SENATE REFORM.

In the legislature of Nova Scotia, on the 7th of March instant a resolution was brought forward by Attorney-General Longley, calling for Senate reform upon the lines laid down by Sir Wilfrid ation? Laurier. That resolution was the subject of an animated debate, and it was carried by a majority of thirty to twoa somewhat emphatic endorsement of the Dominion Premier's views in the mat- New Brunswick elections. Let the Monter. The most noteworthy thing about treal Gazette, for instance, get any respeech by Mr. Wilcox, the opposition leader, a Conservative, one of the three

"The Liberals were in for a lease of Laurier government was reasonably sure of a further lease of power at Ottawa By that time, he said, there would be a Liberal majority in the Senate, and therefore, the proposed reform was unnecessary."

For a Conservative leader that is a fairly strong and explicit statement, and it turns a great deal of desirable illumination upon the puzzling state of the Tory party at the present day, Although defeated at the polls in 1896 there was no apparent reason why the Conserva- of a mint in Canada, but at the last antive party should so soon become moribund and fall into the truly deplorable condition in which we find it to-day. Mr. it was desirable that the Dominion Wilcox has supplied a very broad hint as should now undertake the coinage of its to the reason for that state of things. own hard money. The bankers being in It is this: Not only in the Dominion as favor of a mint little alarm need be felt a whole have the Tory party lost grip, that the production of our own gold and there is not a province in the confedera- silver coins would affect injuriously the tion where they retain even a ghost of stability of our excellent monetary systheir former prestige, or exert so much tem. The Miner deals with the question as a fraction of their once-powerful in- from a practical standpoint and says: fluence. The party is beaten in general the scattered bands will be long and extremely difficult.

Conservative leader in the important pro- silver and copper money that is coined vince of Nova Scotia that the case is so very bad that it is of no use attempting to fight a resolution such as the one coined cheaper in Great Britain than described, it were carrying incredulity to stand be here. The same could be the verge of unreason to doubt the assid of all the work that is done in Cansertion that things could not be worse are at the present moment.

RAINY RIVER RAILWAY.

The Rainy River Railway, which li being built by Mackenzie & Mann under a Dominion charter, from Port Arthur to Rainy River, where it will connect with a road from Winnipeg which receives aid from the Manitoba governmile from its starting point, eighteen miles out of Port Arthur, on the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, to The present request is for an additional sented the case for the railway, said they were doing some work on the road, and had built the first twenty miles, but they had been unable to finance it. The railway has been granted \$2,000 per mile from the Dominion, but the promoters expected that the grant would be %1creased to \$6,400. The road, it has been stated, would cost \$22,000 per mile, one half of which it will be seen is expected from the governments of the Dominion and Ontario. And then the road will belong to the company, which will bond it for the second half of its cost. That is the Canadian plan.

AN UNHAPPY FAMILY.

disorganization of the Conservative the mint was located, while the objecparty. The mail brings us copies of East- tion-a sentimental one, possibly, but ern newspapers containing a letter from none the less a strong one for a country Hon. John Costigan, which corroborates claiming to be a nation—that we are the statements made by the Times, in- dependent upon other countries for our benefit of competitive transportation deed, it indicates that the process of dis-copper, silver and gold coins, would be with the United States railways but integration and general disruption has removed. assumed a most acute stage. The Hon. John Costigan was a member of the Conservative administrations from the days of Sir John Macdonald until the col- Field and Lucius Moses, of the Clyde lapse of the Tupper government, being Electric Company, have secured the one of the representatives of New Bruns- right of way from Clyde, via Rose and wick and especially the representative in North Rose, to Bonnie Castle, on the the cabinet of the Irish Roman Catholics Great Sodus Bay for an electric railroad.

The road will start from Clyde cross of the Dominion. Mr. Costigan's letter. which was addressed to the Montreal Star, is as follows:

