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THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN TIMBER.

.Timber men and consumers of timfrom observations in American newstheir probable disposition. But the in-be a very ordinary stand for this pro-be a very ordinary stand for this pro-lated to establish a can-power their probable disposition. But the in-be a very ordinary stand for this pro-type 2". terest displayed in the East in based vince?" upon grounds entirely different from sight. The supply has not been ex- this province." hausted, it is true, but it is approachan imperative demand has arisen for by the McBride government. the abolition of the duty on pulp wood. We refer, of course, to the newspaper THE WEATHER AND OTHER industry. The proprietors of the great journals of New York have recently drawn attention to the fact that their access to the supplies still existing in

The New York Post, whose opinions cheerfulness of demeanor under the will be served. on the timber question we published most depressing circumstances. They the other day, assumes that the gov- point out that inclemency of weather AVENGER BUSY AT ernment of this province has taken means employment for the unemployed measures to conserve our wealth in and it gives the ladies an opportunity timber. We know such is very far of displaying their costly furs. Then from being the fact. Some authorities again, like certain faith healers, they claim enough of our timber wealth has say cold is only a figment of the im- Four, Residents Go to Their been alienated to meet all probable de- agination. Thermometers may inform mands for a hundred years. It is an them that the temperature is so many admitted fact that all immediately ac- degrees below zero, but really they do cessible sources of supply have passed not feel it. The atmosphere is so dry into the hands (principally) of specu- that it acts like new wine upon the lators, mostly from the United States. vital organs, stimulating circulation More than six million acres have been and causing a genial glow to permeate staked and leased. The government the physical being. Of course the cyonly stopped the game of grab after its | nic living along the Pacific Slope canfriends had satisfied themselves. | not appreciate the point of view of

Speaking to a representative of the these people of sublime faith. He asks Nelson News lately, Mr. G. O. Buchan- what about the poor unfortunates. an, president of the Interior Board of destitute of faith and imagination, who

Trade, a practical lumberman, said: get caught in blizzards and cannot find the Board of Trade at Moyie to en- have limbs amputated to avoid corrupdorse in any sense the request of the tion setting in in vital parts of their lumbermen for an extension of the bodies. Not a few have been frozen to lumbermen for an extension of the bodies. Not a few have been frozen to the form of their licenses from 21 to 43 death. Yes; we admit there are adverse, which we construed to mean vantages to set against these things.

Taylor was but 38 years of age, and made. years, which we construed to mean vantages to set against these things. Taylor was but 38 years of age, and practically life tenure. We took We have no winter sports on the ice the ground that the government that the government supplied text books. This likewise was ruled out of order. Hon. The proportion of Oriental labor, other companies would naturally seek to do the government supplied text books. This likewise was ruled out of order. Hon. It was not took the companies would naturally seek to do the government supplied text books. This likewise was ruled out of order. Hon. system thermometer does not trouble and the never intended to convey more curling stone is unknown. The merry timber than that required for imme- tinkle of the sleighbell is never heard diate use. If men have improvidently in the land, neither doth the fur cap loaded themselves up with a hundred make its appearance in our streets. But years' cut of timber under licenses there are compensations. The song of which are only good for 21 years, they the lark in anticipation of spring and which are only good for 21 years, they the lark in anticipation of spring and have no right to expect the government matrimonial duties is a most grateful and Raymond Preston, while the broto surrender entirely its reversionary substitute for the fingle of bells and ther is Robert Preston, the well known rights in order to make good their spec- the metallic ring of the skate upon the ulations. A few years ago the li- ice. We admit there are some who censes were annual, with no agree- profess dissatisfaction with conditions mnt for renewal. At the request of the here, in whom climatic attractions are lumbermen the term was extended first obscured by issues which have referto five years, then to sixteen and then ence to so-called "class-consciousness" to twenty-one, the legislature always but even our friend Comrade Hawtaking the ground that they desired to thornthwaite is not so ill-satisfied as let out of their hands only so much his speeches would indicate. You on Monday. He was 53 years of age. timber as was required for immediate could never drive him off his compurposes, retaining the balance for a fortable perch as the representative of FOR LIGHTING OF better price later on." Nanaimo by pointing out that in some

"As to the value of timber in the near other portion of the globe Socialism is future," continued Mr. Buchanan, "it verging on triumph. is apparent that in a few years British Columbia will have almost a monopoly Our esteemable contemporary the Large Power and Hydraulic face entrance into a mine); and and will get her own price. Stumpage Woman's Home Companion informs us in Ontario, Wisconsin and Minnesota is in confidence that Jack London is safe. now bringing from \$10 tto \$12 a thou- To be frank and candid, we never had sand feet, and in less than 20 years it any misgivings about Jack's safety. He embarked in his little boat exclusively will be worth that here."

