Legislative

Assembly

Yesterday Was Devoted to Much Hard Work In Committee.

Night Sessions Began Last Evening And Will Be Continued.

Million Dollar Loan Bill Read a Third Time And Passed.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2.20 P. m.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W.
Leshe Clay, B. A.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were received:
From the city of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend their corporate Act. No. 2.
From G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company. No. 4.
The following petitions were presented and received: By Mr. Bowser, from the city of Vancou ver, for a private bill for enlarged corpor ate powers for the purchase or expropria-tion of lands in False Creek. No. 3.

From Mr. Gifford, from J. Warren Bell-and many others, holders of special li-censes to cut timber. Asking amendment

to Land Act, re such licenses. REPORTS. Mr. F. C. Cotton presented the first

Mr. Speaker: standing committee

to report as follows:

That the time limited for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 12th, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 22nd January, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until January 29th, 1904, and beg to recommend the same ac-

All of which is respectfully submitted.
F. CARTER-COTTON,

The report was received, and the standing orders having been suspended the report was adopted.

MOTIONS.

Mr. Fraser introduced a bill to amend the "Pharmacy Act." Read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to

Aff. Evans moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild lands for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid. Carried.

Dr. King moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return showing for first the farmer already enjoyed many valuable exemptions, and to go farther would be to establish a dangerous precedent. He agreed with the remarks of the hon. member for Alberton, but he could not follow him in the whole of his argument.

Or Cliver thought it would be remarked for a return showing for his share when the whole of his argument.

House be granted for a return of copies of instruction given to Bullock-Webster re investigation of "East Kootenay ho-

The chief commissioner said it seemed to him cuite inst that the government should get \$100 for the license, for when a prospector considered a piece of land valuable enough to work, it was certainly worth paying \$100 for.

The commissioner moved in amendment to section 7 of the act, that the word "fifty" he struck out and the

word "fifty" he struck out and the words "one hundred" be substituted therefor, and adding the words "and mount of that the securing of this information betroleum" after the word "coal" in line would entail an enormous amount of labor if insisted upon by the hon, member of the clause as in the leaving of the clause as in the labor of insisted upon by the hon, member of the clause as in the labor of the clause as in the lab Original act was merely an oversight. This made a new section, and it passed.

strike out the words "chief commissioner of lands and works" in line 1, clause 4, of lands and works" in line 1, clause 4, and substitute therefor, "the Lieut.-Governor in Council." The opposition hailed the amendment with applause, Mr. McInnes complimenting the hon. Cause commissioner on his action. The under the same head as ordinary life insurance companies. He instanced the dissenting with a stentorian "No," and a call for names, to the amusement of call for names, to the amusement of the House,

"The committee rose and reported the would be looked into and a reply given

bill, complete with amendments.
THE ASSESSMENT ACT. The House went into committee

the whole on the Assessment Act, Mr. Clifford in the chair.

Sub-section 14 of section 2 was amended by the addition of the words "polled and" before the words "horned cattle".

matter was to be dealt with under the

ead of exemptions.
Mr. Tanner moved in amendment to sub-section 4 of section 4, to strike out the words "one acre," pointing out that public schools, agricultural societies and |-

Clause dealing with agricultural societies.

The clause accordingly stood over.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved the insertion of a new clause in place of sub-section 14. which ran to the effect that personalty up to \$1,000 should be exempt. The new clause makes it \$500. Hon. Mr. alty un to \$1.000 should be exempt. The new clause makes it \$500. Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the original amount would have denrived the exchequer of something like \$65.000 or \$70.000. The change had been made after consultation with the leading provincial assessors. He mentioned the case of Chinese fancy goods dealers whose assessments ranged from \$700.

within or without the limits of the municipality.

Hon. iMr. Tatlow and Hon. Mr. Wilson thought that if a municipality chose to invest its surplus savings outside the bounds of the municipality, it had a right to expect to be taxed.

Mr. Cameron enquired as to lands required for waterworks, and also for isolation hospital purposes, which were not speculative. Messrs. Drury and Macdonald (Rossland) contended that such works should be exempted.

Mr. Cotton thought this would work hardship in the case where one municipality had property within the limits of another municipality. He instanced the case of Vancouver having its waterworks in the municipality of North Vancouver.

