did not think the premier meant b slead the house. It was the provincial retary's work to attend to the matter resolution was negatived on a dion of 15 to 9. Hon. Mr. Davie presented papers

ecting the case of Davies vs. McMil fr. Kitchen asked the premier: it the intention of the government anything to redeem the premier's prom made at Chilliwack in regard to the unds did the executive decline to carry illiwack railroad? (2.) the legislation of last session regard-Chilliwack railroad? Ion. Mr. Davie-Oh, that's out of or

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision don. Mr. Davie continued the debate on don. Mr. Davie continued the departe on Creditors' Trust Deeds bill. There re, he said, good points in the bill ien the previous bill was passed there re only two registry offices in the provso it was not so difficult to register ignments all over the province. before the house remedied it. The use that provided that an assignment ould take precedence of all judgments uld meet with objections. There was much objection to other portions bill, although it should be approached th timidity as mistakes could easily, ep into such legislation. He would

bill was read a second time. Ion. Mr. Davie presented an order-inncil respecting law and order in the thern portion of the province. The house went into committee on the

however, vote against the bill.

The hon, gentleman from Cowichan disdefended the mountain goat. ne said, a harmless creature and does even get "as full as a goat," no matwhat the provocation. The member Lillooet at this point took a hand in 'game' and called down the memrom Cowichan. He defended himagainst the aspersions that he was pot-hunter" but maintained that he d take his chances in a "jack-pot." leader of the opposition "chipped-in" so did the member for Comox who "hunter" and took a shot at

Ion. Mr. Beaven moved an amendnt which would allow deerskins to be The amendment was lost. he bill was reported complete with

consideration of the report on the cipal bill, Mr. Brown moved an idment to the declaration for voters gree with the qualifications placed in It was adopted. Kitchen moved an amendment es-

ishing householder qualifications in rumunicipalities. Adopted. Ir. Anderson moved the following as w sub-section: "To limit and define area adjoining and surrounding the c markets of the said corporation, ain which area so established by the cil no fish, game, poultry, or other cles which the council may deem obonable shall be sold, or exposed for except at the public market or mar-

lty for any contravention thereof amendment was negatived. on. Mr. Beaven moved an amendproviding that a by-law to be passuld receive the support of 65 per of those who vote. The amendment

within the said area, and to fix a

on. Mr. Beaven moved the following a new section: No by-law for borng money, which is not to be reable within the then current year, or contracting a debt or otherwise upon credit of a corporation of a city muni lity to meet an expenditure or to ina liability beyond the municipal revfor the current year, shall be in ced or passed by the council of the oration unless (in addition to the rements in that respect) a pe on signed by the owners of the land or operty in the limits of the munici subject to taxation, and representat least one-half la value of the land eal property on the then last revised nent roll, has first been presented the council requesting that a by-law be introduced and considered by the ncil, stating definitely its purpose s, Mr. Beaven contended, was neces as the house had practically abolishproperty qualifications.

he amendment was lost. he house rose at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION. Grant moved an amendment to the icinal hill which would provide that corporation should pay their share local improvement works. 'Adopted. ion. Mr. Beaven moved the followas a new clause: "235. The person whom a new license to sell by retail been granted and issued shall not be tled or allowed to transfer the same any other person, but if he desires a wal of the said license in his own ie he shall make application for such wal, personally or by agent, to the rd of licensing commissioners sitting open court, and the said board may at or refuse a renewal of the same its discretion." This, Mr. Beaven imposed no new regulation on the se holders; it simply made it necesfor the license holder to advertise

renewal. Speaker ruled that the amendwith the exception of the first nes, was out of order, as a similar on had been negatived at the same of the bill.

on. Mr. Beaven amended the resoluas suggested, and it was negative

Grant moved an amendment prong for a board of commissioners to with the sinking funds of Victoria. proposed clause to deal with this

