

## **Opposition Leader Exposes Government's** Deal--Challenges Attorney General to Test Validity of Grant in Courts.

No more striking illustration of the | But he did the work of which we are difference in the calibre of the two now reaping the benefit years and in the legislature, or of their years ago before the present governmethod of grappling and dealing with ment was in existence. He did the public questions, could have been af- work years and years ago, and we are forded than that witnessed yesterday, just now enjoying the legitimate result when the leader of the opposition an- of that work in the bearing orchards alyzed the speech from the throne, and of this province. Years ago the young when the leader of the government at- trees were planted, supplied with irritempted to reply to him. The speech gation, and now that the trees have lack opportunities for education. It is of J. A. Macdonald, like all those he come to maturity, and that they are was analytical-mercilessly just beginning to bear fruit, the indelivers, so-and the first minister in his reply dustry is beginning to receive that attempted only the weakest kind of recognition and appreciation which it defence. Mr. Macdonald's speech was deserves. It has come to its present such an excellent commentary on the condition through years of labor and speech, and his criitcisms thereon were cultivation, not through anything the so trenchent, that it is reproduced ver government has done during the past year.

Mr. Macdonald said: I thought that As to mining, the mover of the ad-I should be able to congratulate my dress stated that the reason the refriend, the fourth member for Van- turns from this source were so much couver, upon one of the best speeches larger than they had been since 1901 delivered in the House since I have was because the government of this been a member of it. In fact I feit province had not touched during the first part of his speech that he was saying a great deal of what we had been led to expect would be, and which ought to have been, said by the mover of the address had been in His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in this House during the last few sesthe speech from the throne. That honmember, who has just taken before last-he would have remember his seat, referred to matters of real ed that the premier of the province, provincial interest when he was is- the membr for Dewdney, had made cussing the Municipal Act, the protec- promises after promise that he would tion of our forests from fires, and other remedy defects in the mining laws matters with which the people of this province are in sympathy and which they have been expecting the govern- prejudicial to the best interests of the ment to deal with during the past sessions of this House. Unfortunately the latter part of the honorable member's speech was taken up in discussing matters which are of no interest to the people of this province. We have had from time to time attacks made upon the government at Ottawa, (Applause.) and upon the legislation enacted there with regard to the Northwest. We have also heard stump speeches delivered, not alone by the member for Vancouver, but we flattered ourselves that to-day his speech would be confined to matters relating to the province, and that he would not break out in the way he has this afternoon. Now I had no hesitation, Mr. Speak- if we are to be congratulated upon er, in welcoming to this House, on behalf of the Liberals, our friend the

no ill-feeling because the electors have seen fit to elect the gentleman who now sits in this House instead of the cause of, I might almost say in spite candidate whom we put before them. We feel that when a stranges has been elected to this House that, as the representative of his constituents, he is entitled to, and will always receive

