MINING MEASURES **EVOKE DISCUSSION**

Member For Nanaimo Told the House That B. C. Courts Were "Rotten"

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday was private menbers' day troduced by the rank and file. The interest of the sitting centered for the most part on the debate on the bill brought in by Mr. Brewster (Alberni) to frustrate the schemes of penniless and unscrupulous foreign mineoperators, who depart without paying wages when a claim "pegs out." This bill, as did that introduced by Mr. Mc-Innis (Grand Forks) for the purpose of widening the scope of the eight-hour law as affecting miners, led to some warm controversy. Both measures were lost on the second reading.
The feature of the debate was the atack made by Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) on the courts of the province, which he characterised as 'rotten." The Speaker reprimanded the nember for Nanatmo for his language, and Mr. Hawthornthwaite defended his adjective warmly, declaring that it was a good word, and one that should be used more frequently to describe some of the institutions of the province. Mr. Brewster's measure was sup-ported by the Opposition, led by Mr. Macdonald (Rossland). The leader of the Socialists disagreed with the terms of the bill, but supported it for second reading. leaving his proposed

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The Grand Trunk Pacific bill come up for second reading, but debate was adjourned at the request of Mr. Oliver (Delta) who wanted time to have agood look at the blueprints of the Prince Rupert townsite.

The Flathead Railwayi was pasmod, as was the Attorney-General's billis to amend the Arbitration act and the Magistrates' act.

The Eight Hour Law

When the House resumed the adjourned debate on Mr. McInnis' bill to amend the Arbitration act and journed debate on Mr. McInnis' bill to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines act, the Premier said that had asked for adjournment in order to look into the situation, and to be able to advise the House with all the available data to hand. His position was entirely without bias for either the mine operator or the mine worker, he recalled that the passing of the Eight Hour Day law, which measure for hand asked that the sail as sperating visited by many to the legislation of referred to. This trouble had now disappeared, and the Eight Hour law was attributed by many to the legislation of referred to. This trouble had now disappeared, and the Eight Hour law was attributed by many to the legislation of referred to. This trouble had now disappeared, and the Eight Hour law was attributed by many to the legislation of referred to. This trouble had now disappeared, and the Eight Hour law was attributed by many to the legislation of the form Grand Forks, who now takes his seat in the House for the third time, has suddenly discovered that it is his duty to enlarge the scope of the law to cover miners who work on the surface," relating the registration of the law to cover miners who work on the surface," relating the registration of the contract of the cover of the

"My honorable friend from Grand Forks, who now takes his seat in the House for the third time, has suddenly discovered that it is his duty to enlarge the scope of the law to cover miners who work on the surface," remarked the Premier. "I conclude that he has in mind the men who work in the so-called 'glory holes." The enactment of this would affect a large number of men working in the Kootenay mines. These 'glory hole' workers are not necessarily expert miners. I am quite satisfied that there has been no very specific or emphatic demand made upon the member for Grand Forks for this legislation. In my experience as minister of mines I do not recall one instance where there was a specific demand made upon the department for such a law, and I suppose that the member for Grand Forks assumes the responsibility for the metter."

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the trouble arising from the eight hour day law in the Kootenays originated with the mine-operators, the real anarchists of the province, whe refused to obey the laws. Since that time there had been few labor troubles in British Columbia. The working men were directing their energies towards political methods, as they did in all civilized countries. If political aid was refused they would go back to trade union methods, methods of force.

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"Washington, Fe. 6—African hunts washed to provide a bill that and magazine writing will not be necessary as the occupations of expresidents of the United States, if a bill introduced today by Rep. Volstead, Minesota, should be enacted. The measure provides a pension of \$1200 annually for every president after he leaves the white house.

Mr. B. Esmond from Vancouver is over in the Capital on a business trip for a few days. "Why was the 'glory hole' establish- deposit meant that the the ordinary for a few days.

liams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis.
Nays: Tatlow, McBride, Bowser,
Cotton, Ellison, Ross, Shatford,
Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Taylor,
Young, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford,
Grant, Behnsen, Manson, McGuire,
McKay, Davey, Schofield.
Pairs: Parsons and Kergin; McPhillips and Eagleson.

Mr. Taylor's bill to amend the Highway Traffic Regulation bill was read a

evidently misconceived the application of the bill when he said that it was meant to cover matters not covered by the Mechanics' Lien act. It was in-

prospector could not develop a claim

ed in British Columbia?" demanded Mr. Hawthornthwaite. "It was merely an attempt on the part of the mine operators to defeat the eight hour law. The vast majority of acidents in metalliferous mines occur in these glory holes." There is not a man working in one of them who is not in hourly danger of his life. The operators are a little more careful since the passing of the Workmen's Compensation act, but now they fall back on their other staff, the courts of the province, which are absolutely rotten."

At this stage the Speaker intervened. He said that the honorable gentleman's language was unparliage mentary, and could not be tolerated in the House.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, however, went right on. As long as the courts were what they are, he declared, he would interest them.

"I merely called them rotten," he explained. "This is not swearing. It is not unchristian. It is a word that should be more frequently used in speaking of the institutions of this province."