115 a. A board of commissioners, sisting of three persons to be appointas hereinafter mentioned, shall have control and management of all the ting funds and interest of the cor ation of the city of Victoria, and of moneys realized from special loans I such time as the same be required the purpose or purposes for which were obtained. Such board of comoners may invest such sinking funds er in acquiring local improvement deures issued by the said corporation, n first mortgage of real estate, prothat no advance shall be made on tgage as aforesaid for an amoun ter than one-third of the assessed of such real estate, and at a rate nterest not greater than seven per, or may be deposited in any charbank doing business in the said of Victoria from time to time as may essary, but in no case shall any stment of any particular sinking fund any unexpended moneys or special be made for a period longer than periods specified in the by-law or authority authorizing such loans nich the same matures, or in case

nexpended moneys beyond a period

one year; and all interest and accumu- tion are, and some people say they should or Japanese miners or mine laborers. ions arising from such investments as be punished. The way to obtain good teachers was to give them some power. aid shall be subject to be dealt like manner and as aforesaid. Mr. Semlin said the council absorbed corporation of the city of Victoria all the power, so it was useless to elect appoint, by resolution under the the corporation, one of such com-

Mr. McKenzie considered the proposed ners; the Lieutenant-Governor in amendment a good one. The government cil may, by order in council, appoint dismissed teachers for political causes f such commissioners; and the third Why should not teachers be free? The government could claim no right to medjudge of the supreme court of dle with the teachers in the cities. The amendment was lost.

h commissioners shall be appointed

and all sinking funds and accumulat-

Such commissioners may be

be mutually agreed upon by the

enant-Governor in council, to be

Milne pointed out that money had

borrowed in England on the under-

tanding that the sinking funds would

placed in a chartered bank. The pro-

Hon. Mr. Turner opposed the amend-

Hon. Mr. Beaven said it was needless

with the holders of debentures. The city

amendment was negatived.

Mr. Grant moved the following as a

special purpose by the authority of a

undesirable to expend for such purpose

for the council to place before the rate-

subject to the provisions of the Munici-

pal act, 1892, and amendments as to the

passage of by-laws for creating debts."

Mr. Grant moved to strike out clause

nterest on taxes not paid before Decem-

Hon. Mr. Davie moved the following

letters patent of incorporation to a dis-

trict municipality, vary the boundaries

of the district as mentioned in the peti-

rion, for the purpose of making the same

regular and in conformity with the boun-

so that no small piece of land may be

excluded from any municipality or otherwise, as may be expedient." Adopt-

The report of the bill was adopted as

The cattle act amendment bill was

The house went into committee, Mr.

Smith in the chair, to consider the li-

Mr. Brown moved the the committee

rise. This brought about a long discussion, the motion finally being voted

viding that no license shall be issued to

adopted and the bill was reported com-

o do anything in regard to the Chilli-

wack railroad? 2. On what grounds did

the executive fail to carry out the legis-

ation of last session regarding the Chil-

Hon. Mr. Davie deferred his answer.

rears on timber royalties would be print-

flon. Mr. Davie contended that such

Mr. Brown said it should be printed,

as it was rumored around that the gov-

The drainage, dyking and irrigation

and the county courts bills were finally

The consideration of the report of the

school bill to amend sub-section 10 to

read as follows: "To suspend or cancel

for immorality the certificate of qualifi-

cation of any teacher: provided always

that such teacher may appeal from any

such order to the county court judge of

the district, or to a supreme court judge,

who shall have power to take evidence

and confirm or reverse the decision of

Mr. Semlin said the amendment would

prevent the government from cancelling

the certificates of teachers because they

wict of such trustees, and may remove

tion of removal or dismissal, and the

salary in lieu of notice, where any teach-

er has been suspended by the trustees

that in any case where the trustees

have dismissed or suspended any teacher

on a charge of gross misconduct, such

teacher may appeal to the county court

judge of the district, who shall have

power to take evidence and confirm or

he shall not order the teacher to be re-

instated in the same school without the

Dr. Milne said this did away with the

provision that the council of public in-

not to the council. It was absurd to say

ruction could order the trustees to dis-

teacher. Then also the clause

a teacher to appeal to a judge,

teacher should appeal to the body

Col. Baker said this was another

to take power out of the hands council of public instruction. It

the interests of the teachers that

ouncil, not the trustees, should dis-

Mr. Beaven-We know who the

niss the teachers. It was not what some

members of the council of public instruc-

sent of the trustees."

the decision of the trustees; but

gross misconduct: Provided always

criticized them politically.

