courage to denounce this spoliation of the public journals that should ks and protectors of pubdumb as oysters. Why? er the hypnotic influence or government? A live. ous, independent press that British Columbia pots far too few in num-

THE COAST

d the Northwest Territore to derive the benefit of ligration of British and ers, says the News-Adreports received from nt officials, the Settlers' nd real estate agents lands, it is evident that tention is being paid to oia by those seeking new lands are apparently most by intending settlers in but general ranch lands ranges are often en-British Columbia Setn and Messrs. Hope, pany, report hundreds a large number of sales. Cunningham receives ose seeking fruit ranches day. Mr. C. S. Douglas l estate men report that uth of the city and along and main channel of in goood demand. The also receives a numfrom intending agri-These inquiries, combrisk sale of farm ims, etc., reported by hardnts and manufacturers a good year in the agis of the province.

sealing schooner George most diminutive of the hunting vessels, was Columbia river on Tues-Ramlose and crew were ttle on the steamer Coneand will arrive home r Majestic this evening. iging to the vessel was everal others escaped affrom disappearing as ave in the turbulent watbia river. The fate of Prescott was sealed in ich covered the Columh a great depth of snow, ept up the coast from the rate of something like The trim little sealer rtaken by the storm.

logs sold to the Pacific Company was caught in being towed by the tug large portion of the boom dians, who sold the boom Harry, Tow Wilson and claimed in the ice Irving that the boon in tow by the Packers ciation tug Muriel with ere awarded that amount

ver city council are conosal from J. C. Keith 500 acres of land along iver, a stream from which its water supply. per acre without the tim-h the timber. It is likely purchase proposition.

Blescoe and Melone, who ntreal to work in the C department and were arfering goods, were con-Vancouver police court. vas sentenced to nment on two charges, dealt with. He was sen-

ortage Lumber company the sawmill of W. L. ver. The price paid for mits of 6000 acres and is said to be \$100,000 in of the new owners include for the Northwest trade.

recent cold snap at the ser river was frozen over on bridge, and steamers to make their way This is a very unusual time of year.

ST MINE SOLD.

alists Take Over Princess val Property.

avment for the Princess group on Princess Royal made, says the Victoria rn capitalists have acoperty and intend to deome time the group has ander an option by James represented Eastern Cansts. Amongst those inter-. Pugsley and others. The P. Rithet, Capt. John Wilson. The final pay-

ias just been made after

of the veins, is reported \$35,000. onsists of three claims, al, Sadie and Excelsior, oughly speaking, of 150 proached from the west s Royal island by means This runs into the island 12 miles. At the head of is a waterfall capable 20,000 horse-power. This e lakes varying in length miles. The first of these, distant from the inlet From Cougar lake to tage of two and a half The mines referred to are

m this latter lake. or four trial shipments n made from them to the results were emin It is estimated that \$100 to the ton. ystreak runs as high as

DOMINION **PARLIAMENT**

Speech From the Throne at the Opening Yesterday.

Proposed by Government.

the Dominion parliament was opened today, the speech from the throne being as follows:

Hon gentlemen of the senate; gentlenien of the house of commons:

I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity that prevails throughout the Dominion. It has received many blessings during the past year, which call for the expression of our heartfelt gratitude to a kind pro-

I had the pleasure of visiting Lon-don last summer in anticipation of the coronation of his majesty and to meet coronation of his majesty and to meet Loss about \$100,000, partly insured. on that occasion representatives from all parts of the empire, bringing with that his health was so speedily and dered by a miscreant who thought she arrest, showed no evidence of exciteperfectly restored.

Representatives of this government participated in the important colonial conference which was called by his majesty's government in connection with nation. The report of the proceedings of the conference, including the documents submitted by the Cana-dian representatives, has already been the constabulary had been made mis-dian representatives, has already been the canadians algiven by his majesty's government in London. I feel assured that much good will result from the bringing of the leading public men of the great self-governing colonies into direct contact with each other and with the statesmen of the

The great influx of population into our 'Northwestern Territories and the very large additional areas of fertile land which are being brought under cultivation combine to further press upon us the need for increased transportation facilities for the forwarding of our grain and other products to the markets of terminal facilities continues to occupy much attention, and my government will to the manufacturers' requests. mmediately appoint a commission of experienced men to report on the sub-

Al treaty has been entered into between his majesty and the government of the United States, under which the proper delimitation of the boundaries between Canada and Alaska is to be judicially determined by a tribunal of six impartial jurists of repute.

