STILL TALKING

Liberals at Commission Stage Repeat Their Objections to Proposed Board to Deal with Tariff Matters.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Mr. Burrell in-froduced his bill for the aid and encouragement of agriculture. The plan adopted would be to appoint C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture of Ontario, to effect a survey of agriculture of several provinces. The bill provides for powers to grant money in

aid, based on a population basis.

The house went into committee on the tariff commission bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the commissioners should briefs for the minister of finance. Free traders would get the worst of the briefs prepared by it. The men ap-pointed would be protectionists. If the Liberals returned to power they would have to deal with a tariff commission osed of partizans and out of sym pathy with the incoming government. in that way it would be a violation of

parliamentary government,
Mr. Borden said that the government a partizan, but it would not reject a man because he had political opinions.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 15 years had never appointed a Conservative to any-thing, and now he declared that this principal was an outrage. Many active politicians were appointed to the bench and with rare exceptions they left their politics behind them. The commission ers might equally be trusted.

Mr. Guthrie demanded the adoption of the American provision of minority

Mr. White said that the epposition to the bill was not thoroughly sincere. The Liberals had made not a real, but a sham fight, on the second reading. They had been creating bogeys. These commissioners would have judicial and administrative functions, and he wanted men capable of getting facts an sifting them out, It ill became men calling themselves Liberals to stand in the way of light and information. This was a sincere attempt to get at the facts. Consumers and persons the called themselves free traders complained that some industries had an undu measure of protection. How could the tell unless they got information? What information was not available now. "If the Liberals had had a tariff commission last year which would have sipplied them with facts," he said, "there would have been no election on September 21. The result of that absence of a tariff commission is that we have of a tariff commission is that we are here and you are there."

commissioners must be more than mere statisticians, instancing the need for an investigation into the cost of production in all its branches. He declared that the consuming public was greatly interested in eliciting the facts.

The discussion continued through the afternoon. Just before 6 o'clock Mr. Henderson delivered a telling speech, showing how the Liberals while in power increased the tariff under cover of pretexts which the proposed tariff commission would have shown to be un-tenable. He instanced the following in-

clocks from 25 to 30 per cent; watches from 25 to 30 per cent; linens from 25 to 30 per cent; domestic cottons from 221/2 to 25 per cent; colored cottons, from 30 to 35 per cent.

In all these cases the pretext had been that the British preference would moderate the duty so as to result in no increase, whereas the articles in ques-tion came largely from non-British countries. Moreover, the duty often bore more heavily upon the grades bought by poorer people. He hoped that the tariff commission would do away with such anomalies as it would reveal the fact that there is an unfair ness in many clauses. "I am under the impression," he said, "that the effect will be the lowering of the tariff." In conclusion he declared that Mr. Gur-ney, the author of the statement that the tariff should be as high as Haman's gallows, was a Liberal when he uttered that remark. The Liberals denied this,

but Mr. Henderson stuck to it.

The debate lasted all evening, the Liberals reiterating their suspicions that a commission would be turned into an engine for securing higher protec-

The house adjourned at 11:85, after passing three clauses of the bill.

FREE SPEECH IN PARKS

Vancouver Civic Authorities Promise Concession When Present Troubles Are Terminated

VANCOUVER, Feb. 12.—At a conference between delegates of the Vancouver Trades and Labor council, repcommissioners, Mr. J. H. Hawthornth-waite, Socialist member of the legisand Mayor Findlay, this morning, those representing the civic administration promised to allow free speech in public parks as soon as the present trouble blew over. This is what labor men ask for Mayor Findlay stated that it was not the object of the city to disallow free speech, but to stop aliens from coming into the city, preaching sedition and advocating riot. No announcement was made as to whether a meeting would be allowed next Sunday. Two delegates from the I. W. W. were refused ad-mittance to the conference.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 12.-Mr A McPhair, a director of the B. C. Oil Fields Co. Vencenary the report that a party of seven of their men had been lost on the west coast of Graham island. The men were Messrs. McLaren, Stark and Slater, of this city, and four Indians. They left Masset about ten dayys ago in a gasoline launch, and a report was received from Prince Rupert to the effect that they are believed to be lost. Mr. McPhair believes that they reached their destination, but could not report the fact to the company's headquarters because of their distance from a telegraph station.