On Mr. Buchanan being asked as to for advertising purposes, and having whether there were not many local men achieved his object, Mr. London took ar enormous power and hydraulic plant loaded up with timber holdings, he re- care to be found in good physical con- is under construction. The power plied: "Unfortuantely there are a few, dition and fine literary fettle. The plant when installed will have a ca- ther, 111. but I believe the bulk of the 10,000 li- author who writes interestingly of the pacity of not less than 8,000 horse tency shall be granted to any coal min censes that have been taken out in the wilds and of the nature of half-wild power, and will be used for generating er who does not satisfy the majority of last few years are already in the hands and half-domesticated animals will of non-residents, mostly aliens. These now have an interesting story to tell men bought from the locators at nom- of his experiences in a corparatively inal prices and in full view of the limi- small boat in the vastnesses of the tations of the license. Any beneficial Pacific. He has prepared the way for change now granted would accrue this product by means peculiar to preschiefly to the benefit of foreign specu- ent day novelists, who realize the inlators and enable them in years to trinsic value of a good advertisement. come to more effectually cinch the We hope the proprietors of the resident British Columbia mill owner. Woman's Home Companion will find area. "How much timber has the govern- their venture and the adventure of

ment let out," Mr. Buchanan was their principal contributor profitable. 'Under these new licenses about If the question is in order, we should 6.500,000 acres, said to contain somewhere about 100,000,000,000 feet. The sales reported last year were just short head of the Bar of the Province and sales report and the regular meeting mines operated by the Union Colliery of half a billion feet, and even of this the father of his own Natal Act, to the council at the regular meeting mines operated by the Union Colliery remembered that half does not undertake to uphold the con- on Monday night,

like to ask Mr. Bowser why he, as the

the mills in the province were work- stitutionality of the measure in the FLAMES WIPED OUTing on Dominion leases or old provin-cial leases or on crown granted lands."

"Has the province still a large because he has lately appeared in court nount of timber ungranted?"

"If they have," replied Mr. Buchan- on behalf of private clients, and that sand men who were cruising last sum-mer knew where to find it. I mean, of is an able man, we admit, but he is not "Do the lumbermen agree that the Mr. Bowser, and the point involved is

overnment may increase the royalty?" most important. "Yes; but they know perfectly well the royalty can never be increased to KAMLOOPS TO HAVE any appreciable extent because many ills are located where they have acess to inferior timber only, or to such as is too costly to log. These mills can-not stand a high royalty."

"What course do you advocate?"
"The government to sit tight, to make no changes in the law without full investigation, to issue no more licenses upon any terms until it is evi dent that a legitimate demand exists for timber for manufacture, and to ber in the United States, we gather then provide for the sale of the right of the timber berths by public auc-

papers, are deeply interested in the virgin forests of British Columbia and government derive upon lands carry-

"Two hundred and fifty dollars per loops. A canvas was made of the dis-acre or \$160,000 per square mile, in ad-trict before arriving at this decision the grounds we as the owners of the timber ought to have in the matter. The timber supply of the United States The timber supply of the United States is in is running short. A timber famine is in the present revenue requirements of order to carry the project into effect a

Mr. Buchanan's views are of interest | title of the Thompson Valley Canning ing so near to the point of exhaustion as showing the manner in which the Company, limited, with a capital of as to materially affect some industries. available timber wealth of the pro- \$15,000, divided into 8,000 shares of \$5 It is already affecting one industry, vince, property which should have been each. and that industry one of unquestioned administered for the benefit of its pany are: Frank Rushton, chairman; political influence, so prejudicially that owners, the public, has been dissipated A. E. Melghen, Dr. M. S. Wade, C. H.

THINGS.