As a result of the recent decennial

census, the representation of the difference of the mortgage debt is raised a purchaser overboard and drowned. Alex. Cook, and a bill will be introduced for that purpose.

Bills with respect to the creation of a railway commission, the amendment case in which John Polson is charged. I want is to get away from here with seams, the request of the London may that the Dundee has ment, that if the police, said:

"That was a business transaction. I can be secured at a figure that will enable the shareholders to recover some of their investment, and that if the shareholders will give him proxies he will see that this course is adopted.

of the patent laws, the militia act, Chinese immigration, the reorganization of the department of marine and fisheries. the settlement of railway labor disputes and various other subjects will be submitted to you.

Gentlemen of the house The public accounts will be laid before you and also the estimates for the coming year, which have been prepared with due regard to economy and the rapid growth of the Dominion.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the house of commons: I pray that in the consideration of these matters and in the performance of all the labors which will devolve on you, your deliberations, under divine guidance, will tend still to increase the prosperity and happiness of our people.

THE CANAL TREATY.

Final Vote Expected in the U.S. Senate Today.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .-- The senate spent six solid hours in executive session today in its efforts to pass on the amendments to the Panama canal treaty in preparation for the final vote on the treaty tomorrow. The great part of the day was devoted to debate on the matter of insuring American defense of the canal, the Democrats contending that the United States should be given the initiative in that respect and the Republicans urging that the interests of the country are sufficiently safeguarded by the terms of the treaty as it stands. A substitute for the provision of the treaty placing the defense of the canal primarily in the hands of the government of Colombia resulted in a test vote. As a result of their frequent conferences since Senator Gorman's assumption of leadership the Democrats cast a solid vote in support of the amendment, the Republicans voting as solidly against it. The vote was for the Democratic amendment to 42 against. During the day Senato Morgan offered a number of his amendments, but none of them received more than 10 or 12 votes. The treaty will be ratified tomorrow by a very large majority and without amendment. On the final ballot many of the Democratic senators will vote

TOD SLOAN WON.

for it.

MONTE CARLO, March 16 .- In the pigeon shooting here today Tod Sloan the jockey, won the grand prix de Littoral, receiving \$187 and a gold medal. Harrison was renominated for a fourth term in the Democratic city w. A. Boultbee, of Nakusp, is in the convention here today. the jockey, won the grand prix de Lit-

SPOKANE & KOOTENAY.

Ex-Senator Turner Talks About the Pro-

SPOKANE, March 11. - Ex-Senator George Turner returned yesterday from Washington. He is suffering somewhat with a cold and is confined to his ho "I shall be here until about the 1st of June on business connected with the construction of the new Spokane & Koote-nay road from here to the boundary line," he said yesterday. "President D. C. Corbin is in London and will be back in Spokane in about five weeks. No, am not in a position to say whether Mr. Corbin is there in connection with the financing of the road. We expect to commence work on the new line this Measures of Importance spring and rush operations. There is nothing to the stories published in west Arrived in Company With side papers that the railway will not be

IN EASTERN CANADA

OTTAWA, March 12.-The session of THE MANUFACTURERS WANT CHANGES MADE IN THE TARIFF.

> CANADIANS DISGUSTED WITH THE SERVICE IN SOUTH

AFRICA.

Saturday at noon destroyed the ex- tives at the request of the London

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 16 .- Marthem assurances of loyalty and contentjesty's widely extended possessions, and the road leading to her home at Mcthough at one time fears were enterClaren's beach, near here on Saturday tall, good looking young woman, who tained that the king's illness would have morning, with her head badly bruised said nvolved a further postponement of the and eyes blackened. She died a few Her name on the passenger list ceremony, it was a source of much joy hours after removal to the hospital. Miss F. Brown. and hapiness to his majesty's subjects She is supposed to have been murhad money.

from the South African constabulary, Wright and his companion were enwho arrived on the Parisian. He says tered on the original passenger list as the service was unbearable. Life in M. Androni and Mile. Androni. the service if they could find the of the woman as Miss F. Browne, money to buy their discharges. The Wright is thus described in the cal places of the Canadians are being message from the London police: taken by Boers, and Boer officers are

is said the government will not accede forehead;

broken heart caused by the shock at the suddenness of her husband's death, occupied one of the finest deck suites on the steamship. Wright was sitting at a desk in his cabin when found by the detectives. When addressed by steamer was twenty-two days reaching St. John's from Liverpool on any conductive to the property of the detectives.