Sir, During a long series of years I have given to the Liberal-Conservative party such proofs of fidelity as would me in believing at least one thing that no Conservative worthy of the name, worthy indeed of the name of honest man-would seize on my attitude recent New Brunswick elections as valid reason for treating me with insult and contumely in the fashion that seems to have commended itself to many Liberal-Conservative organs. those pure-minded, great-souled patriotic journalists to grind out a tune of decent criticism, or even in condemnation of my course in provincial politics, I would pass it over, knowing especially how ignorant most of them are as to the real state of affairs in New Brunswick. For the sake riches the blood, tones the stomach and of the grand old party I have frequently digestive organs and creates an appetite; low the belt aimed at me by those from waom I deserved better things. I do not propose to put up with much more of that sort of treatment; but I trust to counteract it without having resort to unbecoming and wordy warfare with those newspapers which show neither phoid fever, and by purifying the blood it keeps the whole system healthy. those newspapers which show neither generosity towards me nor carefulness

toward their own honor. In the provincial politics of New Brunswick my attitude is now precisely this latest electoral campaign Mr. Fos- sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. ter's views differed from mine. That is

different views in provincial politics for wonderful to caterwauling about me never ever dreamed of denouncing my course during these "great circles of revolving years." Whence have they had illumin-

It seems to me that I can make a proposal that would place the public in a fair position to judge upon their merits -that is all I ask you-my actions and my attitude during these much-mooted the whole discussion, however, was the sponsible and recognized leader in the Conse: vative party to take up its ungenerous and cowardly attack on Senator Poirier and myself in its issue of the or four in the Nova Scotian house. He 28th ulto., to voice that "Common cry of ours" as his own, in this city or in its own city of Montreal on any public platform, and I will undertake to defend nower in Nova Scotia, and that the Senator Poirier and myseif from that same platform, and will incidentally enable the Gazette and others of its pack to scent out some renegade Conservatives if that is what they are after. Yours sincerely,

JOHN COSTIGAN. Ottawa, March 3.

A MINT.

__0__ The Nelson Miner points out that the Canadian Bankers' Association until recently was opposed to the establishmentnual meeting approved of a recommendation of the president to the effect that

"Canada produces gold, silver, copper and particular, and the task of rallying and nickel, the essentials for coinage of money of the several denominations. A considerable proportion of the coin at present in circulation is of British When we have it from the lips of a and American make. The subsidiary under the authority of the government is made in England. It is claimed in defence of this plan that it can be ada. It could be done cheaper in England because wages are lower there. with the Conservative party than they This fact would not justify the giving of the work that is now done here to the toilers of England. This country now has a population of about 6,000,000. It is large enough, important enough, has patriotism enough to desire to have its

has got far beyond the stage when it

should be compelled to have in circulation money made by other countries." Our contemporary does not share the fears of the Montreal Gazette, whose ment, has applied to the Ontario gov- views we gave yesterday. The econoernment for an additional subsidy of mic side of the question, it seems to half a million dollars. Last year the railway received a bonus of \$3,000 per be cheaper to have our coins made in England, and it is quite true that the making of \$20 gold pieces in Canada will not make money any more plentiful Fore Frances, a sinitance of 208 miles. among the masses, but is there not something to be said in favor of the creation \$1,000 per mile and an increased bonus of a market for the purchase of gold? of \$4,000 per mile for seventy-five miles Ever since '49-or rather, perhaps, ever from Fort Frances to the mouth of since the date of the establishment of Rainy River. Mr. Mackenzie, who pre- a mint in San Francisco-that city has been the Mecca of the placer miners of the Pacific Coast. In the days of Cariboo much of the gold was sold to the local banks, but a large percentage was taken to San Francisco by the miners, who thought they would obtain a better

price by selling it at the mint themselves. The average miner still holds that opinion, and whenever it is convenient for him to do so he carries his gold to that market. And where the miner sells his gold he generally spends the money he gets in refitting for the following year's operations. It may be, as the theorist of the Gazette says, that a mint cannot be operated in Canada at a profit to the government, but it seems to us that the practical effect would be On Saturday the Times referred to the a very great benefit to the locality where

NEW ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

Lyons, N.Y.; March 15.-Chas. W. Great Sodus Bay for an electric railroad. Rome water to the town and Ogdens burg at North Rose, and reach the northern summer resorts on Lake Ontario.

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Fight For a Charter to be Renewed at This Session of Parliament.

Backed by the Grand Trunk and Great Northern Railways.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ottawa, March 8 .- The Kettle River Valley Railway has given notice in the official gazette that it will apply next session of parliament for power to but a a railway into the Boundary Creek min ing district of British Columbia. One would imagine there would be little op position to any company building a road to supply railway connection to a district which had no other means of carrying on trade with the outside work than ordinary wagons. In a region where no company will build a railway without having from \$8,000 to \$10,000 of a government subsidy per mile it is some thing of an innovation to see a party asking to construct a road without any public assistance. All that the Kettle River Valley Railway wants from par liament is a charter. It applied last session and the railway committee, after one of the strongest fights on record, granted the application. The bill, how-ever, was afterwards defeated in the House of Commons by a small major