A lengthy discussion took places on the

tax would more than counterbalance the decrease on this tax. No man should be more carefully encouraged than the settler, the farmer. The lumberman left nothing behind after he had cut away the forests, which took centuries to re-produce themselves; the miner left noth-ing but a hole in the ground—his worked-

out mine. On the other hand, the farm-er added substantially to the permanent assets of the province. Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the farmer had already several important exemptions, including the two years' exemptions from date of settlement. If emptions from date of settlement. If they went any farther this sort of thing would become class legislation. Mr. Oliver asked the government if they had ever heard of any farmer in British Columbia who had a thousand dollars income

Mr. Tanner said the farmer was the most valuable worker in any country, because his labor added to, and did not amend the "Municipal Clauses Act." The bill was read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Evans moved: That an order of Mr. Evans moved: That an order of Mr. Wilson thought this was companies. Mr. D. ury pointed out that som

Mr. Oliver thought it would be wise policy to exempt farm improvements.

Mr. Cotton said the opposition seemed to be anxious to cut down the revenue in a somewhat radical manner. Both personal or under the

his license. It was a perfectly fair proposition. If a coal or petroleum prospect were worth anything at all it was worth \$100.

Mr. Oliver complained that the prospecting fee was higher than the cost of leasehold.

The chief commissioner said it seemed to him quite just that the government anything contains anybody or any class.

ber for Rossland. Mr. Macdonald then This made a new section, and it passed, wanted to know whether the government Mr. Brown's amendment was lost, 18 had chosen the better method of increasing the revenue by imposing the personal The chief commissioner moved to property tax on the banks.

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Hon. Mr. Wilson replied that this question could not possibly be answered and substitute therefor, "the Lieut." nsurance companies. He instanced the

as soon as possible.

Mr. Drury also pointed out that certain loan companies in the province were doing a regular banking business. Were they to be taxed as loan companies or as

Hon. Mr. Wilson said they had no business to be doing a banking business. In reply to Mr. Drury's question Mr. Tanner (Saanich), referring to sub-section 5 of section 2, said that settlers pre-empting agricultural lands should be exempted from taxation for the section 5 of section 2, said that settlers pre-empting agricultural lands should be exempted from taxation for the section of the section Mr. Oliver suggested that the clause regarding the tax on cattle and sheep coming from outside the province department of the cattle and the cattle men or the clause. He pointed out the injustice it would be to the provincial cattle men bringing in stock from a foreign country or other provinces not

public schools, agricultural societies and other bodies often had more than one acre, and not in a very good position to pay additional taxes, in fact there was often a mortgage on the hall. He urged that the words mentioned should be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Wilson drew attention to the fact that many of those institutions held, and might hold, large areas of land much more than they could use or wished to use. He thought that the clause should stand as it was. The minister of finance would insert a special clause dealing with agricultural societies. The committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

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Mr. Stuart Henderson pointed out that in his part of the country great bands of horses were driven in from distant moints and sold. They should also be taxed along with the cattle and sheep.

The government accepted the amendment and the tax was raised to 75 cents per head for sheep.

The committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock until 8,30 p.m.

NIGHT SITTING.

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Mr. McInnes asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Have any applications been made for Crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act. 1903?

2. If so, how many?

3. Have any Crown grants been issued under the said Act?

4. If so, to whom?

5. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

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Mr. Cotton thought this would work hardship in the case where one municipality had property within the limits of another municipality. He instanced the case of Vancouver having its waterworks in the municipality of North Vancouver.

A lengthy discussion took place on the clause (17) dealing with the exemption of the output of mineral and coal lands on which a royalty is reserved for the crown, to the extent of such royalty and no more. The sub-section stood.

Mr. Tanner (Saanich), moved in amendment, and it was duly incorporated, that settlers on agricultural and hon. Mr. Tatlow's motion was carried, then the case of the court of such royalty and no more. The sub-section stood.

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Hon. Mr. Tatlow's motion was carried,

amendment, and it was duly incorporated, that settlers on agricultural and horticultural lands be exempt from taxation on the land for a period of two years from the dark of the pre-emption record.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved that three new sub-sections be inserted.