minute-of-council relating to the ter-Mr. Speaker, I have no hesitation in people. the gravest way has now worked itself Capt. Wallace Langley Says District sentative in Canada, was to-day senin particular, going through the difthe harbors of Hali minus of the Grand Trunk Pacific rail-The same policy was followed last saying that the task imposed upon the out in a manner satisfactory to all Will Be Biggest Producer tenced by Judge McCrimmon, sen t nortion of the province, and mover and seconder of the address way. The mover of the address said session when the government came t and on this coast t judge of the county of Ontario, to six making pledges that as soon as they concerned. that he was alarmed when he first deal with the in North. Vancouver. was one of the most difficult ever imwere returned to power again, this In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, let me nonths with hard labor in the Central They will not be heard of it. I will venture to say that posed on a member of this House. Bequestion of the encouragement of the prison, Toronto. Songhees Reserve. say that I think every member of this Capt. Wallace Langley, of this city the first reports were not in the slightsense that Hongkon cause of the different speeches from "The charge against the prisoner was House will experience a feeling of re- arrived home from the north on Sunest degree more alarming than the There is a valuable asset to the prov-Building of Railways the throne which I have listened to, I should be immediately taken up and document itself. The first reports ince, and also to the city of Victoria. gret at not seeing our friend W. W. B. day, having reached Seattle on Saturtoria was in the of 'aiding, counselling and abetting days, namely, that think it would be difficult to find one one Marshal Harmon, of Victoria McInnes in his accustomed place. You day. During the past year Capt. Langmore barren and more unprofitable dealt with. During the whole of last came out that the government had The reserve is situated almost in the mune from the opera Corners, Township of Brock, in neglect on the other side disagreed with him | ley has been engaged in navigation on sold 10.000 acres of Kaien Island for \$1 heart of the city of Victoria, and it has but they will be free than the one read the other day. The promises and at the end of the ses- an acre, but what do we find when the been an eyesore to the people of Vic- in politics, but I think you will join the Yukon and Tanana, being owner session we find the premier making in securing medical assistance during portant a way, beca only merit the speech can claim is document comes to hand? We find the toria for years. It is a piece of land with us in a hearty feeling of regret of the steamer Wilbur Crimmon and his wife's last illness to relieve shipping e that it permits of giving unbounded sion, as an excuse for his failure to do "Harmon's wife died early last sumthat he has ceased to be a member of the fleet of barges operated in conas he had promised, he promised a government, purporting to act under of exceptional value, and the governsummer session to deal with the railscope to the orator's imagination. I mer, her illness being a severe case of am only sorry that the mover did not dropsy, which developed one week af-39 of the Land Act, has undertaken to be dealt with by this legislature as the genial smile, his eloquence and his ENTERTAINMENT ply between Fort Gibbon, Chena and do as the seconder did, and give us way question. Yet it is known to ter confinement. The husband was a genius-a loss alike to the province at Fairbanks. The captain left Fairgive to the Grand Trunk Pacific a representatives of the people. It was tention of carrying out his pledges, he bonus towards the construction of that taken out of the control of the general large and to this House. He has, and banks for Victoria on the 9th of Sephis own views upon public matters. faith cure believer, and refused to alevery one that, if he had ever any in-VIS!T The government takes great credit low neighbors who wished to render has broken away from that intention. road contrary to the provisions of the Land Act and placed in the hands of it is a matter for congratulation, been tember, and had to mush out for the for the flourishing assistance, entrance to the house. act. I have no hesitation in saying the Chief Commissioner of Lands and appointed to a higher position, and I greater part of the distance to the "He sent to Toronto for High Apostle We find that he says in the opening Condition of the Lumber Industry. of the third session that he has this that the government has done this in Works or the Lieutenant-Governor-indon't think that the reference made by coast. rooks, and met him at Uxbridge sta Jerome K. Jerome an Now if the present flourishing condithe mover to the address that the last Before leaving Fairbanks there had the face and in the teeth of the stat- Council. to say in reference to the construction tion, ten miles distant from the Har two eccupants of his seat had received tion of the lumber was due in any way Then follows this Kaien Island deal. been some severe cold