CABINET RUMORS

Mew Story is that Premier Asquith Will Soon Be Succeeded by Sir Edward Grey-Lord Haldane's Mission

LONDON, Feb. 13 -The Daily Graphi this morning suggests that Mr. Asqui is about to resign the premiership, and that he will be succeeded by Sir Edward Grey. It farther sugges's that Secretary Haldane's mission to Berlin was to ex-plain that although Sir Edward Grey policy, his succession to the premiershi will not interfere with Great Britain's lesire for an entente with Germany.

As an evidence confirming its idea th Graphic points out that Premier Asquith's private secretary, Vaughn Na recently has been appointed to another

position under the government, and that no successor has been nominated, making it difficult, admits the Graphic, to avoid a conclusion that Mr. Asquith no longer requires a secretary.

Viscount Haldane, was secretary. Is steadfast in declining to discuss the objects of his visit to Berlin. He returned to London yesterday. Public opinion is inclined to connect the bestowal of the musual honor of the Gaute legisliches. on Sir Edward Grey with the Haldan

KILLED BY TRAIN

NANAIMO, Feb. 12.—Early yesterda on the colliery track here with the right arm and leg completely severed from the body. The victim was identified as an Indian named Harry Manson, aged about thirty years, who was well known in the city and district. Manson ma ing his way home to the reserve, he attempted to board a train in motion his attempt had fallen off, the whe uries mentioned. Manson was well known to football enthusiasts in this tation a few years back. He was als the British Columbia championship cup which they have held ever since. An in

LAUNDRY PREMISES

Spectacular Sunday Blaze at Victoria Steam Laundry Company's Premises, Yates St., Attracts Thousands

Fire, believed to have originated at the rear of the boiler-room guited the two-story frame premises occupied by the Victoria Steam Laundry on Yates street on Sunday afternoon. The flames quickly spread through the rear of the building and rhaning up into the attic were bursting through the roof before the slarm had ceased sounding. The loss will not be large, probably not exceeding \$5.000. The building was a ramshackle affair about to be demolished in a few weeks and while there is astimated to have been machinery of a value of \$20.000

not exceeding \$5,000. The building was a ramshackle affair about to be demolished in a few weeks and while there is astimated to have been machinery of a value of \$20,000 in the place. Hitle damage was igne to it except by water. Probably \$2,500 will cover the loss. Insurance to the amount of \$48,000, 31,000 on the building and \$10,400 on the plant, was carried. The company has just commenced operations on new premises on North Park street, but it will be some two or three months before these are ready for occupation and serious inconvenience will be occasioned through this delay. Until this new structure is completed the company will cease operations. A considerable quantity of laundry, undelivered, was damaged, but as the fire occurred on a Sunday the amount lost was small compared to what would have been destroyed had the fire occurred in the middle of the week.

A passer-by noticed the smoke beliching from the inper windows and rang in an alarm at \$4.45, the brigade responding promptly. When it arrived the flames were pouring through the roof and because of the inflammable nature of surrounding buildings. Chief Davis sent in a general alarm. The sait water high pressure system was byought into play two minutes after the first slarm. Nine streams in allarm was byought into play two minutes after the first slarm. Nine streams in allarm was smale from the slat water and three engine streams. The fire gained great headway in the actil and to get at it an attempt was made from the linding of the structure to pull the celling down. The supports had been burned through and the celling fell with a crash upon the machinery beneath. Chief Davis and Hosemen Ready. Munroe and Cartwight were beneath directing streams and had a narrow escape from serious injury but the machinery held the fallen debris from off the finemen beneath. The flames were fought from the four sides of the structure and within half an hour's time the blaze was under control.