The amendment was lost.

rnment were favoring some persons.

ocuments should not be printed.

wack railroad?

Dr. Watt moved an amendment

Chinaman. The amendment

enses act amendment bill.

daries of neighboring municipalities,

ber 31st. The amendment was passed.

not desire the amendment.

"When the corporation of

the credit of the city.

the said corporation."

on was a dangerous one.

British Columbia upon application in a summary manner by said corporation. Dr. Milne moved to strike out the clause Each of the said commissioners shall hold providing that a candidate for a teacher's office during the pleasure of his appointcertificate must satisfy the board of pub-lic instruction. Men who had the very interest in connection with special loans best university degrees could not satisfy the said corporation shall be vested the council, simply because they had the said commissioners, in trust for done something to offend the governpurpose for which they were obtainsubject to investment as hereinbefore

The amendment was lost, as was also the following introduced by Dr. Milne: id such remuneration for their services 4. To repeal sub-section 10 of section 60 and substitute: To obey the rules and of the said corporation and the regulations made by the council of public instruction. 5. To repeal section 61 and substitute: Salaries of public school teachers in rural districts shall be paid monthly from the provincial treasury. 6. To repeal section 64 and substitute School buildings and school lands in rural districts shall be under the control of the lands and works department; bu the He said it would tend to depeople of any district shall not be deprived of the use of the school building for the purposes of education, without Hon. Mr. Beauty sopposed to the pro-It would be breaking faith and provided no public school reserve shall be alienated without the consent of the trustees of the school district in

Hon. Mr. Davie read the leader of the which such reserve is situate. opposition a lecture for calling Hon, Col. The bill was read a third time and Baker the "hero of Cranbrook," but said, vertheless, he had to agree with him The official scalers of timber bill was

egarding the question before the house. passed. Hon. Mr. Davie said he wished to correct an impression that had evidently gone forth. He had received a letter, in any municipality has a sum of money on which it was stated that he, Mr. Davie, hand which has been borrowed for a had said tenders would be called for for the binding. He had not said that. loan by-law, and when the council deems Mr. Semlin asked the premier when

the house would prorogue.

Hon. Mr. Davie—On Saturday or Monthe money borrowed, it shall be lawful day. There are one or two more bills payers a by-law providing for the exto be brought down. penditure of such sum of money for some other purpose; said by-law shall be

The Consolidated Electric Railway & Light company's bill was finally passed. The house adjourned at 12.15. APRIL 8.

'The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock Prayers by Rev. P. McF. McLeod. 47 of the act of 1893, which provides for Hon. Mr. Beaven presented a petition from R. T. Williams denying some of attorney-general had done all the work the statements made by the government | for the company and the province had yesterday regarding the binding of the provided all the money for the construcas a new clause: "4. The Lieutenant-Governor in council may, when granting statutes and asking for an investigation.

> Mr. Speaker thought the petition conleave it to the house as to whether it should be received. Hon. Mr. Turner contended that the

petition contained improper and impertinent matters and could not by the rules be received. No one with any respect for himself would endorse such a petition. Hon, Mr. Beaven said he could not bring the matter up in time for an investigation by a special committee, as it was not brought to his notice until a few days ago. He, however, moved to have it investigated in committee of the whole. There must be some untruth omewhere, Mr. Williams was willing

what he said. Hon. Mr. Davie said there would not be time for a select committee. Mr. Kitchen was surprised that the fi-

Mr. Speaker ruled that the question investigation. Mr. Kitchen during the after-The house refused to receive the noon should be altered, which he had The questions would now read: Hon. Mr. Davie moved for the appoint-. Is it the intention of the government

Messrs. Booth, Smith, Martin, Sword and Semlin. The motion was adopted. The petition of J. N. Muir was read

Mr. Forster, on a question of privilege, asked when the return respecting the ar-Dr. Watt presented a petition from the I.O.G.T. against an amendment to the law that would allow saloons to be opened on Sunday. Received. Mr. Cotton asked the premier as the

papers laid before the house show that ment act this session?