weather, when utes of this province, and the proof Amuse Large Crow of railways in this province: That he mon house. During his trip to the stawhat he termed "fat jobs" can be hopes in the future, in the near fu- may be found in the minute-of-council I say that there is a steady effort to to any legislature by the government. the thermometer never registered less tion to meet the elder, his wife was fairly applied to the apopintment of than 45 degrees below zero. Following I should like to have heard the mover Hall Last itself. Section 39 of the Land Act pro- deal with the assets of the province ture it will not be necessary to burden our old friend, W. W. B. McInnes. this, however, came a spell of good left alone at home helpless with an inor seconder explain how that came vides that the Lieut.-Governor in without consulting the representatives fant seven days old. Brooks remaine the people further for the construction That he is worthy of the office to which about. I have failed to find it from weather, and this prevailed on the Council may make grants of public of the people in this House. I hope of railways or to alienate any portion with the woman for a few hours, and he was appointed none of us will deny. an investigation of the legislation, but greater part of the trip to the coast. lands for immigration purposes or that before they go back to the people The merit of th of the public lands in the form of Since his appointment he has done About half way up the Delta river opprayed with the patient. The husband I find from an investigation of the other purposes of public advantage for election my honorable friends will grants or subsidies to railway corporthen drove him back to the station Jerome K. Jerome a much towards the improvement of public accounts that the present taxanot being bonuses for the construction come out very plainly not only in reposite a place called Nigger Bill's, the ations. We all hope that, Mr. Speaker, leaving the poor wife alone a second Loomis in collaborat matters in the Yukon, and if at some tion borne by the lumber industry i of railways. There is an express pro-hibition against giving the lands for also with regard to this disposal of river overflowed, and the party numtute hall could not We hope that the potentialities will be future time, after his period of office heavier than ever before. The real bering eleven men and three ladies had strikingly demonstra such as to induce the building of the "To-day Elder Brooks was asked b has expired, he should return to the railways without assistance, in fact the purpose of encouraging railway public lands. If the government goes to explanation of the improved condition to "siwash" it on a bar exposed to a insistence with which the judge if he had anything to say province. I have no doubt that we cold gale of wind blowing down the of the lumber industry is the better construction, and yet we find in this very minute-of-council it is stated that ing before the people what it proposes demanded an encore that the potentialities will be such that will welcome Mr. McInnes back as a river drifting sand like snow. They and he took advantage of the judge price obtainable for lumber, and the pletion of the program the people will not have to be taxed, offer to deliver a half an hour's har member of this House. (App'ause, but that the natural resources of the in addition to the land granted being to do with the public lands, if the Preenhanced market in the Northwest. were compelled to wait over until the parture of the Seatle rangue, quoting Scripture in support of province will be sufficient to pay the a terminus, it is to be a townsite. It mier goes to the people claiming that during which the honorable member It was also claimed in a half-heartmoon arose before making progress. If made it impossible his belief. He admitted that he had resumed his seat.) ed sort of way that the present govis not given for railway purposes wherever, in his opinion, it is in the the party had not to follow this river distinguished authors current expenditure without exacting told Mrs. Harmon and her husband ernment was responsible for the sucfrom the people a further amount of alone, it is not because it is necessary public interest to give a grant of land and the Tanana, but could have made tertainment, as they l that if they depended on the arm of cess and improvement in the OCEAN GOING RAFTS. for the right-of-way, the yards, round- for railway purposes, to give the land use of a continuous land trail, Captain age for the Sound. money. We all hope these things, but flesh for a cure they could not expect there is not a single sentence in the houses and wharves, but it is given as to a railway company or an individual, Langley says he would have reached Fruit-Growing Industry. torians who attended assistance from the Almighty. Dunsmuir's Colliers May Be Employed speech indicating what the govern- a townsite to be sold to you and I and if he goes to the country with the im-Victoria two months ago. Speaking of that their failure to r "His honor here interrupted the Now I think that in some sections of in Towing Them to California. ment