A large crowd numbering several thousand was in attendance and the polic

destroyed.

Six horses stabled at the rear of the premises were saved. Constable Poster succeeded in getting them out while the blaze was at its height. The delivery wagons were also saved and with them a quantity of launday brought in late Saturday night and which had been left overnight in the wagons. About fifty employees will be thrown out of employment.

Kamloops ratepayers have endorsed bylaw to provide \$50,000 for water-

Drastic Provisions Relating to Sale of Intoxicants to Minors and Interdicts-Hon. Mr. Bowser's Bill

Short, but exceedingly drastic in its Liquor Act of 1910 which Attorney General Bowser introduced in the legis lature yesterday and which is designed to eliminate minor defects in the law as they have revealed themselves in the spirit and intent of the act have suffered—through others, the licensees As an example of the latter it ha salers' licenses to send their wagon out into the "unorganized" districts with kegs of beer and cases of bottled goods, these being readily sold to men employed in logging and enstruction camps, etc., to the loss of the local licensees and not in the peace. This reprehensible practice it is proposed to make an end of by the tion, attached to section 59 as it appears in the revised and consolidated

"No licensee having a wholesale license for the sale of liquor from the licensing authority of any municipality shall sell liquor, either himself or by an agent, or allow liquor in his possession or under his control to be sold outside the municipality in which he is so licensed, without having had first under the provisions of this act." Another feature of the act affordi

statutes, reading as follows:

its original form a loophole for the ommission of serious abuses in the fied and strengthened by the amend-ment of section 77 to broadly prohibit a licensee from "giving, delivering or urnishing" intoxicants to minors "for any purpose or upon any pretext what-

A Victoria Blustration

This variation in the text of th statute comprehensively meets the pos honor Judge Lampman in a Victoria case not very long ago, when a little Birl of ten was supplied with beer, the vendon feeling himself justified in the transaction as the child was allegfor her mother.

The most striking innovations features of the amending bill are however, found in its three sections dealing with interdicts, section 101 mak Ing the interdicted person a compeli-able witness and should he refuse upon examination to give information as to where he obtained liquor, rendering him liable to a penalty, upon summary thirty days' imprisonment, with or with-out hard labor at the discretion of the

Not only is a sale to an interdict, as the law already provides, a serious offence, but it is further forbidden by a new section (108) for an interdict to be permitted to frequent or lotter in "any room or place in the licensed prem ises in which there is a har or in which liquor is kept for sale," the penalty provided for infraction of this hibitory section being \$20 fine or thirty

section is most drastic of all, this providing that any interdict discovered b der the influence of liquor may be forthwith apprehended without warran and compelled to divulge the source of his supply. This section is drawn in th following terms:
"Any constable or peace officer

may arrest, without information or warrant, any interdicted person whom he finds in a state of intoxication or under the influence of sion, and may detain him until he can be brought before the nearest police or stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace having juris-diction in the locality in which the arrest is made, who is hereby an thorized and required to proceed summarily and examine, without any unnecessary delay, such inter dicted person, upon oath, as to the person from whom, where and when such liquor was procured; and if such interdicted person refuse to disclose from whom, where and when he procured such liquor, he is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of \$20 and, in default or payment, to imprisonment, with or thirty days, or to both penalty and imprisonment, in the discretion of the convicting magistrate."

Another new section prescribes that presence of empty beer kegs or in quantity may be taken prima facie evidence of the sale or organized districts but equally within city or other municipalities.

Evasion of License Law There is still another section of the new liquor bill which will strike con sternation to the souls of the "blind pigger" and peripatetic "boot-legger," whose fraternity heretofore have looked upon the fines imposed upon them upon arrest and conviction much in the ne cases even inquiring of provincial offi-cers when to expect another "assess prison door as a warning to illicit fiquor sellers, being drawn as follows: "Any person selling, vending, bartering or otherwise disposing of

liquor in contravention of section

66 of this act, and any person keeping or having any liquor for the purpose of selling, trafficking or trading therein or bartering therewith in contravention of section 67 of this act, shall, upon summary conviction for a first offence, be liable to a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$206, and in default of payment to imprisonment with hard labor for not less than six months nor more than twelve months, and upon summary conviction for a second or subsequent oftion for a second or subsequent offence, such person shall be liable to imprisonment with hard labor for not less than twelve months nor more than twenty-one months."