Mr. D. C. Corbin, who was the first to give railway connection to the Kootenay district, was the moving spirit behind the Kettle River Valley road. Mr. Corbin is an American, and this fact was used strongly against the bill, because it was said he was working to bring the trade of that wealthy mineral district into the United States, while in their opinion it should be developed by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway,

The Kettle River Valley Railway. which is projected to run zig-zag across the international boundary line into the Boundary Creek district near Greenwood City, would make connection with the Great Northern Railway in the United States and the Grand Trunk Railway n Canada. By the construction of this short although expensive as railway building in that region is very difficultink British Columbia would have the choice of two railway roads, while at present the Canadian road largely controls the whole carrying trade of that province. It is this that makes the issue so important between those who latter road agreed that it would quote no are seeking the railway and those who

When the bill will come up next session the forces of the Canadian Pac'fic. and those projected roads in British Columbia that are expected to be feed-ers of the Canadian Pacific, will be ar-through the Missouri river gateways will on one side, while behind Mr. Corbin will stand the Grand Trunk, as sisted by the Great Northern. The lobying last session on the bill was unpredented in the history of Canada, but during the present session it promises to be still more keenly contested as both sides are now engaged in laying their plans of campaign.

and the more railways the better as that the cry of "Canada for the Canadians" will be worked in. It is about eld flag was some years ago when a better answer could not be obtained.

petition cannot be given to the Boundarv Creek mining region, recognized to be probably the wealthiest mineral district in British Columbia, unless a line is chartered which will have its connection with the railway systems to the south of the international boundary line This would not only give the district the would open up to the whole country all the advantages of another Canadian road. It would be a great advantage to Bastern Canada Mr. Corbin has already spent about one million dollars in railway building in the province of British Columbia ... He has no pecuniary interest in the smelters in the United States or Canada so that the road would. not be utilized for bringing ores to the United States smelter at rates which would be discriminatory against Canadian smelfers. In fact the idea is to have a smelter constructed at Grand Forks, on the Canadian side of boundary, if the Kettle River Valley railway charter is granted, and about \$10,000 is now invested in the purchase of lands on which to build. Immediately to the south in the state of Washington is a large mining district, and the proposed smelter company intend enterng into additional contracts with mine owners there to have American ores

smelfed at Grand Forks. Local smelting in the Boundary Creek district is actually necessary to the successful development of the country. would not pay to take the ore a long haul. The average value of the ores at the pit mouth is \$18 per ton. Successful mining and development will cost \$5 per ton for all ore produced. Smelting costs \$7.50 per ton so that this would only leave a small margin of profit for the operation of mines in the district. It is contended by the applicant for the charter that the duties now in exisence on all articles of ordinary merchandise imported from the United States into British Columbia are sufficient to hold that trade for Canadian merchants and manufacturers. If this is not so then it is maintained that they

have a right to lose that trade. Every independent body such as Farmers' Institutes in the West, have endorsed the project, yet there are members of parliament in the West who will stand by the C.P.R. on this and all other ques-SLABTOWN.

SMALLPOX SPREADING.

Cases Are Reported From Twenty Coun ties in North Carolina. Raleigh, N.C., March 16 .- Smallpox

ontinues to spread in this state. The counties in which cases have been reported to the state board of health are: Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Bertie, Tyrell, Edgecomb, Warren, Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Almanace, Gailford, Buncomb, New Hanover Northampton, Columbus, Halifax, Mc-Dowell and Moore So rapidly is the disease assuming the proportions of an epidemic that the state board of health has appointed a smallpox inspector. Richmond, Va., March 16.—There are a good many cases of smallpox scattered throughout the eastern part of the state, but the disease is of a mild type.

Rate War Brewing.

C. P. R. Meets the Cuts Made by Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

Chicago, March 15 .- Fears of another great transcontinental passenger rate war are freely expressed by both the Eastern and Western passenger men. That it can be avoided, since the Great Northern and Northern Pacific both have slashed \$15 from their second-class rate from St. Paul to North Pacific coast points, seems hardly possible. All depends upon what the northern lines in tend to do.