Hon. Mr. Davie-Yes. On motion to go into committee of supply, Mr. Beaven asked why the payment of \$1,200 to Dr. J. C. Davie as ballasting. provincial health officer was not mentioned in the public accounts for the six months ending December 31st. The public accounts committee were shown a vote of \$10,000 for health purposes. Hon, Mr. Davie said it was probably

entered under miscellaneous not specified. Mr. Grant undertook to tell the house all about the case of Davies vs. McMillan. He thought Mr. Davies as well as Milne moved to repeal section 50 Mr. McMillan should be indemnified, and insert the following: "The trustees He was proceeding to read the evidence of any school district shall from time and judgments in the case when called to to time select and appoint (from amongst order by r. Speaker, who said the proper those persons properly qualified) the teacher or teachers in the school distime to criticise the vote was in com-

mittee of supply. The house then went into committee of and dismiss such teacher and teachers supply, Mr. Martin in the chair. On the vote of \$5,000, indemnity to J. E. Mcupon giving at least thirty days' notice to the teacher or teachers of such inten-Millan, Hon. Mr. Davie said it would take some time to explain the case. reasons therefor. Nothing in this section shall be taken to confer on any teacher a right to such thirty days' notice, or Hon. Mr. Beaven said he thought an explanation was unnecessary as every-

body understood the case and he did not think anyone would oppose the vote. Mr. Grant, however, made a long speech in favor of the vote and expressed the opinion that Mr. Davies should be

compensated. Hon, Mr. Turner explained that the \$1,200 paid to Dr. Davie was paid in gust, 1893, and the government could not January and therefore did not appear in the public accounts. The resolutions were reported to the

house and agreed to. The formal resolutions and bill respecting supply and ways and means were

The Lieut.-Governor took the chair and assented to the following bills: Supreme ernment supporters. Court, Legal Professions, B. C. Railway, Crown Grant for townsite of Three Forks, Victoria Electric Railway and guaranteed at a rate greater than was Light Company, Public Works in Chilliwack, Companies, Fraser 'river bridge,

Land Act, and Juror's act. The house went into committee on the Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Company's bill and took up Mr. Beaven's anti-Chin-

ese clause. Mr. Grant moved an amendment to only prohibit the employment of Chinese amendments.

Mr. Grant's amendment was lost and Mr. Beaven's motion was adopted. The bill was reported complete wi

amendments and finally passed. The house went into committee on the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company's bill. Hon. Mr. Beaven moved his anti-Chinese clause, the same as inserted in the Horsefly bill. The amendment was

The bill was reported complete with Hon. Mr. Davie introduced bills to amend the coal mines regulation act and the Jubilee Hospital bill. The house rose at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION. In the temporary absence of the Speak er, Mr. Martin took the chair. The house went into committee, Mr. Grant in the chair, to consider the Nakusp & Slocan railway bill. Mr. Kitchen asked for an explanation

of why the government guaranteed \$17,-500 per mile of the railway. Hon. Mr. Vernon thought it had been fully explained on the second reading and by the schedules. Mr. Kitchen said he wished to know

how the government could guarantee

\$17,500 per mile in face of the fact that the contractor had to render on the road before the line was surveyed or any specifications or plans had been prepared. Hon. Mr. Davie said it was evident that the hon. member would not consider the information laid before the house. He had intended to repeat the facts he

had laid before the house when moving the second reading of the bill, but his colleagues had considered that useless. He, however, would briefly repeat what he had said. This he did. If the government, he said, had undertaken build the road they would not have \$118,-400 to draw on, this being the amount found by the company in contemplation of the Dominion subsidy.