LIGHTKEEPER'S WIFE AND SON DROWNED

Fragedy Occurs off Lawyer Island Light—Ecoper Stood and Watched While Unable to Assist

from Prince Rupert yesterday of the irowning of Mrs. Eisterman, wife of the lighthousekeeper at Lawyer island, and her son, off the Skeena river. The couple, who had put off from the lightsight of the bereaved lightkeeper. A ch has been sent from Prince Ru-

As the steamer Bertha was, passing Lawyer island yesterday morning on her way north, Mr. Elsterman put off in a boat and signalled the steamer. He told the officers of the Bertha of the traand asked them to notify the Prince Rupert wireless station. Elster-man said he saw the boat capsize and stood on the shore watching his wife and son drown without being able

WILL BUILD CANNERY AT NADEN HARBOR

Cetriana Takes Material for Const tion of Plant at the North of Graham Island

ana has reached the Queen Charlotte Ialand bay with lumber and building material for the construction of the salmon canning establishment which is being built by the Wallace Bros. fisheries. J.: E. Gilmore of Prince Rupert took a number of workmen from there to carry

Among the passengers who went north on the Prince Rupert on her last voyage were Thomas Forbes, John Murray and Wm. Wilson, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who were en foute to Skidegate to take charge of the fishing station being established there by the British-Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., they will undertake the establishment of a station for the curing of fish for export.

AUSTRALIAN LINER WILL BURN OIL

Big Steamer for the Union Steamsh Company to Have Big Tanks For Oil Fuel

The new liner building at the John Brown yard at Glasgow for the Victoria and Sydney service will be the first Briand Sydney service will be the first British mail steamer to burn oil. She is to be of 13,500 gross tonnage, 522 feet & inches in length, 66 feet beam and triple screw, driven by combination turbine and reciprocating engines. The tanks will be constructed to carry sufficient oil for the round voyage, and will be shipped at Vancouver. The question of loading fuel there has been occupying the attention of the Union Street. the attention of the Union Steamship of ascertaining the possibility of ves-sels taking oil fuel at a tank up the inlet. Sir James Mills has made a careful study of the actual working results attained on American and Japanese ves-zels on the Pacific using oil.

WANT BAGGAGE INSPECTED

Officers of Pacific Coast Comp mers Ask That Closer Inspection be Made

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Claiming hat the recent attitude of the customs department, in failing to search the per son or baggage of passengers boarding steamships at Puget Sound is working an injustice upon steamship men, Capt. I. N. Hibberd, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, will file a protest to Collector Stratton, Mon-

When the steamship Umatilla arrived from Victoria, B C. Moday, Captain Harris, the commander, reported that during the last two trips of the vessel no effort had been made to inspect the passengers or their effects.

It is claimed that as soon as this be omes known it will act as an incentive for dishonest persons to attempt to smuggle goods into this country. If any contraband is found on board steamship or on the person or in the effects of a passenger, a fine will be assessed against the master of the ship. Harris reported that a number of spe

cial treasury agents actively are engaged sleuthing about the Sound, and that it was suspected that at least two notorious smugglers were on board the steamship when leaving Vancouver. Despite the efforts of the local cus toms men, no contraband was fourd when the ship dooked here today. It is said that since the reapportion ment of the salaries of federal inspect ors there is a noticeable lack of proper virilance, and that the searching is done in a listless and perfunctory manner.

The Church's Duty

The church's duty to the Nation is quite as sacred and quite as obligatory as is the State's. That duty includes the education of the moral faculties and the culture of the religious life of the Nation's citizens. This division of national duties is broadly recognized by the State in its all positive and systematic religious teaching and discipline.—Toronto Globe.