I hardly see how another transcon tinental war can be averted." said a Western passenger man. "The Great Northern has inaugurated what it calls one way colonist excursion tickets,' and these are to be sold at a reduction of \$15 from the present second-class rate, which is \$40. In its announcement the Great Northern says it will sell tickets to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Vancouver. Victoria and all North Pacific points to all points on its main line and brancnes to which the current normal second-class rates are higher, to all points on the Montana Central, to all points on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's lines and to Anaconda. There is the inference in the announcement that these new 'colonist excursion tickets' are to take the place of second-class tickets. The Northern Pacific seems to have accepted that as a fact, at any rate, and it has given notice that it will sell second class tickets at a reduction of \$15.

"At the settlement of the recent trans continental rate war between the American lines and the Canadian Pacific the lower rate than the lowest in effect on the American lines. Since that time it has steadily sought the lowest rates it could find. There is no question that it will at once adopt this schedule reduced consider that they must meet the competition, and lines operating through Ogden are certain to demand it. This means a duplication of the conditions which existed during the fight with the conditions Canadian Pacific and of the conditions "I confidently believe that at no discussion of the conditions and of the conditions are certain to describe the conditions of the conditions are certain to describe the conditions of the conditions are certain to describe the conditions are certain to describe the conditions of the conditions are certain to describe the conditions are certain to describe the conditions and the conditions are certain to describe the certain the c which led up to that fight. It is to be tant date exceedingly valuable quartz into the property, which is eleven miles regretted that this trouble has broken properties will be discovered, while the up Granite creek, the trail being about out so soon after the settlement of our opportunities for hydraulic propositions twenty miles from Alberni. He brought All parties are agreed that the district | troubles with the Canadian road.

ago. In answer to this it is said the said the general passenger agent of one Canadian Pacific is now constructing in of the great roads leading out of this city of the dry gulches or old river beds, that direction, and one road will be shift toward the Atlantic. "We shall feel the cient for all purposes. The reply to this effects of Canadian Pacific competition is that Manitoba years ago was permit- in the northern portion of the United ted to build railways to the south, that States, and it is as certain that we will British Columbia has done so already, have to reduce our rates to retain a fair share of the business. This reduction in the district is without doubt an easy one long as no subsidy from the Dominion turn is likely to result in lower charges reasury is required. It is at this point from the territory farther south and we will be in as bad shape as during the last rock in no place appears to be great, fight. If the trouble can be confined to as convenient now as the waving of the second-class rates we will not suffer to so great an extent, but it has been my ob servation that it is very difficult to pre Apart from this it is well known that vent first-class rates going down when under existing conditions railway com- others come down."

others come down." Toronto, March 15 .- The Canadian Pacific Company vesterday commenced selling second-class tickets to Vancouver, Seattle. Tacoma and other points in the Northwest for \$41.75, the rate meeting its American rivale

This is the picture of a man who is healthy, clearheaded, success ful and impartia the Rr. Lord Chancellor of England You have be very sure his blood is pure. The man who suffers from im-

pure blood isn't likely to achieve walk of life. You the brain, and expect the brain to be active and keen. If you feed the brain cells on impure blood, you are sure to have weak, sluggish brain cells. If you pump bad blood into the lungs, you will have weak lungs. Pump bad blood into the weak lungs. Pump bad blood into the liver, and the result is torpidity of the liver. Feed the heart on impure blood, and the consequence is a weak heart. Nourish the skin with impure blood, and

-Lord Herschel

seases. The best of all known blood purifiers is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery: It makes the appetite hearty, the digestion perfect, the liver active and fills the arteries with the rich, red blood of health. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It cures all forms of eruptive skin diseases, It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. It cures bronchitis, weak lungs, spitting of blood, obstinate coughs and kindred ailments. It gives vigor and health to the muscles and activity to the brain. Thousands have testified to the benefits derived from the use of this wonderful medicine. All medicine stores sell it. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It stores sell it.

the result is all manner of unsightly skin

stores sell it.

Mrs. Ella Howell, of Derby, Perry Co., Ind., writes: "In the year of 1894, I was taken with stomach trouble—nervous dyspepsia. There was a coldness in my stomach and a weight which seemed like a rock. Everything that I ate gave me great pain; I had a bearing down sensation; was swelled across my stomach; had a ridge around my right side, and in a short time I was bloated. I was treated by three of our best physicians but got no relief. I was so weak I could not walk across the room without assistance. I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medicai Discovery and one bottle of the 'Pleasant Peliets.' I began to improve very fast after the use of a few bottles. It cured me and thank God my cure is permanent."

From Atlin

Promising Reports From the New Eldorado of Northern British Columbia.

Interesting Graphical Description of the Country by Capt. R. Mackay Cadill.