December, was begun at the assizes this." tcday. There is no direct evidence They went on deck with the woman the circumstances as previously stated escorted down the gangway. at the inquest. The general opinion is Wright was taken to the that Polson will be acquitted.

the Icelandic settlement on Lake Win- rant for Wright's arrest, charging him nipeg, some forty miles north of Sel- with being a fugitive from justice. kirk. On Saturday night the resi- Wright was not called upon to say dence of Steffin Oddlifsson caught fire anything, and in a few minutes he was while the inmates were asleep. Od-formally turned over to the custody of dlifsson escaped with his wife and the marshals, who took him to the two children, but returned to rescue Ludlow street jail. was one of the most highly respected broad brim, low crowned hat,

Icelanders in the district. rowing club and Victoria teams, the she left in a cab, instructing the rowing club winning by 6 to 1. They driver to go to an uptown hotel. may challenge at once for the Stanley

COTTON HANDS STRIKE.

Manville struck today in support of a demand for an increase of 10 per cent in wages. General Manager Lippitt of the Manville company, which controls all the mills involved, declines to deal with the matter. The mills ampley 6000

A FELL WIND.

Great Damage Wrought by a South Sea Hurricane.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March_16.full particulars of the hurricane which visited the Poumotn group of islands in January. Over 600 lives were lost, and the damage exceeded \$500,000. The Poumotn group of islands number about one work is charged.

LONDON, March 16.—The high court

CHICAGO, March 18.—Mayor Carter sions in British Columbia.

IS UNDER

Whitaker Wright Is Taken into Custody in New York.

a Girl Said to Be His Neice.

NEW YORK, March 16.-Whitaker Wright, who was arrested here yesterday at the request of the London police, was taken to the Federal building today to be arraigned before Commissioner Alexander.

Whitaker Wright says he will waive extradition and return to England. Wright was arrested yesterday on the arrival of the French line steamer La Lorraine, from Havre. The arrest KING, Ont., March 16.-Fire on was made by two central office detecpolice

Wright was taken to police head-quarters and later to the Tombs police court, where he was arraigned before magistrate and turned over to the ment that prevail throughout his ma- found unconscious on a lonely part of then taken to the Ludlow street jail.

she was the niece of the prisoner Wright, when told that he was under

ment, and said he was a friend of King HALIFAX, N. S., March 16.-Pte. J. Edward. His principal concern was to McGuin of Moosomin was the spokes- avoid publicity, and he asked that his man for a party of twelve Canadians arrest be kept from the newspapers.

ways got the hardest and most dis- the steamship left Havre he told the agreeable duty and the poorest of any-thing that was served out. The four-in making the tickets out in the name teen hundred Canadians in the con- of Androni. His name accordingly was stabulary have dwindled down to three changed and appeared on the addihundred, and these too would be out of tional list as J. W. Wright, and that Wright is thus described in the cable

"Absconder charged on warrant with being appointed, who add to the in-dignities inflicted on Canadians. Traud to a large amount, Whitaker Wright, manager of London and Globe Wright, manager of London and Globe OTTAWA, March 16.—The Canadian Finance corporation of this city. Aged Manufacturers' association will wait 50 years; height, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches; the world, through Canadian channels.

The whole question of transportation and to ask amendments to the tariff, but it dark; large head; small eyes; receding weight about 252 pounds wears gold rimmed glasses with gold LONDON, Ont., March 16.—Edgar chain attached. Speaks with gold chain attached. Speaks with a slight North, a manufacturer, dropped dead in his office on Saturday morning, and sible and wire commissioner of police, six hours later his widow died of a London."

As a result of the recent decennial ing St. John's from Liverpool on actangle and on being told that he was under course, the representation of the differ-

case in which John Polson is charged I want is to get away from here with with the murder of John Prottero, of as little noise as possible. Don't let Windsor, Ont., on Lake Winnipeg, last the newspapers know anything about

against the accused, all the witnesses and told her of Wright's arrest. With examined today merely testifying to an officer on each side of him, he was

where the detectives explained the ar-WINNIPEG, March 16.—News of a rest in a few words. Two United terrible tragedy comes from Hnausa, States marshals appeared with a war-

two smaller children, and all three | Miss Browne, who was left on the were burned to death, nothing but the pier, remained looking after the bagcharred bones remaining next morning. gage. She is rather tall, slender, dress-The wife is crazed with grief. Deceased ed in dark blue and wearing a rather celanders in the district. with a flimsy light blue veil. She de-WINNIPEG, March 16.—The last clined to make any statement, beyond senior hockey match of the season was that she had come over to visit friends. played tonight between the Winnipeg After her baggage had been examined