He went on to say that the province was getting to be full of cripples, out of all proportion to the population, and it was time some effort, and it was time some effort. The bill was put to the vote on second reading, and lost, 14 to 23.

The division was as follows:

Yeas: King, Naden, Hall, Jones, Yorston, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Jardine, Brewster, williams, Hawthornthwaite, McBnies, and Dradine, Brews

other creditors would get the advantage of it, and the miners would still lose out."

The attorney-general drew attention to another point in the act. It could only be enforced by prosecution. A fine was to be imposed, and in default of payment, the debtor was to be imprisoned. This was in effect a revival of imprisonment for debt.

The Leader of the Opposition, who followed, said that Mr. Bowser had evidently misconceived the application bill passed first reading.



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HOW GANADA'S EXPORTS MAY BE INCREASED

The Committee Reports to the Board of Trade Coun-

(From Thursday's Daily) The council of the Board of Tramet yesterday morning, the preside dance, Messrs. L. A. Mara, H. G. Wilson, Geo. Carter, Shallcross, C. H. Lugrin and D. R., Messrs. Wm. Laird, H. K. Hou and R. L. Betterton, who are ap ing for a charter to build a rafrom Victoria to Barkley sound, ly presented the claims of this cussion during which the warm which had for its object the to the committee on public

The secretary read a letter of mines, advising the Board th complete instructions had been from the department to all the commissioners in the province to every possible assistance towards ng suitable exhibits for displa Seattle exposition, adding the aid in these efforts to the utm their ability and opportunity.

A letter was read from the

couver Board of Trade advising Board of their most cordial co-on ation in ensuring the adequate rep sentation of the almost illimitable sources and industrial enterpris this province at the same expos hibition commissioner, who is present time in the city of Sea meeting of the Board which will ta place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, w the view of considering all these m ters at length and under more fav

Report of Committee

epartment of trade and commerc Ottawa enquiring for suggestions had ing as their object the enlargement our exports, presented the follow report, which was received

dopted.
Gentlemen: Your committee on tra
and commerce beg to report upon t
accompanying circular letter from t
department of trade and commer
Ottawa, asking for suggestions for
creasing the export trade of Canada
Lumber and coal—In our opinion
Dominion government should endeat
to negotiate such treaties as will a
mit the entry of Canadian lumber a
coal into foreign countries on me
favorable terms, and in this conne
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ber from the United States is a
mitted into Canada free of duty, lut tion would point out that while in ber from the United States is a mitted into Canada free of duty, luber from Canada entering United States is taxed \$2 per thousand. Iron—Large bodies of high grifron ore in close proximity to necessary fluxes and fuel are known or wist on this coast and the I necessary fluxes and fuel are kno to exist on this coast and the I minion government should assist bringing these to the attention capitalists and offer such induceme as will result in the establishment iron works on the Pacific coast.

Sealing industry—The sealing ind try is seriously hampered by restr tions to Canada sealers which do apply to sealers operating from Jap The Dominion government should hequality of rights restored to the se equality of rights restored to the s

ers from our ports.

Deep sea fisheries—The waters the Canadian Pacific coast contain enormous wealth of food fishes, halibut industry being operated almentirely by United States enterpy In the opinion of your committee In the opinion of your commit is to some extent due to the quate protection to the fishing ba and illegal use of Canadian ports cleaning the fish, rendered poss through the insufficiency of fish rotection cruisers,
Wheat shipments—With the

Wheat shipments—With the en mous increase of areas which are be brought under wheat cultivation outlets for the early marketing of crops should be provided for. Pacific coast must therefore be loc to, and in view of the opening of Panama canal, immediate steps she be taken for the construction of retiway by way of Yellow Head in railway by way of Yellow Head p Bute inlet and ports on Vanco

Statistics—We beg to call atten to the trade and navigation to which some years ago were curta by omitting particulars of the im-into the different provinces. Committee consider this informa very valuable and recommend tha department be asked to furnish was done in previous years.

Trade Reports—In the opini

your committee the trade reports issued are very valuable, and we h issued are very valuable, and we'll
no suggestions to make at presen
Messrs, J. W. Ambery, H. F. Bul
V. J. Pendray, Chris. Spencer and
Temple are the members of this
portant committee.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Vic Horticultural Association will be on February 22nd at the Y.M rooms. Reports will be received the different retiring efficers and rangements for the season's show be discussed. It is hoped that t will be a full attendance of mem

Aftermath of Big Fire. Aftermath of Big Fire.

A quantity of furniture stolen a time of the big fire in July, 1907, been located by the police in a ron Chatham street. The long mit furniture had been carried from of the burning houses and piled is street. In the confusion conset on the spread of the fire the furn was carried away by unknown sons and until a few days ago never again seen by the owner. never again seen by the owner

B. C. Reformatories. The attorney general has br down a bill regarding reforma which will change the name to the industrial school, which, Mr. Bo says, is really what the institut under its present management. same time he intends to make a ment as to what has been done past regarding the reformatory what plans are entertained for t ture. It is understood that the is a very satisfactory one.

Mr. Stevenson of Manitoba i visit to this city.