Commission. WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—Herchmer com ion will sit on Tuesday at McLeod.

Blake Gets McGreevy to Withdraw. QUEBEC, Feb. 20 .- It is said Hon. Edward Blake's mission here was to dissuade Quebec West. It is even said that Mr. Mr. McGreevy notified the Liberal leaders here to look out for another candidate in case he should have to retire. It is said on good authority that Mr. McGreevy has given his interesting documents into the hands of prominent Liberals.

A Grippe Victim Takes Poison LONDON, Feb. 20. - James Griffin, who for thirty-four years, was in the seed business here, has been found dead with a bottle of strychnine beside him. He had been suffering from La Grippe.

Selling Adulterated Coffee. Hamilton, Feb. 20.—The Dominion Government has had an inspector at work here lately, and as the result of his operations, two old and reputable firms have been sum-moned for selling adulterated coffee, the penalty for which is \$94.

Quebec's Royal Commission MONTREAL, Feb. 20 .- The Royal Com-Pagnuelo has bee appointed to succeed Judge Mathieu, who resigned.

Assignment. TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Thomas Woodhouse, ry goods, has assigned; liabilities \$50,000. Montreal's City Debt.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—The total debt of the city at present amounts to \$19,900,000. The Alaska Boundary. TORONTO, Feb. 20. - The Globe's Wash-

ington correspondent says the only substantial work done at the recent conference there between the Canadian Ministers and Scoretary Rhains was an agreement by scretary Blaine, was an agreement by which the boundary between Canada and Alaska, can be definitely defined. He asserts that no agreement was reached at reciprocity.

Prayers for Mercier.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Le Nationale, one the subject, when the Board of Trade will be informed what the department proposes to do.

East Hastings and South Ontario fell into line with a rush for the Government, to-

of the strongest of the National papers, publishes a letter received by Mr. Mercier rom Rev. A. Cantenot, parish priest of anteuil, France, who says that the parish priests, nuns and the school children of Saneuil, France, are praying for the ex-premier's victory in the coming elections.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Provincial Treasure Harcourt delivered his budget speech in the legislature yesterday. The assets of the province are placed at \$5,303,076, and the bilities at \$17,080, leaving a surplus of \$5,285,996.

Tampering with the Voters' List. Halifax, Feb. 20.—A Justice of the Peace, Daniel Riordan, of Annapolis, has een committed for trial for forging ame of a man named Mills in order is name on the voters' list.

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Robert Sears, for-merly a private publisher and editor, is dead, aged 82. Henry Shaw, a resident of Toronto for nearly 50 years, is dead, aged 82. To Legalize Bookmaking. TORONTO, Feb. 19 .- It is currently

orted that the Ontario Jockey Club will

Deaths of Veterans.

Assembly to legalize bookmaking. Death of an Inland Navigator. ORILLIA, Feb. 19.—Captain Archie Kerrs dead of La Grippe. He sailed the lakes

for 40 years, and was well known in every port from Midland to Kingston. The Prince and the Turf. LONDON, Feb. 19.-The Prince of Wales has decided to close his connection with the turf. All of his entries have been cancelled for three months. He had several remarkable horses in training, and a hand-some profit was expected, for the first time in the history of his stables.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Stone Beacon, With Electric Light, to Be Placed on Brotchie Ledge.

Inquiries Being Made Into the B. C. Pilotage System-Views of the Three Boards Asked.

(From our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 19.-Three writs were ssued, to-day, for the elections in Monck and South Perth, March 10th; Montmorency, March 11th.

The Imperial Board of Trade informed the Government that cattle ships may have cement floors, in place of wood. Several rewards, for aid to foreign sea-

men, have been sent to Canadians, re-

Pending the decision of Congress, relative to the Bland Free Coinage Bill, Stasection 1956, R. S., chapter 3, title 23, tician Johnson recommends that Canadians have as little to do with American silver as it is possible; in the event of the bill pass-ing, the value of silver will depreciate. Bruneau's election, in Richelieu, has been contested by the defeated Conser

> The Maritime provinces cases were con nenced in the Supreme Court to day.
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> Members from distant points are com nencing to arrive for the ses Ottawa capitalists have organized to-day

> o erect a new opera house h Letzenberg, a notorious criminal wanted in Chicago, has been extradited from Montreal

> Montreal.
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> The deposits in the Post Office Savings
> Bank, last month, again exceed the withdrawals. This is considered very good. The Civil Service Commissioners recom-needed the establishment of a cartogra-

phical branch, in order to secure accuracy and consistency in the maps issued by the overnment. The Government Infantry Corps will ereafter be designated by numbers instead

of by letters.