Mr. McInnes asked that the various amendments being submitted by the government for insertion in the bill be spread upon the notes and proceedings so that the members could have an opportunity of studying them. He pleaded ignorance of their scope and purport.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow's motion was carried, hon. Mr. Tatlow moved that three intervening sections as read. In section 38 an amendment was made by adding the words "or trauddently omitting to give" (a full, true and complete statement of his property) making the penal cause still stronger and more definite. In section 44 the word "chief" (commissioner of Lands and Works) was struck out and "deputy," in regard to transmitting the correct list of assessable lands, etc. Section 54, dealing with the valuation of land, was struck out on motion of the Finance

nee Company. No. 4.

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Legislative Committee Room, December 7th, 1903.

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December 7th, 1903. many people in British Columbia knew the facts when land and property were held

in tenancy. Mr. Bowser thought that the amend ments should be made.
Hon. Mr. Wilson said if anyone would show him a single instance where hardship had been wrought he could appreciate the arguments put forward. The law was copied almost in toto from the Ontario. Mr. Paterson said he would be prepared o consider this matter under the head of

The section passed as it now stands. I s as follows:
"When land is assessed against both the "When land is assessed against both the fowner and occupant, or owner and tenant, the assessor shall place both names within brackets on the roll, and shall write opposite the name of the owner the letter 'F," and opposite the name of the occupant or tenant the letter "H," or "T"; and both names shall be numbered on the roll: Provided aiways, the taxes may be recovered from either the owner tenant or occupant. from either the owner, tenant or occu pant, or from any future owner, tenant or

going too far; the farmer already enioved many valuable averaged of the benevolent orders were carrying on

of any of the personal property of the partnership.

The section is as follows:
"Where personal property consists of nachinery, instruments and appliances used in a going concern, such machinery, instruments and appliances shall be assessed at their actual value as a going concern and not at their value as individual items.

Mr. Drury thought that section 78 was going to affect injuriously the insurance company of the compa

servants?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:
1. 11—E. F. Richards, Vancouver; H. D.
Morten, Duncans, G. E. Winkler, Princeton: E. Marshall, Ladysmith; C. Outhett, Kamloops; J. Down'ng, Princeton; W. Armstrong, Trout Lake; N. Taylor, Trout Lake; W. J. Green, Kaslo; J. M. Corney, Kaslo; J. A. Monteith, Fairview, all of whom have been discharged.

2. 6—A. Sutherland, boiler inspector; T. B. Hall, assessor (in lieu of C. Booth, delays of this country who have been cured

people have endorsed Dr. Cuases ment than any preparation you can ment than any preparation presentative, Capt, Gardiner Johnson, of Yancouver, who is also the representative of the underwriters to that effect, and the work of repairing the Moana and preparative of the underwriters to that effect, and the work of repairing the Moana and preparative capt, the hadden than any preparative presentative capt, the pr

Warning Sent To Faithful

AT STEER TO BE STORY

Order to Get Ready For Coming Contest Passed From Ottawa.

Federal Capital Will Be Asked to Assist in Rebuilding University.

Sifton Advises Canadians to Play Walting Game on Preferential Issue.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Word has gone out to the Liberals to get ready. Alex. Smith has resumed his duties as chief organizer. The first installment of Grit

campaign literature has been issued. A a meeting of citizens today it was decided to ask the city council to submit a law to the property owners in January authorizing a grant of \$50,000 to enable the authorities of Ottawa university to rebuild. The commissioner of immigration reports a continued influx of settlers from

ports a continued influx of settlers from the United States into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. During the month of October 927 immigrants with 109 cars of settlers effects entered from North Dakôta. In November the num-ber entered was 567, with 90 carloads of effects. The value of their belongings was placed at \$250,000, in addition to which the incomers are well supplied New Zealand is anxious for press ar

rangements with Canada over the Pa-The rental charge for the new Canadian war office in Wood's building is \$10,000 a year. The other half of the building is occupied as a factory for bunting, overalls, shirts, etc.

| Father Fulham, one of the professors of the Ottawa University, died this morning as a result of the injuries received jumping from the third story at

the time of the fire. He was thirt; three year old and a native of County Meath, Ireland.
Hon. Mr. Sifton, at the Canadian Club last night in speaking of Mr. Chamerlain's tariff campaign, said Canada must wait until Great Britain had spoken. If she wanted preferential tar-iff Canada and Britain would meet on equal terms, and Canada would give as much as she received. He said Canada would adopt a preferential tariff as soon as Britain was ready for it, but Canada would never agree to give up her manu factures to obtain it. He was oppose to Canada contributing towards the Imperial navy, but favored Canada making better provision for protection of her