Mr. Brown said he did not intend to rolong the discussion as the government had evidently made up their minds to rush the bill through in its present form and would steadfastly refuse to give any information, simply repeating their old arguments.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said the government had not attempted to answer the arguments against the bill. He took exception to the remark of the attorney-general that all members had admitted the urgency of the road. He did not because he did not know that it was urgent. The tion of the road. A contract was let to a construction company, said by some to be the same as the railway company. The measure was indefensible. If the tained improper matter, but he would people supplied the money to build the leave it to the house as to whall it road they should own it. He lid not say the government would have been justified in doing that without the sanction of the legislature. No one could p-ruse the documents without seeing that the whole scheme was surrounded with suspicion. He had heard the attorney-general say that if it were not for circumstantial evidence very few murderers would be hanged. The circumstantial

evidence in this case caused the suspicion. The province, according to the papers, paid all the expense in connection with the scheme and the attorney-general took a principal part in advancing it. Hon. Mr. Vernon repeated the speech he

delivered on the second reading of the

to appear before a committee and prove Mr. Forster said he never believed that it was necessary to rush the line through as it had been done. The only urgency seemed to be to get in ahead of the Kasnance minister was trying to burke an lo-Slocan railway company and kill that enterprise. If the members of the government were not interested in the scheme some of their friends were. There must have been some reason for the withdrawment of a select committee to investigate al of the lowest tender. The statement the matter. The committee to consist of of the attorney-general printed in the Colonist showed that there was something wrong and made it appear that the attorney-general was a member of the company. The attorney-general had been working for the company, not for the province. It was not in the power of the attorney-general to push a company

aside as he had done in this case. He believed the scheme was not "straight." Hon. Mr. Davie said there was a way Mr. Crease, Mr. Justice Walkem, and to find out whether the members of the Mr. Justice Drake all agree that it is government were interested in the comimpracticable to assess railway property pany. The opposition could have moved just as responsible as the coroner. The under the present assessment act, is it for a select committee to examine into it. death of every Chinaman or Indian who the intention of the government to Fraud could not be hidden. He conbring in an amendment to the assess- tended that his action showed that he at least was not a member of the company. He read a statement by Mr. Mohun in which it was contended that if the rails were cheaper more would be needed for

Mr. Brown-What is the use of appointing a select committee with a majority of government members upon it? The letter written by Mr. Mohun was extraorwarrant for the \$1,200 voted out of the dinary. He said if rails cost \$8 less a ton the cost of the railway would be increased. Mr. Mohun had not been engaged in railway construction for some years, and he was the man whom the government chose to took after the road. What Mr. Forster meant was that the attorney-general had no authority to act as agent for the company in the arrangement between the two companies, and the fact that the attorney-general did this made it appear that he was interested in

the company. Mr. Kitchen said the new rails brought house and read a first time. out for the road which were to cost \$31 a ton had been used on the C. P. R., Hon. Mr. Davie had inserted the only and older and lighter ones put down on clause in the bill introduced early in the the Nakusp road. Mr. Duchesney knew session, that was not in the present bill. his business too well not to make a lib- This was done so that there should not eral estimate of the cost of the road, and be two bills of the same kind on the would allow for everything.

\$40 a ton included rails and fastenings. it the intention of the government to do talk about a committee of enquiry. Even road? 2. On what grounds did the exthe house had the greatest difficulty in ecutive fail to carry out the legislation obtaining the information that they had. of fast session regarding the Chilliwack The agreement was entered into in Au- railroad? give the house the information when it question carries an assumption with which met in January. The public accounts committee could not get the agreement. That was enough to excite suspicion. It would do just as much good to try the interrogatories to be answered by claimattorney-general before himself as to ants for enrolment as provincial voters, refer this matter to a committee on that an elector who has duly established

Mr. Sword moved an amendment providing that the interest should not be necessary to realize par.

The amendment was lost. Mr. Sword moved another amendment providing that no more bonds should be ssued than sufficient to raise \$17,500 per

The amendment was lost. The bill was reported complete without

The Hall Mines Company bill was read INTERIOR INTELLIGENCE. a third time and passed.
The house adjourned at 11:50 until 7:30 Saturday evening.