Judge Ross in sentencing young Hubbell,
the Ottawa Bank teller, to two years' imprisonment, for embezzlement, said it was
Bucket Shops which wrought Hubbell's
ruin, and they were a ruin to the community

nunity.

Hon. Thomas McGreevy's resignation of the candidature for Quebec West was fortu-Hon. Thomas McGreevy from running for nate for the Conservative party. With Hearn Quebec West. It is even said that Mr. as a straight nominee, the Conservatives with only McGreevy as the opponent of Laurier, would be saddled with the responsibility of supporting the latter. The chances are that McGreevy will use his influence against the Government candidate.

Hon. Mr. Costigan has gone to Quebec to

help Mr. Hearn.
Major Colville, the Governor's military secretary, will resign his position in a month to return to regimental duty in England.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—As the outcome of the official enquiry into the wreck of the San Pedro, the Minister of Marine has authorized that a stone beacon be place on Brotchie Ledge, with an electric light on it.

The B. C. Board of Trade, in its communication to the Department, suggests that the pilotage districts of British Columbia be more closely connected. The Deputy Minister, in his report to Hon. Mr. Tupper, on the subject, says the former arrangement, whereby the pilots were managed from Victoria, gave great dissatisfaction. Hetherefore cannot recommend a return to the old system. Were the sug-gestion entertained, there would be strong protests from the Nanaimo and Westminster pilotage authorities. The Westminster pilotage authorities. The wreck of the San Pedro proves that something is wanted by which vessels may get-their pilots coming in or land their pilots when going out below Race Rocks. He-suggests that the three pilotage authorities agree to maintain a pilot vessel and divide

day. Northup, Conservative, by 412 majority, in East Hastings, and Smith, Conservative, in South Ontario, by 163 majority. This means the gain of four votes on a division. The Grits are not in it. It is said that, as the result of this reverse, the Liberals, on assembling at Ottawa, will set to work and revise their

oolicy.

An influential deputation of Benchers of the Law Society of Ontario, headed by Hon. Edward Blake, interviewed Sir John Thompson, this afternoon, to urge a general increase of the salaries of the Superior Court Judges of Canada. The deputation Court Judges of Canada. The deputation pointed out the meagreness of the judges' allowances compared with other countries, which caused a difficulty in inducing the best lawyers to accept judgeships. Sir John Thompson listened to the arguments attentively, and promised to lay the matter before his collections. before his colleagues.
Dr. Spohn, Grit candidate for Simcoe, on

Thursday at the nomination proceedings, charged the officers of the Marine Department with having levied commissions on parties furnishing supplies to the Government surveying vessel on Georgian Bay. The matter being brought to Hon. Mr. Tupper's attention to-day, he immediately wired Dr. Spohn that a commission would be issued to investigate the charge General Herbert, has written the Colonel

deneral Herbert, has written the Colonel of the Grenadiers. Toronto, that there is a want of "esprit de corps," among the officers. One officer, Major Manly, is charged with having supplied information to newspaper writers, to attack a brother officer. To-day Major Manly wrote an emphatic denial of the accusation.

The total mineral production of Canada in 1890 was \$19,000,000, an increase of three mill wames MacLaren's will has been admitted to probate. The amount of the estate is not settled. The charitable benefits are few, \$20,000 each to Knox College, Toronto, and,

Wilson, Lennox; Miller, Prince Edward; and Bain, Soulanges, were gazetted, to-day.
The West Northumberland election takes place March 15th.

The wife of Col. White, Deputy Post-

master-General, died to-day.

Premier Abbott's health having greatly improved, he went to Montreal to-day.

Lieut. MacMahon, formerly aide-de-