> Nothing was known on La Lorraine as to the identity of the pair. They made no friends, and Wright appeared in public but little.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 16.— m. on March 7. Wright and his com-One hundred mule spinners employed in the Social Glove and Nourse cotton and went at once to their stateroom. During the trip Miss Browne left her

with the union. The mills employ 6000 Miss Browne a large portion of the persons. that a large sum in addition had been entrusted to her by her aunt, and that she in turn had given it to Wright for safe keeping. The marshal decided to turn £100 sterling over to Miss Browne SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—
The steamer Mariposa arrived here today from the Samoan islands, bringing
full perituring of the barrier of the larger notes are to be cabled

moto group of islands number about one hundred island divisions. Relief measures have been issued and everything done at Apia and other places in the C. H. Mackintosh regarding the allega-Samoan group to relieve the suffering tion that Whitaker Wright falsely report the Poumotu islanders.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD, A Big Territory in Arkansas in Danger METALS ARE of Inundation.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 16. — The steamer Sun returned at 3:30 o'clock tonight from Holly Bush, Arkansas, and reports that at Trice's landing, two miles north of Holly Bush, the St. Francis layer is experted by the water for cis levee is overtopped by the water for a distance of over three-quarters of a mile. Water is flowing over the emdeep for this space, and there is every deep for this space, and there is every indication that a crevasse of this length will be made before morning. A force of 500 men under the personal charge of President Killough of the St. Francis levee is making heroic efforts to block the flow of water, but it seems that their efforts will be in vain, as the river is signed at the Standards.

THE PROS

is rising at a rapid rate. Should the levee give way before the flood a vas

area of Crittenden county, Arkansas will be inundated, and untold damage

Differences of Opinion Exists in Connection With Dundee Mine.

Both Sides of the Case Reviewed by the Parties.

Dundee Gold Mining Company, Ltd. Charges, explanations and counterinterest.

to the shareholders individually and collectively without notifying shareholders. He states that the company owes the Royal Bank \$24,000, and that the bank proposes to foreclose the mortgage by which it is protected, and that the property will be sold under the mortgage on or about July \$1st next. He intimates that certain parties propose to buy the Dundee for the face of the mortgage, in which event the shareholders would secure nothing for their investment. He also finds fault with the extended of the best known in loss that the same of the loss that the same of ment. He also finds fault with the expenditure of some \$10,000 on the ty when the amount was paid as insurance on the destroyed mill, his idea being that the amount should have been applied to a reduction of the debt at the bank. Mr. Parker concludes by assert-ing that the Dundee has merit, that-if

to Charles Dundee, president of the con pany, who contradicts the essentia points in Mr. Parker's circular. In a Mr. Dundee positively asserts that no action of any importance, whether en-tailing the expenditure of money or otherwise, was taken by him without reference to, and with the consent of, the board of directors. He continues that the board of directors. He continues that Mr. Parker was perfectly aware of the mortgage, that while Mr. Parker did not attend the shareholders' meeting called for the purpose, he afterwards signed a special form assenting to the mortgage. In respect to the expenditure of the insurance money, Mr. Dundee states that one of the results of the fire was the exposure of a new ledge on the Dunexposure of a new ledge on the Dun-aee, and that the insurance was spen in showing up the new ledge, much to the advantage of the property. On the question of foreclosure of the mortgage, Mr. Dundee says that if reconstruction is necessary the shareholders will be notified in ample time before a forenotified in ample time before a fore-closure can take place, and then there will be no question of permitting anyone to obtain possession of the property at the low figures indicated by Mr. Parker in his circular. Mr. Dundee says he is personally more heavily interested in the Dundee company than Mr. Parker and all his friends combined, so that his interests and those of the sharehold-ers are necessarily identical. Mr. Dun-dee states that neither he nor any of his known friends in the old country were honored by receiving Mr. Parker's were honored by receiving Mr. Parker's circular, and expresses the opinion that personal ends are sought rather than those of the shareholders generally. Mr. Dundee's communication concludes with the remark that in view of the revival in mining throughout the country he has money found upon Wright when he was arrested. Miss Buowne claimed that £100 sterling was her own money and that a large sum in addition had been entrusted to her by her aunt, and that

CLOSED ITS DOORS.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 16.

—The First National Bank, the oldest national bank in Florida, failed to open It was closed by order of the controller of currency, James W. Norvet of the treasury de-part, who is in charge as receiver. The suspension is due to three large loans which the bank has been carrying for more than ten years.