MPRIL 7 The Speaker took the chair at 7:30 The supply bill was passed through the

various stages. The report on the Nakusp & Slocan rail vay bill was adopted.
'Hon, Mr. Davie moved the second reading of the Jubilee Hospital bill. The bill, he said, had been carefully drawn and aimed at the better management of the hospital. The city of Victoria had agreed to assist the hospital and if this was done the city should be represented on the board of managers. The bill also aimed at a decrease in the number of

managers. The bill before the house was. the result of combined efforts. Hon, Mr. Beaven did not see any rear son why an alderman should be prevented from being a director.

The bill was read a second time and referred to committee of the whole, Dr. Watt in the chair. Hon. Mr. Beaven moved to strike out the provision that embers of the city council could not be appointed on the board. The amendment was lost and the bill

vas reported complete and passed. Hon, Mr. Turner presented a message enclosing a bill to levy, assess and collect taxes on the property of railway companies. The bill was referred to nmittee, reported to the house and read first tim

Hon. Mr. Davie, by consent, moved the second reading of the bill. It was introduced, he said, on account of the judgment of the supreme court stating that railway property could not be assessed. There was some difficulty in assessing railway property which would be obviated by the bill which proposed to assess the companies at \$3000 a mile. He did not believe in taxing railway companies too heavily.

The bill was read a second time. The house went into committee, Mr. Croft in the chair, to consider the creditors' trust deeds bill. Hon, Mr. Davie had an amendment inserted providing that an assignment should not have pri ority over a registered judgment.

The bill was reported complete with mendments. Hon. Mr. Davie rose to make an explanation. He said since answering a question asked by Mr. Brown a few days ago he had learned that there were complaints against Captain Fitzstubbs, gov ernment agent in West Kootenay. The papers in the matter were laid be

fore the house. Mr. Grant moved on the third reading of the bill to amend the municipal act, 1892, and amending act, to discharge the order and recommit the bill for the purpose of instructing the committee to consider a motion to strike out section 31. This is the section that refers to Sunday

closing. The motion was carried and Mr. Grant then moved that other amendments that he had given notice of should also be considered by the committee. This was

Hon. Mr. Davie moved on motion for third reading of an act to amend the municipal act, 1892, and amending act, to discharge the order and recommit the bill for the purpose of striking out section The clause provides that the health officers in cities and the reeve in rural municipalities should decide if an innest was necessary. The clause was in serted on account of the complaints about the coroner in the city of Victoria. It was a dangerous section to insert.

present law was the proper one. It had worked long and well. Mr. Brown said he supported the clause because deaths occurred in rural municipalities, the coroner goes there and finds that his visit was an unnecessary one, the municipality being put to a heavy ex.

Hon. Mr. Beaven did not consider the clause a dangerous one. The cities had paid medical health officers who knew just as well as the coroner whether an inquest was necessary or not. The arrural municipalities. Several unnecessary inquests had been held in Victoria, although he did not say that the coroner did not act conscientiously.

Dr. Milne thought the clause as it stood was a good one. The health officer was died without having been attended by a medical man had to be enquired into at the city's expense because there was no one to give a certificate of death. The same rule applied to rural municipalities but the expense was greater as the coroner had to travel some distance. He had no desire to take away any power

from the coroner. Hon. Mr. Davie contended that the reasons given were not sound, The motion was adopted and the committee was instructed to consider other amendments proposed by Hon. Mr. Da-

Hon. Mr. Davie presented a message inclosing a bill to amend the Kaslo-Slocan railway subsidy act. The bill was reported to the house and read a first time. Mr. Grant introduced a bill to amend

the bills of sale act. Hon. Mr. Davie presented a message enclosing a bill to amend the railway aid act, 1893. The bill was reported to the On consideration of the licenses bill,

Hon, Mr. Turner contended that the Mr. Kitchen asked the provided to included sellected that the