propose to do as regards the rail-way situation. the rest, to be sold as town lots and pression abroad that that is his policy, he will find that the people of the the Tanana, he says that the district unwillingness. It wa this province-I think in all-that if prisoner with the remark that he say will be a wonder for a gold producing lack of time, and Mes way situation. the fruit-growers heard that it had that he had supplied himself with H. R. Robertson, who is here in the country. While there was an output It is well known-perhaps better that carrying out either the letter or country are not prepared to allow the Loomis both aftery been claimed that the present governounsel in flesh in the person of Wi interests of the Robertson Lumber & known to the seconder of the address the spirit of that act? If it is, it is public assets to remain in the hands their sincere acknowl of seven million from the Tanana disment had done anything substantial E. Sinclair, barrister of Oshawa. Th Transportation Co. Mr. Robertson -that the premier and the members of permissible for the Lieutenant-Gov- of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. trict last year, he said it will not be towards the success of indistry, there evident warmth of th prisoner laughed, and admitted has had several conferences with the the government, with perhaps one or ernor-in-Council to make grants of the but that they will demand that their less than double that amount next their hearers. would be a great deal of amusement. wasn't altogether relying on divine a members of the government, and also Take the Kootenay district, where the two exceptions, were in favor of giving most valuable pieces of land in the representatives be consulted. (Apyear. As for the year after next, the It would be difficult in this trial. with lumbermen, and is sanguine that yield will exceed anything that has province, and they have granted the plause.) greatest advances have been made to a large trans-continental railway "The judge delivered a scathing adquate description of " his proposal, already alluded to in the corporation \$1,500,000 of the people's most valuable piece of land that the The seconder referred to a subject ever come out of the Klondike. The around Kootenay lake and the Columtwo great humorists. dress to the prisoner on sentencin Times, will be carried out. captain could not speak favorably of government had to deal with, they which I had intended to dwell upon at money for the construction of a railhave given that title bia river. There they have made He expects to build a plant on the him. great strides and have their own Fruit road which is now being constructed have given it to a railway corporation. some considerable length. He the Kantishnat. With deep diggings has ance it can scarcely 'There have been several , of the Fraser, as expensive as that of a sawand thawed ground he does not con Growers' Association. What do we without the assistance of one dollar of Fifteen square miles, because that is dealt very ably with it. The subject Dowieites in attendance during the correctly. They are a mill, with cradle, in which to construct what 10,000 acres means, 15 miles of is the sider the country has a very bright find when they applied for some as- the money of the public. It was mainstyle as it is possible trial, and they have been industriously his enormous ocean going rafts and sistance towards the holding of a fruit ly through the efforts of the seconder the choicest piece of land, that which outlook, although Eureka has shown Protection of Our Forests in compairing them it engaged in the distribution of the derricks and other appliances for loadup well. Clery, Ester and Dome creeks fair in Nelson? That assistance was that that scheme was overthrown. It will be the future metropolis of the from fire. It is stated upon the very an unbiased person to literature throughout the town. ing. If he is successful in getting north, they have given away, for what? best authority, in fact it cannot be dewill be the best producers next year. the funnier. Mr. Jero refused by the government, and the is due to him and one or two others through the necessary legislation sus Good pay has also been found just bemembers of this Fruit Growers' Asso- now supporting the government, to For a bonus to that road and for the sisted of the relation of nied that our forests are yearly being pending the export duty on small ciation had themselves to bear the ex-them is due the fact that the province purpose of securing a profit by selling denuded by fires, and that there is no sticks, he hopes to take two rafts out -During the past few weeks large low, where the Clery empties into the while travelling on the numbers of visitors have arrived from the lots to those who choose to buy. Chatenica. pense of that exhibition of fruit, an is not now saddled with a debt of \$1,mpressions of German provision made to protect the timber of the Fraser this summer. The raft Manitoba and the Northwest. A close Capt. Langley has not yet decided bright little sketchesexhibition that was not only a credit 500,000 towards the construction of a If it is