GRAND RAPIDS BOODLERS. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 7.—Eight ing occurred the day following the acci

FIRST REGULAR SESSION. Washington, Dec. 7.—The first regular session of the 68th Congress began at noon today, but the Senate are half an hour previous to that time in coordance with the adjournment of Saturday last for the purpose of permitting on orderly termination of the called session.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

President At Annual Meeting Views With Gratification West's Prospects. Montreal, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held at noon today. The president, Senator Geo. A. Drummond, in his annual address, dwelt at length on the great possibilities of Western Canada, and took an optimistic view of the future of that part of the Dominion.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACT. Refuses to Interfere in Labor Trouble

in Colorado Coal Fields. Ottawa, Dec. 7.-The government has Washington, Dec. 7. — President Roosevelt again today declined to interfere in the strike conditions in the Telluride district of Colorado. He will not go so far even, at this time, as to order an investigation into conditions.

An appeal from the Western Federation. not go so far even, at this time, as to order an investigation into conditions. An appeal from the Western Federation of Miners was presented to the president today by Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado, urging him to immediately investigate the conditions in the San Juan and Cripple Creek districts of Colorado. At the conclusion of the conference, the Colorado Senators sent the following telegram to President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners: "The President states to us that under present conditions he has meither the power nor the right to take such action as you request."

According to D. H. Ross, commercial attention in Australia in Australia in the Dominion in Australia in the Dominion in Australia in the way of a complete as ment. London, Dec. 3.—The despatch sociated Press confirming its Paris vices that peace between Russia Japan is now believed to be assured to increase importations from Canada. There is a good opening in the way of a complete as ment. London, Dec. 3.—The despatch sociated Press confirming its Paris vices that peace between Russia Japan is now believed to be assured to increase importations from Canada. There is a good opening in the way of a complete as ment. London, Dec. 3.—The despatch of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says his work has been very encouraging and the conference, the Colorado Senators from Canada. There is a good opening in the way of a complete as ment. London, Dec. 3.—The despatch of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says his work has been very encouraging and the conference in Australia. Writing to the department of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says his work has been very encouraging and the carried and commerce and commerce

Cruiser Still Held

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Five Attempts to Float Her Have Falled to Budge the Warship.

Extreme of the Flood Tide is Now Lower With Each Succeeding Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) H. M. S. cruiser Flora remains fast on the rocks at Village point, where she stranded early on Thursday morning last, while bound at a speed of ten knots an hour, and all efforts to budge her have so far proved unavailing. Five attempts have been made to date. As with each succeeding day now, the tides are less, the highest tide of the month hav-

********************************** LIBERALS OPPOSE CHAMBERLAIN.

Executors of Blackie Estate Sued In New Westminster F or

Four Thousand Dollars. companies, on the ground that they would be compelled to pay tax on personal property from which income is derived, and then the income tax.

Hon. Mr. Wilson mentioned that as regarded the income tax that the Bank of England, when paying on consols, always deducted the income tax.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said that if it was wrong to tax a bank on these heads it was wrong to tax a bank on these heads it

was wrong to tax an individual.

The committee rose at section 84, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. The bill will be continued at next sitting of the House.

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QUESTIONS.

Mr. McInnes asked the Hon. the Fremier the following questions:

1. Has the government received any communications from the Federal authorities relating to the Acts passed by this legislature last session? If so, what is their purport?

2. Has the government when the first statement and an endorsement to the effect that it was not to be used, discounted or dealt with in any purport?

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2. Has the government amy reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes. 1903, being an Act effecting the cancellation of certain Columbia & Western railway land grants, will be disallowed by the Federal authorities? If so, what is it?

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2. The government has no reason to believe that the Statute will be disallowed. Mr. Oilver asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903?

2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

When Mr. McBride replied as follows:

This cheque has not been produced.