Mr. Kitchen asked the premier: 1. Is Hon. Mr. Beaven said it was idle to anything in regard to the Chilliwack rail-Hon. Mr. Davie-1-Yes. 2-The

cannot agree. Dr. Watt asked the attorney-general which there would be a majority of gov- his right to registration as a voter, and been so registered in any district of the province, may have his name registered at once on the register of voters of any other district to which he may remove,

provided he shall have resided in the lat-

ter district for two months immediately

prior to his application for such registra-Hon. Mr. Davie-Voters may so have their names entered on the register without having their names posted for the

usual period. The house adjourned at 11:40. Notes From the Columns of the Upper

Country Press. (Inland Sentinel.) Geo. McDonald, of Clinton, and O. Redpath, of Savona, have gone prospecting up the North Thompson. The chief social event of the season

the pavilion, was a success in every Prof. Mires interested a number of emonstration of how to break a vicious | consumption of the entire province. horse. The professor was very success-

ful, though the animal he experimented on was very wild and vicious. The refinery Edward Jones' horses were sold to Mr. making the price \$200.

from ulcer of the stomach, not cancer, as stated last week. He is not consider-

ed dangerously ill. He feels already an improvement from breathing the delightful air of this district and is enthusiastic in his praise of Kamloops atmosphere.

Thomas Flynn came down on Sunday last from the Homestead mine near Adams lake, which he and four others are developing. They have the tunnel in about fifty feet, and have quite a quantity of ore on the dump. It bears copper, zinc, silver and gold, with a little lead. They expect to make a trial shipment to the Tacoma smelter.

Business has picked up so much at the Grand Pacific since the free 'bus has been running that Mr. Unwin expects to run four horses on his 'bus and build an addition of 20 more rooms to his

M. Beattie, provincial officer, was down to Lytton last week, where he located and staked out a claim with a magnesium chlorate deposit on it. He brought up samples which will be tested. It is pronounced of very good quality. Mission City News.

A dressed ball was held at the room

of the Bellevue ketel last Thursday evening. A large number of guests were pres-It was the most fashionable gath. ing of the season at Mission City. It was largely attended. Emigrants from the northwest are vis-

iting this locality. Burglary was committed at Nelson's drug store tast Thursd ty evening between 9 and 10 o'clock. Fifty dollars were

(Golden Era.)

Messral Carlin's teams got through from to Golden and report the od for travel on account of the Ben an old time prospector, 19 ave struck a good lead near

the Weiss and Taylor nine.

The 40 on Thursday last ran into a slide at 11 .13th crossing near Donald, and rolled over on her side. Denman and Fireman Collie jumped and got off without a scratch. The engine came over to the shops on Monday where she will be overhauled.

A petition for a road from Toby creek into West Kootenay is going the rounds this week and is receiving many signa-

The Chinese have leased all the E. K. R. Co.'s ground (not used for mining purposes) for \$1700 for the season. This is considered a good figure and shows the value of mining property in Kootenay. A curious combination arrived in Gold-en from the west last Saturday, viz., a parson, a peddlar and a piano tuner. The Kicking Horse is slowly but surely

breaking up. There have been several narrow escapes of stock drowning this week, owing to the ice round some of the water holes giving way when cattle were drinking.

(Vernon News.) The Chinamen at Sicamous who was reported to be infected with leprousy was examined by Dr. Lambert last week and gument of Mr. Brown answered for the found to be suffering from a disease of another nature. A. K. Stuart and W. H. Norris loft or

Friday for Fairview, where they will start a newspaper devoted to the advancement of the southern country's interests.

N. G. Barclay has bought from Lloyd-Jones Bros., on Trout creek, their property of 1,300 acres and about 250 head of stock, farm implements, wagons, etc. This excellent ranch, which adjoins Mr. Barclay's pre-emption, is one of the best properties in the Okanagan.

Extensive repairs have been made to the White Valley sawmill, the whole concern having been thoroughly overhauled and renovated. J. Murphy has the contract from P. Bassette for the cutting of the season's lumber. The mill is expected to turn out 6,000 feet daily, whereas formerly 4,000 feet was considered a big day's work.

Cattle men have been busy turning out their stock on the ranges. The cattle have wintered well and are in finer condition than known for years.

The C. P. R. officials have been in correspondence ascertaining how much grain, vegetables sets there would be shiered. Friday for Fairview, where they will start

whitered well and are in mer condition than known for years.