permissible to give away 10.from these forest fires. It is true that itself will accommodate 6,000,000 feet. examination of the registers of the difwhether he will go back over the trail 000 acres without consulting the people a certain number of fire wardens have and it is then towed to the yards at to those who got it up, but which did railway in Similkameen, and that to a ferent hotels shows that an average o dryly humorous fas or construct a light draft steamer at a great deal towards advertising the corporation which has, in all conof this province, or their representain some instances, wit been appointed. Their numbers are Chemainus, Vancouver or any other between 15 and 25 arrive daily. This is Lower La Barge for the upper Tanana tives, the members of this House, then ing touch of sarcasm. fruit of the province, not only in East+ science, received enough from the peomuch too few, and they are widely point where "sorts" can be obtained a striking evidence of the beneficial rethis coming season. it is permissible to give every townsite scattered, and so are absolutely unnumber of stories wri ern Canada, because the tariff commis- ple of Canada. (Applause.) to receive its deck load of the smaller sult of the extensive advertising crusioners were there in Nelson at the on the 800 miles of this road in the able to cope with the situation. I material, a large portion of which is in which he showed Credit is also taken because the sade carried on by the Victoria Tourist GIRLS FOUGHT DUEL province, and every valuable piece of would have been pleased to see some now commercially valuelss and is quaintance with the sl logues for which his wo time, but did a great deal towards the Association. The secretary, H. Cuth-Government Has a Surplus. land through which the railway passes reference made in the speech to some burnt for firewood. success of the exhibits in London and bert, states that he is continually rethe capturing of the prizes awarded Now such credit might as well be to the Grand Trunk Railway Company. project having for its object the pro-They Were Rivals in Love-One of ceiving applications for accommoda-Tated. These cradles in which the rafts are C. H. Lugrin occupie Where Is This Going to Stop? No. Mr. Speaker, the present taken by a robber after he had re-Duelists Fatally Wounded. there. per protection of these very valuable built cost about \$7,000, and as soon as tion at comfortable boarding houses, government has done nothing, and no lieved his victim of his possessions, be- If you can give away every townsite after a few appropriat assets. However, the seconder to the the raft is completed they are availmost of the arrivals from the prairie single speaker has so far adverted to cause he too would have a surplus. from one end of the province to the address has dealt with that subject, able for the construction of another. Mexico City, Jan. 15 .- Two girls, provinces preferring the privacy of troduced Jerome K. Jer famous author of " instance in which the govern- (Laughter.) The finance minister has other, everything which is of real value and has shown himself in so far to be Nichil Elizalde and Franca Nuente, such places to the ordinary hotels. The The rafts themselves are 730 feet in Bicycles," "Three Mer ment has done anything for the assist- shown himself an expert at relieving apart from the farming lands, and the more progressive than his leader. He length, and are not towed as are the rivals in love, decided to settle the majority also intend to spend the win-"Idle Thoughts of an which has attained s ance of the fruit growing industry. It the people of their money and getting minerals, and the timber, if you can has shown that he has a larger grasp ordinary raft by means of a tug. In question of possession of their lover by ter here, thus escaping the intense cold Is true that Mr. Palmer a man who it into the treasury. If that is what give away everything that is of special of public affairs of moment than the fact Mr. Robertson while in Victoria a duel. They met in the field in the prevailing throughout the interior. For has done more, perhaps, than any is going to build the province then the province then the province then the province then the province for the in- finance minister is entitled to credit road, in the face of the Land Act, preparation of the speech from the preparation of the speech from the province for the in- those having rooms to leave their a that their circulation is gentleman who is responsible for the had several conferences with the firm suburbs of the city and fought with these reasons Mr. Cuthbert wishes all a typical Englishman Mr. To Jerome hadn't terests of the industry-it is true that and more. I think that we will never where is this going to stop? There employing their colliers for towing five times and fatally wounded. The dresses with him at his offices, Fort throne. he is an official of the government. build up this province by taxation. will be no necessity to come to this I do not wish to close without some purposes. The plan would be to tow surviving duelist has been arrested. street, sentences last night bef and the second