The telegraph reports another severe work of putting up the necessary business has become unprofitable owing blizzard in the East, affecting practi- buildings and installing the machinery to the operations of the paper trust. cally all parts of the country. Only a will be proceeded with, as it is the in-These newspapers insist that the duty few weeks ago the same telegraph told thing ready to handle this year's crop. on pulp-wood or on paper shall be removed in order that they may have been the mildest on record, whereat all duce that will be canned will consist mainly of tomatoes, beans and corn, abundance in Canada. But the manufacturers of the United States have panies clapped their hands. Favorable product of the cannery. Tomatoes grow and ripen to perfection in this exercised their hitherto unquestioned weather with light snowfall had saved district and the cannery will relieve prerogative. They have vetoed the de- transportation interests millions of dol- growers of any anxiety as to the dis-

mand of the newspaper men. It remains to be seen which influence is the more powerful in Congress. In the more powerful in Congress is the more powerful in Congress. In the more powerful in Congress is the congress of the congress of the congress of the congress is the congress of the cong meantime the prerogative of the legisshivering in furs and the railways are lature to put off the evil day has been estimating their expenditures for the operations of the came exercised. The newspaper proprietors maintenance of way, which includes have been told there shall be no re- keeping their tracks clean, at millions made for the handling of produce from the tariff until after the presivision of the tariff until after the presi- of dollars. However, the Mark Tap- all parts of the Thom leys of the East maintain a marked that the interests of the whole district

NEW WESTMINSTER

because he has lately appeared in court

Plant in Thompson Valley

District.

Kamloops, Feb. 19 .- After carefully

investigating the local conditions, mar-

The provisional directors of the com-

secretary. A large block of shares has

already been subscribed for, and it is expected that the whole issue will be

As soon as a site is fixed upon the

taken up within a few days.

Home in the Past Few Days.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.-Mrs. hospital in this city yesterday morning, typhoid fever being the cause of death. Her husband has been an invalid for eleven years, suffering from mate of the hospital at which she died. | tion. "We were unable in the meeting of their way out? Some of them must be Board of Trade at Moyle to enhave limbs amputated to avoid corrupties Board of Trade at Moyle to enhave limbs amputated to avoid corrupties."

In the meeting of their way out? Some of them must be belt and the most successful farmers of the Delta, in spite of favor of the government remitting the

age, and a native of New Brunswick. He leaves a wife, three children and a rother resident here. The children are Capt. J. Mayers is also a sister of the deceased. The interment will take plac at the I. O. O. F. cemetery Thursday

John Montgomery, a well sident of Langley, died on Saturday. He was 59 years of age.
William Lindsay, a native of Scotland, died at one of the city hospitals

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

Plant Under Construction at Bull River.

Cranbrook, Feb. 19.-At Bull River electricity, for power and lighting pur- the board of examiners that he is suffiposes, to be transmitted to every city, wn and camp in southeast Kootenay.

The hydraulic plant will be the largest in the district. Bull River will rules and regulations made thereunder, e diverted, so as to enable the company to wash the bed of the river, also and also that he has been employed in the old channels. The ground has been a coal mine for at least twelve months rospected, and surveyed for a hyraulic plant, and gold in paying quantities is known to exist over a large

duties appertaining to his employ--Last night the health and norals | ment"; and nittee met and considered the case of the bawdy house on Herald street and other matters which had underground workers in coal mines are been referred to them by the city not observed in the coal mines on Vancouncil. They will be ready to report couver Island, more especially the Company; and

OLD TRAIL HOUSE

"It is because no one of the thou- at a time when his presence appeared Historic Land Mark Built by Col. E. S. Topping Has Been Destroyed.

> Trail, Feb. 19 .- A few evenings ago ire was discovered in the old Trail louse on the Bowery. The fire spread FRUIT CANNERY apidly and in a very few minutes this storic land mark, which was the first nostlery in the city, was enveloped in Company Organized to Operate

The fire brigade was promptly on hand and soon had a stream of water playing on the burning building with and a line of hose laid from the hydrant on Victoria street. The heat was ntense from the now furiously burning reet, was threatened, and the firemen nery for fruit and vegetables at Kamdrant at Gill's store.