Chilliwack has formed a poultry as ciation with Dr. Davis as president.

STOCKHOLDERS

Mr. James J. Hill Tells Invest-Igating Committee at Washington Story of Lake Superior Ore "Melon" -

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-James J. Iill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railway, told the Stanley trust investigation committee today a story of himself in the role of a philanthropist to the stockholders of the railway company.

Mr. Hill told how he had bought properties for more than four million amount to the Lake Superior Co. Ltd., as trustee for the railway stockholders, and had the stockholders enjoy the increased value of the property which accumulated rapidly and amounted to mil-

at length regarding the lease of these ore lands to the United States Steel which the corporation recently decided to cancel on January 1, 1915. In this 100,000,000 tons of ore of which steel corporation value at \$1 a ton.

said Mr. Hill. The ore freight rate from the Lake Superior region to the Pitts-burs district which the United States Steel corporation recently reduced to 80 cents a ton, Mr. Hill declared to be the cheapest in the country.

"And it will be still lower," said he.
"The next rate will be 50 cents."

THREE LINERS ARE REPORTED BY WIRELESS

Sannki Maru, Empress of India and the otestians in Communicat With the Coast Stations

The steamer Sanuki Maru, Protesliaus and Empress of Todia, which me due in port this week from the Orienti were all reported by wireless yesterday. The Sanuki Maru, Capt. Higo, which is making her initial trip to this port, will what the course wheef on Thursday. Capt. Beetham, will arrive on Friday morning, and the Protesilaus, Capt. Campbell, of the Blue Funnel line, will come to the wharves on Saturday morning. The Sanuki Maru was reported at a distance of 900 miles from port early yesterday, morning, while the Triangle yesterday morning, while the Triangle island operator heard the C. P. R. liner at a distance of 1,400 miles at 2.15 at sterday, and the Protesilaus m. yesterday, and the Protesmans was about twenty miles distant from the white liner.

Activity at Uplands Uplands, Ltd., which has in hand the important work of preparing the fine residential area at Caoboro Bay, comprised in what was, formerly known as Uplands farm, is making good progress. A large force of men is employed, doing the preliminary grading and blasting of the recky fermations, and soon the work of mak-ing streets and putting in lateral con-nections will be gone of with. The confor the completion of helf of the total undertaking by the end of the present Company for some time past, and investigations have been made with a view neighborhood of one and a half million.

> - Britain's Aim We desire to have friendship with the Fatherland, the true kind of friendship. which depends on dignity and self-re-spect on both sides and the absence of useless and bitter recriminations. The melting of the snows in the Balkans may possibly bring us face to face with serious troubles in Albania and Macedonia, and start anew the haunting phantoms of the Near East. All the more reason is there that we should remain loyal to the agreen which we have entered, and do everything in our power to maintain and safeguard the great cause of European

Why Are Churches So Empty? The battle for social amelioration has been fought often with the open opposi-tin of religious organizations. "All the Shaftesbury, in the course of his camland. In the great fight for fundament al justice against the aggressions of privilege—a fight waged slowly and painfully by many organizations, and combinations of men-organized Christianity has been but little interested. It is ready and free with charity but perpertinent question, which is so often put by the indifferent or the hostile, "Why are the churches so empty?" is meeting with no satisfactory reply.— St. John Dally Telegraph.

TORONTO, Feb. 12 .- Premier Whit. ternoon that the government proposed appropriating, \$5,000,000 for colonization settlement and good roads in New On-tario. R. R. Gamey will have charge of

Inquiry Into "Money Trust"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The proposed congressional investigation of the "money trust" received an unlooked for impetus today in the senate and had some developments in the house. Senator Kenyon, progressive Republican, and Senator Lea, progressive Democrat, joined in framing a proposal for an investigation by a committee of six members to be drawn from both houses. This is expected to be introduced in the senate in the form of a joint resolution, which will require the concurrence of the house. require the concurrence of the house.

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