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Taxation is not the whole business of legislature and ask for a bonus, or to a finance minister. I admit that it is ask us to assent to giving away the a part of his business. I admit, as far as my honorable friend is concerned, will be necessary will be for the Prethat it is part of his business to inflict mier to declare that it is to the public taxation upon the people, but it is the advantage, and by a minute-of-council business of a statesmanlike minister of to give it away for the assisting or ennance to attempt out of the valuable couraging of every railway that comes ublic resources of this province to along. I suppose it will be denied that my meet the burden of current expendi-

In a lot of

taxes upon the people.

that we had the freest schools in

where the parents might reside, need

Canada, that no child, no matter

now said, and said by trustees and the

reeves of the different rural districts,

that the present act deprives the peo-

ple of those free schools upon which

school sections we find the trustees re-

signing and in others refusing to act.

And why is it? Is it because these

people are wrong in the position they

take and the government right, or is

it because these people know the local

impossibility of carrying out that act?

In different

nditions, and, therefore, know the it to Ernest Victor Bodwell.

we prided ourselves.

speech to the

ture without heaping these additional position is sound, but I will say this, axes upon the people. Mr.' Speaker, we have an attorney-gen-No reference is to be found in this eral, the head of the legal profession in this province, a gentleman of great learning, I would ask him if he is pre-

School Act pared to get up in his place in this passed during the last session, which House and affirm that he will guaranwe then contended was merely a mattee the minute-of-council, and say that ter of revenue, and was intended to the government have the power to relieve the treasury of the province of a grant that land, not for terminal facilities, but for a townsite-that the govlarge burden in connection with the ernment have the right by that minuteschools. I presume that my honorable friends opposite have followed public of-council to give that valuable townopinion in regard to that. There is a site to the Grand Trunk Railway Comstrong impression from one end of the pany I say that if he will get up in province to the other that that act was his place, and declare that it is in acan interference with the free schools of British Cclumbia. It was the boast purports to follow, I will challenge him of the people of British Columbia up to to go before the courts of this provthe time of the passage of that act ince, or the highest courts in the Em-

on the face of it. Take the facts, when cordance with the statute which it the metal has got up to a price where there is a profit, every cent, yes and every half cent, every fraction cent, makes a difference and puts up pire, and test the question. In his own the profit. When we find, as in the position of attorney-general he can case of copper, the price advanced test the question for himself, and can from 11c. to 17c., one can easily unfind out whether or not it can be said derstand the immense impetus the inthat the giving of ten square miles of creased price of metals has given to the people's land at the terminus of a the industry. What is true of copper railway for a townsite to the railway is true of lead, zinc and other metals. falls within section 39 of the Land Act. There is another matter in connec-I have no doubt that my honorable tion with mining to which I trust ] shall not be accused of egotism if I friend will Not Accept That Challenge.

being

This

have given him fifteen square miles of

neared as their solicitor, but it is not

Clique of Speculators

policy inaugurated by this government

from the start. It commenced with

the giving to a few favored indi-

viduals of lands on Kitimaat harbor,

which were on reserve. The public

were excluded. The ordinary public,

ernment, have no business to get any

it was given to a

refer. It will be remembered that a bill was introduced into the House by They have not strictly according to the the honorable member for Nanaimo, minute-of-council given this land to having for its object the reduction of the railway company; they have given the

metals has gone up.

Working Hours in Smelters

reference to the improved conditions in

the mining sections of the province. It

is quite true that we have increased in

lead above the bounty price, and zinc

up to a price never reached in the past.

The attempt on the part of the mover

of the address to attribute the present

prosperity to the government is absurd

from 12 hours to 8 That hill was defeated in this House, and while it was up for discussion I took occasion to refer to the condition of the mining indocument made out in the name of dustry as just recovering from a period of depression. I pointed out to the resentative of the Grand Trunk, he apminister of mines that while I could not, and would not, agree to the continuance of a system which compelled a man to work for 12 hours, I thought the time inopportune to encourage of hildren by seeing that the best is piece of valuable land was tied up in precipitate a strike throughout province. It was intended by that bill that the eight-hour law should no come into force for a year. I pointed out that during that year of grace about it at all, and it was for Ernest given to the employers it was quite Victor Bodwell to obtain the location feasible that the employers and em of the terminus upon these lands. If ployed should come together and ar he was acting strictly for the Grand range schedule of hours satisfactory Trunk there was no necessity for to both, and thereby avoid the loss of another industrial strike which would he was being placed in a position have been a loss to the owners, and meant serious loss to the workingmen and the merchants depending on the apart from the Grand Trunk. This prosperity of the industry. I am glad to say that since we have met here was not given to the Grand Trunk, but such a meeting of the employers and employed has been held, and the result has been satisfactory. I take no great credit to myself for my efforts in this to make a profit out of it, and then hand it over to the railway company. direction because I think it is the duty of every public man to endeavor to Now this act of giving by minute-ofameliorate such conditions. I comouncil the lands of the province to a orporation is merely following out the