With two streams now playing on the flames the brigade began to get the upper hand and gradually the fire was got ender control. An old store building fire but beyond a bad scorching on the end no damage was done. company has been organized under the The fact that the night was perfect-

calm and from 10 to 12 inches of now covered the roofs of the adjoining buildings, was a big factor in assisting the firemen in preventing the spread of the fire. The Trail house was built by Col. E. Topping in the pioneer days of the

The original structure was of log, and as the city grew and prospered the large frame annex was built. The building was unoccupied since 1902. The origin of the fire points to a straight case of incendiarism.

Mrs. W. A. McKeown, who has been spending the winter at the home of Alderman and Mrs. McKeown, will leave tomorrow evening for her home in Horse. She will proceed by the Princess Beatrice to Skagway.

## DISCUSSED THE

LEGISLATURE VOTED AGAINST INVESTIGATION

Socialist Leader and Premier Could Not Agree as to Existing Conditions.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The resolution proposed by the member for Nanaimo, J. H. Hawthorn-thwaite, asking for a full investigation number as 236. To-day he stated it to into the conduct of the coal mines on the Island, with the object in view of ascertaining whether the laws respect-only. At that time he was unable to only. At that time he was unable to Howard Taylor, a well known Ladner the government yesterday. The Social-new the government yesterday. The Social-new the government yesterday have them before him at the time.

Parker Williams declared that the Mongolians did not receive the same hospital in this city yesterday morn-nemier said his instructions were that

the fact that she had to carry on the personal property tax to municipalities. He was not prepared to speak as to work single-handed, and only recently This was ruled out of order, but Hon.

Samuel Preston, a resident of this city for the past twenty years, died at the Royal Columbian hospital from The deceased was 58 years of the eastern publishers.

The university was again up for disussion in committee.

> Press Gallery, Feb. 17. The House met at 2.30 o'clock. Return Presented.

The attorney-general presented a re and claims of the province against the ninion, or vice versa in regard to such an inquiry to be made. sheries, whether sea or inland; hatcheries, foreshores, from June 1st, 1901, to February 12th, 1908.

Coal Mining Laws. Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved the folwing resolution: Whereas this legislature enacted in 895 an Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, providing that no peron should be employed underground in any coal mine for a longer period than

previous to the date of his application

for such certificate, and has sufficient

knowledge of methods of coal mining

to render him competent to perform the

eight hours from "bank to bank" (sur-Whereas this Legislature further enacted in 1903-4 an Act to further amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, which provides "coal miner" shall mean a person employed under ground in any al mine to cut, shear, break or loosen coal from the solid, whether by hand or machinery, and, after the coming into force of this act, possessed of a certificate of competency as such, and further, 111. "No certificate of compeciently conversant with the English language, and with the provisions of e mines verbally and in writing. the acts relating to coal mining and to render his employment as such safe

ng as follows: Yeas: Messrs. King. Naden, Hall Cagleson, Jones, Yorston, Oliver, Maclonald, Henderson, Jardine, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis-13. Nays: Messrs. Tatlow, McBride, Bow-

Whereas it is well known that these and other laws for the protection of McGuire, McKay, Parson, Davey-25. Pairs: Messrs. Shatford, Scholefield; Munro, Kergin. Personal Property Tax. Mr. Oliver moved the following reso-

Whereas it is also well known that a lution: That whereas the revenue availde of illiterate Orientals are emloyed underground in the mines at

Therefore, be it resolved, that the vernment take prompt measures to inquire into the foregoing matters and enforce the laws in question.

He contended that incorrect statecd by the government. ments had been made as to the condi-tions obtaining in the island coffieries. While not charging that the govern-

nment.

f the province.

natters:

week?

the same?

bakeshops?

week?

to work on Sunday?

against disease, enforced?

and 5 o'clock in the morning?

11 of the said amended act?

The resolution was ruled out.

on said that the government contem-

urally have to do with the matter re-

ferred to by the member for Delta.

Free Text Books,

John Oliver moved that in the opin-

on of this House it is advisable to pro-

Hon. Dr. Young interjected, by way

ion had been considered by the gov-

whereby the various provincial govern-

the government could not even get

own to a cost basis, and utilizing its

wn printing plant, compete with the

hing. At present, he said, the govern-

Questions Answered.

nder the age of sixteen years) em-

ployed in or about a shop, store or

varehouse for a longer period than 661/2

lours, including meal times, in any one

Are said persons employed during

Are said persons employed during

any other day for more than 11 hours,

Are suitable seats provided for the

use of every female employed, and are all female employees permitted to use

Are there any sleeping places in the

Are employees in bakeshops required

Are employees in bakeshops employ-

ed more than 12 hours on any one day,

Are the provisions of section 8 of the

"Shops Regulation Act, 1900," and

"Amendment Act, 1901," providing

Are any employees in bakeshops un-

der the age of 18 years employed be-

tween the nours of 9 o'clock at night

Are any persons under the age of 14

Are there any bakeshops in a cellar-

ars employed in any bakeshops?