News is brought by the Tees that Captain R. Mackay Cadill, who represents large English capital and who went into Atlin last year on a tour of inspection, has returned and gives a very interesting account of his experiences and observations. Le said: "I left Atlin last Sunday morning and arrived in Skagway tast Tuesday afternoon over the Fantail route, on which I experienced a blinding snow storm as far as Log Cabin, a strong wind was blowing and the glass registered ten degrees below zero. While crassing Otter lake the storm amounted to a blizzard, the trail being entirely lost to view, and in my endeavors to retrace it I got into the water, with the result that I froze my right foot, although the results are not likely to be serious.

"I have been in Atlin about three

weeks, during which time I have been

busily engaged in visiting all the creeks

in the district and ascertaining their possible richness as well as one can in a winter prospect. The travelling in the country around Atlin is a very difficult matter owing to the depth of snow, it being almost impossible to get along without snow shoes. The cold has been unusually severe, the glass at Discovery camp on Pine creek falling as low as 50 degrees below zero, while for the last week in February at Atlin, the average daily reading was 26 degrees below zero, often accompanied by strong winds. "I am more than satisfied with my visit to Atlin; it is a difficult matter to form any very accurate idea of the country while wrapped in its snowy mantle yet I feel convinced not only from what I hear from the most reliable sources, but also from personal observation, and in most cases practical working, that the district promises to be exceedingly rich. One cannot judge of its mettle from last season's results, and yet owing to the lateness of the stampede and consequently short working season, I am of the opinion that the output even for that short period speaks well for itself. One must not expect to read or hear of the phenomenal richness of the Atlin country as of the Dawson country, yet in the former the gold is more evenly distributed and everyone ought to make a strike, while some will make fortunes. Last season's work was short and comparatively little work was done, and I feel that this year's output, while surprising many, will go to show that the firmation has been sent from Alberni to district, for its size, is very rich. Again day. it must be borne in mind that the country is, comparatively speaking, upprospected. Many better qualified to speak

abound on every side, and this ought to with him to Alberni some magnificent in question requires a railway, and that "So far as I can see Eastern lines are it should have been constructed long certain to be brought into this fight," clusion act. Timber is plentiful and in clusion act. Timber is plentiful and in the arrival of his principals the absence of water for washing many there are numberous spring fed lakes means so much for the camp, and Col. which in the case of almost every gulch could be utilized for these purposes with but little difficulty and expense.

"As regards the facilities for working." to work. The ground is frozen but lit- of this latest strike, making the trip tle below the surface, the depth to bed while owing to the usually favorable elimatic conditions work can be carried on profitably from six to seven months the year.

"While visiting Pine and Spruce creeks I saw many parties working in ties, and it is a matter of congratulation the former the bench, and in the latter that "Patsy" Clark's first investment on the bench and creek claims and they assured me that they were doing well, they certainly had their sacks fairly full in support of their statements and saw them make a good 'clean-up.'

son on account of their wealth, yet tak- at and near Alberni, the trade from ing all in all I would prefer Spruce which will naturally acrue to Victoria. creek both as to the bench claims and creek claims and I think that in this will see Alberni develop into a very belief I am supported by many mining large and prosperous town, the reports authorities: This, of course, must be un- from Granite creek, Hayes camp and derstood in a limited sense for many other localities tending to the belief that of the other creeks are totally unwork- gold and copper ore of exceeding rich ed, and they have to prove themselves ness is right at hand and needs but little this season and may nullify any such investment to be turned into a market surmise. Canyon, Birch and many other promise ment. to be sources of many fortunes large and small. Of the late discoveries, Dominion, Cariboo and Moose are considered rich, in fact strikes are destined to be made right along more especially in the southern course of the district. "Parties coming in from Teslin or all-Canadian route report that mining is being actually and profitably carried on north of Surprise Lake in the vicinity of Sucker Lake. Many cfaim that such fields are in the Northwest Territory, but that will be a matter for subsequent determination. "As to Atlin City itself it is veritably a

a case of 'Ichabod'—the inhabitants, pro-perty owners, merchants, and claim-holders are looking for a final adjustment of matters in dispute and in abevance of the arrival of gold commissioner. Since January Mr. Vickers has been acting as warder, and the success attending his efforts is evidenced in his popularity with all parties. I can speak from a personal experience that his duties have been anything but light Building operations were stopped purely

to save the lot holders the possibility of any loss consequent on the uncertainty of PIOL&STEEL

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the townsite and any possible forfeiture of ground on which improvements might have been made. The survey in question is being rapidly carried on by Mr. Brownless and his staff, and the survey, so far as the actual townsite is concerned, being now completed. Restaurants and hotels spring up like mushrooms. There are two bank a custom house, police barracks: all uated in the opera house. There will saw-mill outfits to the extent of about in full working order in two months. Man are heading for the Northwest Territ who are bit by the exclusion act, smiling remarking that they prefer a 250-foot cla

that of a hundred feet. "Both trails are now in excellent cond tion. In conclusion, I firmly believe the not only Atlin is destined to become iarge and rich mining camp but in add tion a camp where law and order will is its proud boast. All crooks had best he some other way."