It was a bad smash-up. municated with the owners of the was pinned between the boiler and smelters and their employees as to this smoking car, and died at the scene of question of the reduction of the workthe wreck. His legs were crushed, and ing hours from 12 to 8 per day, and he begged the train crew not to cut off suggested that they should come to a his legs to release him Paul B. Thompson, of Seattle, a pas square understanding on the matter, and avoid the friction between emsenger agent of the Illinois Central, ployers and employees, which has done has an ankle sprained and a so much to injure the province. I am wound on the knee. Charles Hoffercamp, of Blaine, had his back injured. glad to say that my advice was taken. and the result has been the

tion and applied the brakes, and then the transportation grants are made to them over the Reduction of the Working Hours from this side of the House, the same n which the government have shirked no doubt his firm religious beliefs has stuck to his post. The fireman was unthese surveys of the land might be heads of those really entitled to them. has just completed welcome as though he sat on this side from 12 to 8 in every smelter in the upagain placed him within the firm the question that they have promised injured. has his way, the go made. That was the policy adopted in conof the House. I have the greatest to deal with ever since they came, nay, per country, and it was done without clutches of the law. A dispatch dated Now, Mr. Speaker, credit has been nection with the land at Kitimaat harada will inaugurate pleasure in extending a welcome to our friction between the employers and before they came into power. Prior to January 8th says in part: bor, the same policy of taking the dis-HOME FROM TANANA. ports on both the taken by the government for the pas-"Rev. Eugene Brooke, a Dowieite friend the member for Alberni. (Apemployed, so that I trust that a matthe elections of 1903 we find the memsage of what has been denominated a posal of the public lands out of the seaboards. plause.) ter which threatened the province in leader at Toronto, and Dowie's reprebers of the government, the premier On the Atlantic

these vessels with their ordinary com plement of coal for San Francisc where they would take up the raft tow and take it along for San Diego. Mr. Robertson prefers employing this He states that many of the millmen are very anxious to have his plan adopted, as at present there is an mormous waste involved in lumbering operations. Nothing under 17-inch umber is accepted at the mill, and the result is that the logger leaves on the

ber which provide feed for forest fires. Appellants in Nelson Case Contend Tha MIDWAY & VERNON. boom that took place some years ago.

That is passing away, and the price of Question Is Raised as to Whether Sub-We find copper sidy Should Be Paid. and silver higher than eight years ago,

> The local government will this ses sion he asked to make clear whether or not a subsidy is to be paid the Mid-Argument was concluded Monda way & Vernon railway, which it is bein the case of West Kootenay Powe ing sought to have built now. The Company vs. The City of Nelson, Argu work was commenced by A. A. Arthur, of New York, a few months ago. The ment has been in progress for a uncertainty as to whether the province commencing last Tuesday. The would pay the original subsidy granted was represented by E. V. B. Bodwa of \$5,000 a mile led to financial diffi- K. C., and W. A. Macdonald, culties, and work has been suspended. power company by Messrs. Mach An attempt is now being made to and Lenie. Additional evidence tak it made certain whether the pro- by order of the court was conside vincial subsidy will be paid or not. The in connection with evidence taken provincial government is understood to the time of trial. aim that some of the conditions ne-For the city it was contended cessary to the paying of the subsidy the damage apprehended by the no

have not been complied with. company was unwarranted, and th D. 'McIntosh, of Greenwood, is in the the evidence showed, that from city on this business. He is anxious place where rock was being denor it is said to have the government make to the point of intake of the canal an absolute announcement in the mat- the lower falls was uphill according ter.