Has the superintendent of Police

sions of the act, made a report as to

If not, will a report be asked from

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as fol-

"The superintendent of provincia

lice is absent from the province;

cement of the 'Shops Regulation

when he returns information will be

Mr. Yorston asked the chief con

nissioner of lands and works the fol-

Is it the intention of the government

the erection of a new school building

Hon, Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

"No requisition has as yet been re

ceived in this connection from the edu-

The bill to amend the Constitution

Act and the accompanying bills pro-

viding for the creation of a new port-

adopted on report and read a third

University Bill

Mr. Macdonald again objected to see

tion 31, with respect to the terms of

admission of graduates of theological

which he had taken against the sug-

Other unimportant amendments wer

mittee reported progress.

The university bill was committed,

folio and the increase of the sessional

indemnity from \$800 to \$1,200

Increased Indemnity

btained from him regarding the

Act. 1900.' '

at Quesnel?

cation department."

or more than 60 hours in any one

cluding meal times?

cluding meal times?

tion was being talked of, he

ent had wilfully deceived the House e argued that the government had it self been deceived in regard to the matter. In support of this contention he cited the information given to the House in reply to questions that a certain number of Orientals were employed at \$1.50 to \$1.90 per day, and recalled the previous statement that Orientals were receiving the wages of white men which was apparently not the case from these figures. In the Wellington olliery, according to his advice, there were 1,750 Orientals employed as minbuilding and the old Kaiser house, building and the old Kaiser house, some 30 feet distant across the narrow owners the miners were prohibited from owners the miners were prohibited from street, was threatened, and the firemen devoted their energies towards saving claimed that it was necessary that this building. In the meantime the something should be done, as serious need from the Gulch was brought down accidents might be occasioned any day and a line of hose laidn from the hy-

Hon. Mr. McBride said if he had bee eceived the inspectors were responsible, and personally he had full confiunder control. An old store building across the street was several times on which had been previously made, having relation to this subject, had been estigated and found to be grou According to his information there were 405 Chinese employed in the Union colliery, and not 1,750, as stated by the member for Nanaimo. Of this number 204 were paid by miners and contractors, and 201 were paid by the colliery company. The inspectors, he said, were instructed to spare no effort to see that the laws were enforced. And the appointment of three additional inspectors, to further assist the administration of the department, over the growing area of mining operations, was plated for the immediate future. Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked if remier would contend that these Orientals were paid \$3 to \$5 a day, the wage obtaining with respect to white niners? Hon. Mr. McBride said he was ad

vised that their earnings were govern ed by the same principles as applied in He repudiated the idea that no min-

dare make a complaint if he felt impelled to do so, as stated by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. If there were conditions which demanded improvement, it was easily empetent for the member for Nanaito to invite investigation. But he could ot accept a resolution of this kind. J. A. Macdonald thought there wa mething more in the case presented by the member for Nanaimo than the emier appeared willing to admit. And n any event he did not think the govrnment should decline the opportunity ffered to have the public mind theroughly satisfied that there was nothing ong in connection with the mines ad-

Are notices of the hours of employninistration. nent, as provided by the Act, exhibit-Parker Williams remarked that if oped in conspicuous places in the shop, ortunity were given to have this quesstore or warehouse? ion ventilated the House would find Are the provisions of section 26 of the that Mr. Hawthornthwaite's figures, as act complied with and enforced, and to the number of Mongolians employed in the mines, would be found correct. are all sanitary provisions made? Are all bakeshops constructed and kept in a sanitary manner?