Phenomenal Richness.

Gold Quartz at Granite Creek Worth Six Thousand Dellars a Ton.

"Patsy" Clark's Lucky Investment -- Alberni to the Fore-- Means Much to Victoria.

It would seem beyond all possibility of doubt that the long expected strike phenomenal richness has been made in the Alberni mining camp and those who are interested in mining matters are today speculating upon what it means for the west coast of the island, and particularly for Victoria.

The news was received here yesterday afternoon in the form of a telegram from the Times correspondent at Alberni, which read as follows:

"Mr. Short is up from Granite Creek and reports the lead two feet wide, assays going \$5,880 to the ton."

It will be remembered that Mr. Short is the representative of "Patsy" Clark, the well known and proverbially fortunate mining man of Spokane, who was reently induced, owing to the favorable reports received from the Alberni district, to invest in the property which Mr. Short had inspected and reported

It is a few weeks ago since the property was purchased from the original locators, Messrs. Wilson & White, and Mr. Short has since been superintending the work on the claim. How well founded his opinion of the value of the properly was, is proven by the news now received, and of which ample con-

In conversation with a representative of the Times at Alberni this morning. Mr. Short said that he had already obof these matters than myself have as- tained the price paid for the mine in the specimens of rock and is now awa

The people of Alberni are jubilant in consequence of the rich strike, which Hayes, of Hayes Landing, a firm believer in the future of the district as one of the coming mineral producing regions of this rich province, lost no time in getting to Alberni as soon as he heard post haste in a special rig.

Mining men in Victoria seen to-day by a Times reporter express little surprise but vast satisfaction in consequence of this gratifying news. It will undoubtedly have the effect of adding considerably to the value of Alberni's properthe west coast of the island has proven so fortunate, as it will mean that he and his associates will now invest largely

in properties in that district. The merchants of the city are also "Pine creek is the most talked of elated in consequence of the rich strike. creek in the district. The benches on for it will in all probability result in this creek will surprise many next sea- building up a large mining community It would seem certain that this year Wright, Quartz, McKee, able commodity for immediate ship-



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Ottawa, March 16.-Lor ed parliament at 3 o'clock enshrouded in an old-far storm. After the usual co Minto delivered the foll from the throne

Honorable gentlemen of the gentlemen of the House of In meeting you for the entering on my duties as re Her Majesty in this Domin me great pleasure to be ab-late you on the large degre-which the people of Canada joy, as evidenced by the exp and commerce, the flourishin the public revenues and the ber of immigrants who have manent settlers amongst us. dences may be added and even more gratifying, the al sation of a considerable exo ulation, which at one time table feature of our affairs The negotiations which w during the recess between government and that of th n reference to

The Settlement of Certa in dispute between Canada country were, I grieve to s layed by the illness and su of two of the most em'ne the commission appointed for Considerable progress has several of the subjects su serious disagreement arose Majesty's commissioners sioners of the United State tion of the delimitation of between Canada and Alaska was referred by the comm' respective governments,

Adjourned to the Second I next in the hope that in the difficulty might be overcon In compliance with the session a plebiscite was held tion of prohibition. The off the vote will be placed before 1 observe with pleasure th Country, Canada and other country, Canada and other sions have recently adopted age letter rate. The sat which this action has been canadian people is further general des're existing ame ple for closer relations wit country and the rest of the satisfactory condition of the satisfactory condition of the country permitted t

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A measure will be submi the better arrangement of th tricts throughout the Don several enactments of less in Gentlemen of the House of public accounts will be la year. They have been prep regard to efficiency and eco responsibilities arising from gress of the country. Honorable gentlemen of t gentlemen of the House of I am confident that the

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Bell, Mariel, Liberals, and Independent, were intro House. Messrs. Stubbs an troduced Mr. McCarthy. The debate on the addre on Monday next. Premier Laurier refer

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