The two San Francisco experts engaged in the case differ in their evidence, one declaring the signature to the note to be genuine and the other saying it is a forgery. Other expert evidence has been given by Messrs. Carter and Durrant, of the Bank of Commerce and Mr. Hollyer, of the Bank of Commerce and Mr. Hollyer declined to say whether it was or not.

The hearing is likely to continue for

PEOPLE OF THIS PLACE.

There are people in every town and village of this country who have been cured of itching, bleeding and protruding piles by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Ask your friends about this great preparation, they can tell you of its great sootbing healing and antiseptic powers. More reputable people have endorsed Dr. Chase's Ointment than any preparation you can mention.

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SATIONAL

CASE IN COURT

Japan, her stores, coal, etc., taken out, and the vessel has been lightened as much as possible. She is now more on an even keel than she has been since she struck, and the angle of her deck is not so great. It is probable that tugs will be sought to assist in the hauling on the vessel in succeeding efforts. ing on the vessel in succeeding efforts, if she is not budged in today's efforts to haul her from the crade of rock in which she is settled and held so fast. No orders had been received, however, yesterday by the Tugboat Company for the supply of tugs. Last night further lightering was going on to the caper. lightering was going on to take every possible ounce out of the cruiser.

The naval officers still maintain a pa-

of the crew of the cruiser have been quartered in tents and shelters erected ashore. According to pilots and others and shelters erected at the cruiser have been declared to be \$18,845,210 and his liabilities only \$4,058,349. Of the liabilities

at this season.

As has been stated the stranding was due to the officer in charge mistaking the beacon off the Vilage point reef for that off Base flats, on the opposite side of the channel, two miles further south, though the buoys are entirely different. That off the Village point reef is a small red spar buoy, which, according to mariners, is difficult to see, as it is often lying well over and is small and indistinct at the most favorable seasons. The raid to navigation off Base flats is a three pile beacon with a white painted disc surmounting it.

The stranding of the Flora is working a great hardship to the Union Steam—

scarter notes have been siven. In a leaves only \$452,267 due to outside counts. It is to the holders of these outstanding claims that Dowie made the offer of settlement.

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a great hardship to the Union Steamship Company, whose liner Moana is being greatly delayed as a result. The ship Company, whose liner Moana is being greatly delayed as a result. The Moana lies in the dry dock at Esquimalt, and work which will cost at least \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$ (\$\frac{1}{2}\$\$) (\$\frac{1}{2

Paris, Dec. 7.—Wm. J. Bryan was received by President Loubet this afternoon. Mr. Bryan will leave Paris tomorrow evening for Switzerland. Want Isles

Send Memorial to Ottawa Asking For St. Pierre and

Australia Will Probably Give Canada Benefit of Trade Preference.

Much Field Artillery and Many Maxims to Be Purchased in England.

From Our Own Correspondent.

purchase field artillery and siege and Maxim guns as well as confer with the War Office in regard to the appointment of a Canadian officer to command the in the negotiations, but from my Canadian militia. Of field artillery there edge of Japanese public opinion, will probably be about ten or a dozen batteries. Of Maxim guns enough to of the great questions at issue b form a company in connection with

country.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine, and Mr. Gourdeau, deputy minister, proceed to Boston tomorrow to investigate the workings of a new system

before the Canadian Club tonight declared himself in favor of a preferential trade if the terms with the mother country were satisfactory. He also desired to see every young man in Canada made familiar with the use of the rifle.

The Ottawa Ministerial Association today decided to take a practical part in municipal politics this year.

FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN. Stratford, Ont., Dec. 7.—Board of Trade endorses Chamberlain tariff pol-

SUSPICIOUS DEATH. Chicago, Dec. 8.—Sudden death of Mrs. Emma Murray, wife of Henry T.

HIS STATEMENT

Shows Large Excess of Assets

Over Liabilities and Asks

pan must be prepared to accept trifling modifications, the nature of which are presented in today's despatches. For Time.