Albert J. Godell and family, of Greenwood, are at the Hotel Allan to-

Copper Still Advances.

Notes on Improved Conditions Thus Brought About.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The reports of yesterday's metal markets indicate that lead has reached markets indicate that lead has reached Sarah Ann Newcombe, at present reachalt in its rapid rise, but that copper siding in Boston, has filed an applicas still on the ascent. Lead was again tion for letters of administration for £13 15s., while copper was at 14 3-4. It the estate of the late Nelson Newis estimated that at this figure Can-adian lead would net Kootenay pro-the application was a shock to Westducers about 2 1-4 cents per pound, a field society, as Mr. Newcombe and a figure that has not been approached for some eighteen months or two years. Rossiand and the Boundary camps Mrs. Newcombe was almost ready to are very substantially benefited by the close her handsome residence and go increase in copper. It is worthy of to Brooklyn when she was prostrated mention that on December 31 last copper sold at 11 7-8, so that the increase were to be contested. Her friends here in the price of the metal to date is 2 5-3 believe that if the claim of the woman cents per pound. This means that in Boston is substantiated she has

every ton of cre shipped out of the been cruely deceived. Mrs. Newcombe camp is worth \$1.05 gross more than at came here from Brooklyn, where Mr. the first of the year, and that the net Newcombe's brother is the assistant increased value to the mines will average 75 cents per ton. Mining low grade ores on a large scale can be Mr. Newcombe came here about three made to produce profits on a more subyears ago. He was president and gen-There is trouble in the ranks of the stantial basis by either of two methods, the reduction of mining and ship company, New York. He and treatment costs or the disposition of his wife moved in the best society. Charges, explanations and counter-charges are being exchanged by the offi-cials of the concern, and the end is not yet. J. L. Parker, former manager of the company and now in charge of the North Star mine, heads one side of the question, with Charles Dundee, presi-cent of the company and a resident of Rossland, at the head of the opposing interest.

The gratifying rise in copper mined in this camp is worth at least 75 cents more to the mines than t was less than three months ego. There are fent of the company and a resident of Rossland, at the head of the opposing interest.

This wire moved in the best society.

Both were lovers of horses, and their entries won many blue and red rib-bons in the New Jersey horse shows.

Their establishment was elaborately maintained, and they were splendid en-tertainers. The property here appears to stand in Mrs. Newcombe's name, higher, but that, the further increase may be more gradual. No one would may be more gradual. No one would said to have been puchased in her some little time ago Mr. Parker issued be particularly surprised if the metal name.

a circular to shareholders of the Dun-reached 16 cents again before the end Mr. Newcombe left no will so far as

holders were induced to invest in the mine through his representations, and that the officers of the company are now transacting business of importance to the shareholders individually and collectively without notifying shareholders. He states that the commany owes the big reserve of one at the Northport

ecuring the number of men they de sire to work. Conditions are such in most of the camps that immediate re-sumption of operations is impracticable VERY FIRM

sumption of operations is impracticable save with heavy outlay. Where properties were shut down, and this was common throughout Slocan and East Kootenay, the snow has pited up many feet deep, and big bills for shovelling would be necessary before the workings could be operated to advantage. Taking the St. Eugene as an instance, the company would be compalled to the company would be compelled to clean hundreds of tons of snow from the adits of the horizontal workings and from the surface trams, the whole constituting a bill of expense of serious proportions. By waiting a few weeks the advancing season will take the snow away in the natural order of events, and by that time, metal market will have settled down to a definite basis and miners will understand exactly the conditions under which they will have to work.

TWO MRS. NEWCOMBES.

Scandal Arises From a Wealthy New

WESTFIELD, N. J., March 16 .- Mrs. young woman who was supposed to be his wife were leaders in it.

postmaster, and is said to have been very wealthy before her marriage.

Mr. Newcombe came here about three

eral manager of the Manhattan Steamship company, New York. He and

dee company protesting against the course adopted by Mr. Dundee and R. A. O. Hobbes, secretary. Mr. Parker intimated that a large number of share-holders were induced to invest in the mine through his representations.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN. A Hearty Welcome from His Party in the House.

value not less than \$50,000 since it was delivered there.

The report from the lead districts is that the feeling is buoyant there, and that the advent of spring will see the inauguration of as much activity as was ever witnessed in the various silver-lead camps. In fact it is stated that some of the best known nines that some of the best known nines have had a little difficulty already in





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