**NEAR VANCOUVER** 

NORTHERN TRAIN KILLED

Wreck Caused by Log Which Had Fal-

len Across Track-Two Pas-

sengers Injured.

Vancouver, Jan. 16 .- The Great Nor-

thern limited, from Seattle, last night

ran into a log which had fallen across

the V., W. & Y. track near Burnaby

lake, between Vancouver and West-

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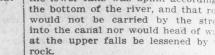
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BROOKS SENTENCED

Former Victoria Dowieité Elder Given Six Months With Hard Labor in Toronto.

Doubtless many Victorians reme er the Rev. Eugene Brooks, who re sided here some years ago and had charge of a congregation of Dowieit followers. It will be recalled that of several occasions he was called befor the police magistrate as a result of a leged failure to obtain medical aid cases of necessity, the outcome which was fatal. His contention was that medicine and the practices of the profession were useless, and that ure could be effected only by faith and praver. Since Jeaving Victoria Elder Brooks, a cognomen unde which he is better known, has resided in different parts of Eastern Canada. Word has now been received that his zeal in carrying into practice what are

I do not for one moment approve of land at the terminus for the purpose the trustees resigning their offices be- of his obtaining the terminus cause they are dissatisfied with the upon that piece of land. Why is this The Mining Laws school act. I think it is the duty of the trustees to look first after the edu- Ernest Victor Bodwell? He is the repsince they came into power. Well, if cation of the children placed under their charge whether they agree with the law or whether they disagree with the usual to make out documents in the sions-more particularly the session law. It ought to be carried out, and name of the solicitor, but in the name they ought to do their duty as the of the client. The reason I will leave guardians of the interests of these to the members of this House. made of a bad act. It is the duty of the hands of Ernest Victor Bodwell, this House after seeing the opposition and those who surrounded him before with reference to taxation on minerals raised against that act to come at the ever the Grand Trunk were consulted which he declared to be unfair and present session of the legislature and industry. He made promise after Repeal That Act. promise to that effect, and now (applause.) and restore to the people find a supporter of his government taking credit for the present governthe free schools of the past I submit that there should have been granting the land the way it was, but ment because the premier had not car ried out his promises made to this something said in the speech from the throne with regard to many of the where he could get something out of House and the people of the province. public questions which are now agitat- it for himself or for his associates We find that the whole of the speech

of His Honor, and that of the mover, are characteristic of the real author. It is simply a sort of commentary addressed to the people of the province and the members of this House, congratulating them upon this, and congratulating them upon that, subjects in the main for congratulation. But

these subjects and upon the prosperity of the province, it is because of the present member of Alberni. We have energy of the people, and because the people have resources and the capital to invest in those resources, not beof, anything this government has done for them. (Applause.)

Now if there is one thing that would strike one more than another on a perusal of the speech, it is the manner

ing the minds of the people. It has been a cause of serious complaint that land given for the public advantage settlers coming in are unable to ascertain what lands are open for settle ment and what lands are not so open pointed out in other sessions that it was the bounden duty of the government to Have Surveys Made so that settlers coming in would be

able to get a title to the lands upon which they settled. I find. no reference in the speech to that subject. I to not find the government awake to the necessity of such a measure, although the people are entirely awake the urgent necessity existing. It according to the notions of this govhas been demanded from time to time that there should be some systematic

public lands. The land is put under arrangement, some systematic plan, reserve and favorites come in, and dopted by the government so that

prosperity throughout the mining secmethod to using tugs. tions of the province. I have always had the most enduring faith in the mineral resources of British Columbia; I have always had the most enduring faith in the energy and courage of the people engaged in mining to make that industry a success. It is true that for two or three years past we have been ground a lot of tops and smaller timsuffering under a depression; it has been suffering from low prices caused by the reaction from the unhealthy