The C. P. R. officials have been in correspondence ascertaining how much grain, vegetables, etc., there would be shipuped. The Okanagan Mission public school averaged 21 for the month of March—the largest average for one month it ever had.

A meeting was held at Kelowna on the 26th ult., re a new Presbyterian church. A. B. Knox has made liberal offers—two lots and a sum of money. A committee was formed to find out how much money could be raised.

The Okanagan Sawmill Co. commenced sawing on April 2nd. They have a large supply of lumber on hand.

Spring work is commencing and the farmers are commencing to plow. There is likely to be more grain grown this year on the strength of the new mill at Vernon and the reduced rates on grain. Vegetable growing, too, has received an impetus on the expectation of better rates on this line. Seydill and Dundass are about to plant 20 acres of potatoes for exportation. If the C. P. R. will give us living rates a good traffic might be built up with the coast and other points in vegetables. Hogs for breeding purposes are in demand and it looks as though this lucrative branch of farming (which of late has been neglected here) was to be revived. We hope so. There is money in it.

The boundary range has been bare for some time and stock are doing well. Grand Prairie is still under the mantle of snow, but as the weather is growing warmer the "beautiful" will disappear.

The recent mining sales on Boundary mountain have stimulated the zeal of "ye prospector," and outfits are preparing for a campaign in the hills as soon as the snow goes.

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According to the official returns, Boundary creek takes third place in the mining districts of the province; Kaslo has the lead, followed by Kootenay and Boundary creek. Okanagan and the other districts trall in the rear. The coming year we expect to take first rank.

Powers & Lequime are getting their mill ready to start up this week, and have 250,000 feet in the boom that will have to come out before the water rises.

The citizens of Boundary Creek have put in a substantial bridbe across the creek near the hotel. This was a much needed improvement as the creek is Impassible in high water.

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THE SUGAR QUESTION.

How the New Tariff Will Affect the Vancouver Sugar Refinery. A visit to the sugar refinery showed that institution to be shut down and on enquiry it appears to have not been running for about three weeks. This state the At Home given by the Ladies' Be-nevolent Society, on Thursday night in importation of Chinese sugars of Victoria firms, the importations of last month running up to about 800,000 spectators on Tuesday afternoon by his pounds, or considerably more than the

A few questions of the reporter elicited

was built in 1890 at an outlay of about R. H. Lyons for \$100, in addition to the \$300,000, and when working full time cost of catching them, which was \$100, employs upwards of 100 men, none of whom receive less than 20 cents per hour. W. R. Megaw, of Vernen, is suffering In 1890 the net duty upon refined sugars ad valorem and specific, amounted to 11-4 to 11-2 cents per pound, and the Rev. Dr. Reid, who came to Kamloops importation of Chinese products was unwith the Orange delegation, is staying a | known, but on the 24th of June, 1801, few days for the benefit of his health, the tariff was reduced to 80 cents per having been quite sick for months past. hundred pounds and Chinese competition began to be felt, in 1893 the importations of coolie sugars exceeding one million pounds. The effect has been that the local refinery, according to the statement submitted by it to Cabinet Ministers Foster and Angers in October last, had in three years paid in dividends only 13 per cent. on its capital and is at present closed down. It appears to be in a position to compete with eastern and American sugars, but as Chinese is the cheapest sugar in the world it seems that the tariff rate of 80 cents is scarcely sufficient to protect this very important local industry. In Hong Kong refineries coolies work from 12 to 15 hours for about 10 cents, and the port being a free one, bone, charcoal and machinery are set down at a much less cost, thus giving Ohinese sugars a further advantage. So soon as the effect of the recent tariff amendments appeared, which is a further reduction to 64 cents per hundred pounds, the several members of the province at Ottawa were informed as to the severity with which it would bear upon British Columbia sugar, and efforts are being made to have to board of trade take some recognition of the position of the matter. A meeting of that body will probably be convened to-morrow when the subject will be considered, and should occasion seem fit steps will be taken in support of the local enterprise.-Vancouver News-

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Dated March 9th, 1894.

DAVIE, POOLEY & LUXTON, Solicitors for Thomas P. Reed. mar15-2t





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