Ing launches keep all boats other than those of the navy away from the wreek. The officers whose quarters were flooded out and their gear ruined by the stranding of the Flora, have been sent on the poart the Grafton, but the sent on the poart the grafton that the poart the grafton that the poart that he would be clared of the crew of the cruiser have been quartered in tents and shelters erected ashore. According to pilots and others who have recently passed the scene there is quite an encampment on Village point in the vicinity of the ranch of Rev. Mr. Nixon, which is not far removed from the scene of the wreck. Capt. Owens, the well known Nanaimo pilot, passed the wreck on Sunday, and he said the flagship was then lying off the stern of the Flora, with the Egeria some distance away. The flagship has on board a big nine-inch steel hawser, which will be secured to the Flora for the attempt to be made to haul her off today. Large hydraulic jacks are also being used in the effort to free the vessel's hull. The position in which she lies, well around from the front of Village point, and well inside the reef, is sheltered from southeast or southwest weather, but exposed to northerly storms, which fortunately are infrequent at this season.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Alvin Strue, formerly a watchman in the Easton penitentiary; was arrested on a charge penitentiary. pentientiary; was arrested on a charge of aiding convicts to make counterfeit silver coin in the prison. Secret ser-vice officers and eleven penitentiary pris-oners are implicated.

Bill—I saw Jerry going to church, Sun-day, with his wife. day, with his wife.

Jill—Yes; I guess he was paying an play till she knows how:—Carbelic Standard and Times.

Peace is Now Assured

Lamsdorf in Consultation With Czar Agrees on Terms Satisfactory to Japan.

His Majesty Displayed a Spirit of Moderation Throughout Negotiations.

程例301 Only a Few Minor Details to Arrange When Treaty Will

Be Signed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—Peace tween Russia and Japan is now be ide to be assured as the result of the of the Czar at Tzarskoe Salo, who and Foreign Minister Lamsdorff considered the reply to the Japa proposal. It is said if Japan is w to accept some modifications the nothing in the way of a complete a

Russia's reply will be received b Japanese government. It is anothe In Rocky Cradie

Maxim guns enough to form a company in connection with every city corps. At present there are not more than fifteen Maxims in the country.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—The Russian replacements of the great question and Japan will be difficult reach while the essential question country.

of warning ships by means of a submerged bell, the vibrations caused by
which are communicated to the approaching ships by means of a receiver
installed on board.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an address
the Caraction Club tonight dethe Russian minister to Baron De Rose
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to submit it to the Caracterian was in readment to submit it to submit it to the Caracterian was in readment to submit it to the Caracterian was in readment to submit convention will cover only Korea. sia acknowledges Japan's influe with the right to protect it. reservations are made regarding defences or stations to prevent any interruption of Russian sea communication with Vladivostock and Port An

thur, Russia's freedom of trade concessions which Korea has guaran-A separate understanding will cover Manchuria, Japan agreeing to leave the question of the evacuation in abeyance and to recognize Russia's special interests there, and undertakes not to interfere with them. In return Russia is to acknowledge Japan's trading privileges

Associated Press confirmed this announcement subject to the statement that there would be a temporary in perfecting the arrangements because of the illness of the Czarina and that Ja-

MASCAGNI'S NEW OPERA

Glasgow, Dec. 7.-Speed trials of ibertad, which, with her sister ship, t Constitution, has been sold to Great Britain by the Chilean government, have resulted in an average speed of 20.3 knots per hour, thus showing that she is the fastest battleship afloat.

BRITAIN'S LATEST SHIPS.

BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. Atlantic Liner on Voyage Communicated With This Morning.

New York, Dec. 8.—The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, is reported by wireless telegraphy as being in com-munication with the Nantucket lightship

SPENCER'S CONDITION.

London, Dec. 7.-A bulletin issued te tonight says that Herbert Spencer se still alive, but that he is very feeble. REPORT DENIED.

Rumored Shooting of Actress by Princess Elizabeth at Prague is False. New York, Dec. 7.-The authorities New York, Dec. 7.—The authorities here deny the report that the Princess Elizabeth of Windisch-Graetz, wife of Prince Otto of Windisch-Graetz, and granddaughter of the Emperor of Austria, shot and killed an actress recently at Prague because she found the latter in the apartments of the Prince.

Prague, Dec. 7.—There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Princess Elizabeth of Windisch-Graetz, and granddaughter of the Emperor of Austria, and also granddaughter of the the Wife of a tailor and has long been bedridden as the result of injuries received while dancing in "The Belle of New York." It is alleged that the whole story originated in the jealousy of her theatrical colleagues.

Mrs. Cassidy-We'll have to be gettin Mr. Cassidy-I'll buy her one on on

tome Nursin Society

dings at Annual Held On Thurs Last.

eports of Officers **Business Transac** Session.

(From Tuesday's Dal ne annual meeting of the Society was held at the ursday. December 3rd, a G. H. Barnard presidin The election of officers for resulted as follows: In Barnard; 1st vice-reals Wake; 2nd vice-process where the control of the c Mara; secretary-treasurer, committee, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Berkeley. Mrs. Cleland Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Galletly, irs. Jenns, Mrs. Jenkins, irs. Nicholles, Mrs. Per loyds, Miss Ramsdale, Mrs. weet, Mrs. C. Todd, Mrs. PRESIDENT'S ADDI President's address walles,—I regret to say the

nation of circumstances of and no control, your comming position to give as satisfacts usual, of the result of the You will remember that along of the year Mrs. Herbert ion owing to failing ress their very high apprecialuable services Mrs. Herb thile occupying the position urther wish to thank her her position after her reluctantly accepted get some one to take her have had some difficulty think I may say that in have found one who will be satisfactory. The report of will set forth in detail the victoria for several month year, and it is my pleasure an behalf of the secretary an heartily thank Mrs. Wake an for the able and satisfactor which they filled our respec-

luring our absence, Mrs. Wal ed as president in my place, in Miss Perrin's. I would upon those who are charl and who are in the habit o which would come within the society, that better results tained through the medium people would report the ca under their notice, to this would contribute to its fund the sams which they expe such cases, the society after the patients, and I am with the advantages at our results would be far more both to the persons who are the people who are helped.

The finances of the society consists and the people who are helped. adition-thanks to the e of the lades who have had work of collecting. I cannot highly my appreciation of those ladies. The sphere of the society is daily enlarging the society is daily enlarging the society of the society is daily enlarging the society in the society is daily enlarging the society is daily enlarging the society in the society is daily enlarging the society in the society is daily enlarged the society in the society is daily enlarged.

good financial standing, and hom we have confidence, v vork which will have lightene f many of our fellow creatu rce of gratification to and every subscriber to the The secretary read the ann has for so many years waters, free from the sthat so often threaten to seful work, that it mus those who support it with money to be told that the been a time of much diffice Mrs. Herbert, whose fait ficing service will always with gratutude, was unab work, and in December ten

nation. At the request of and with the assistance of she went on for some month. she went on for some mont this arrangement came to a ifficulty of finding a su dimenty of minding a success faced. The work of a distinance of the attractions of a private home, and its requir to the number of difficult attention, make great deman-strength; the labor brings it in the gratitude which is those to whom the nurse ose to whom the nurs every effort, were un able nurse for three mo ember Mrs. Wallis, residin

ick street, applied for the p duly appointed. There see doubt that she will carry of the society to the satisfact was highly recommended medical men, for mater branches of nursing, and homes of those and sickness, would have the services of is hoped that the troubleus and that Mrs. Wallis may on the work she has committee subscribers and collectinue their support and collections that the subscribers and collections the additional transfer transfer the additional transfer transfer the additional transfer trans which will be rendered

Increase of \$120 in the year
During the past year 49 c
under the care of the nurs
were maternity cases, a
than in other years, owing no regular nurse for son average of five visits a da The chronic cases still co-difficulty, being ineligible for and no further attempt havi-to provide a home for inc rule, these cases are those women, without any relation of them, and so they need di-which often the nurse is un

amounting to \$629.25. The \$703 last year is accounted of a few large subscriptions were \$60 less than last year the sum required cannot and it will be seen in the a considerable sum has to viding additional help, as not do more than a reason The number of subscrib will be seen that \$396 40 is ladies, one of them handing the total receipts. This mean systematic work, which is creased by having to call times for a monthly subscritton was drawn to this last that he ret heavy taken by the hint has not been taken by for whom it was intended collectors the committee ten its efforts in providing the needful clothing. As soon are made known, the supp mediately ready for distri

was so much appreciated la society was unable to comp quest, and other arrangem made for the care of the sic greatly appreciated in the hathe nurse.

The committee wish to produce the committee wish to pro their sense of appreciation done by Mrs. Herbert during the was connected with the was always ready with hel and her faithful work will le-bered in Victoria by gratefu The thanks of the commi-to the Cornoration of Vict