ing the employment of Orientals were being carried out, was voted down by give the figures for 1907, as he did not rheumatism, and is at present an in- taken up in the discussion of this ques- government having invited the mine owners to say as to the truth of allegations, which should have been subject to investigation in the proper way. conditions obtaining at Cumberland

the enforcement of the provisions of th that they brought the matter to the attention of the government. Nor was i fair that the working miner should be expected to sacrifice his safety as employee, by pressing the case against John McInnis thought that investi gation would show that the statements

turn of copies of correspondence and made in the resolution were not with out foundation at least, and argued that the government should occasion

member of the House took the respons bility of making the statements contained in the resolution, it was adviable that the matter should be inquired into. In his opinion, however, the investigation would be more efficiently onducted by a select emmittee of the House. At the same time he could no refuse to support the resolution on this ground, when his judgment dictated that enquiry should be held in the best interests of the province.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite in explanation of his call upon the government for enuiry, rather than asking for a select ommittee of the House, remarked that he charged in effect that 1.750 Mongolians had been given miners' certificates, and that to have the matter enquired into would necessitate the ex- Mr. Ellison in the chair. mination of these men, and if the enuiry were made by a select committee it would necessitate their coming to Victoria, which would be impossible. These men, he charged, were incompetent and had received their certifiates wrongfully. He said he personalhad complained about conditions in gestion that the section should be in Newcastle district.)

The question was put and the resotion was defeated, the House divid- talked over at some length. The com-

Second Reading On motion of Hon. Dr. Young the bill regarding the approval of cemetery sites was read a second time; also the bill to amend the Hospital Act, 1902. er, Cotton, Ellison, Ross, McPhillips, Chompson, Hunter, Fulton, Young, The purpose of the latter bill, he explined, was to enable the smaller hos-Thompson, Taylor, Garden, Macgowan, Gifford, Grant, Behnsen, Manson, Hayward. pitals to get the advantage of the per capita grant. The bill to further amend the Rail-

struck out.

vay Assessment Act passed second reading. Railway Bills.

On the motion for the third reading and one or two important ame

able to municipalities generally is in-adequate for the requirements of the municipalities: Therefore be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House ing the following amendment:

"Provided always, that neither diit is desirable to increase the revenueproducing power of the municipalities rectly nor indirectly shall any person by allowing to the municipalities the of Oriental birth or extraction be emtax upon personal property now collect- ployed in the construction of the said railway." Hon Mr. McBride objected that the

The Speaker ruled that the motion resolution was out of order on the ground that matters dealing with the notice had not been given of the same. revenues must originate with the gov-Mr. Williams suggested that might be permitted to move for a susnsion of the rule. Hon. Mr. Tatlow by way of explana-

H. Behnsen insisted that ample op-portunity had been given for any amendment of the bill and objected to its plated a rebate of some of the taxes endment of the bill and objected to its next session and among them the perpassage being stayed at this time for sonal property tax, which would na- that purpose.

Mr. Williams moved that the third reading of the bill be postponed, but the motion was lost, and the bill was read a third time.

The House rose. ride text books for use in the public In the House yesterday J. H. Hawchools of British Columbia at the cost nornthwaite introduced his resolution relative to urging the Imperial au-This matter was ruled out of order thorities to go into the Oriental queson the same grounds taken with respect to the previous resolution, tion as it affected this province, by appointing a royal comm cialist leader is rather following the of explanation, that the text book quesexample of the premier, who wanted a rmission representative of Imperial rnment and that information was still authority to go into the subject of betsought in reference thereto. A propositer terms. The debate on the resolusaid. tion was adjourned on motion of the

nents would unite on certain text looks, and by placing their orders The day was spent for the most part n advancing various bills a stage, and onjointly, secure the same at a re-uced cost. Under present conditions nsiderable was done towards reaching an early prorogation of the House.

Press Gallery, Feb. 18th. The House met at 2.30 o'clock.

publishing houses of the east. In Mantoba, where free government text New Bill. A. E. McPhillips introduced a bill to further amend the Companies' Act, books were available the people had not seen sufficient inducement in the 1897.

system to patronize it as a general Oriental Resolution Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved: ment was co-operating with the school Whereas a conflict of interests has board of Vancouver and he hoped next arisen between the province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada session to bring down some measure

whereby the question would be solved. in respect to Oriental immigration into British Columbia; and Whereas a treaty, known as the A. E. McPhillips asked the attorney-Anglo-Japanese Treaty, has been enorsed by the Dominion government;

general the following questions:
Are the provisions of the "Shops Regulation Act. 1900." being enforced? | and Whereas the said treaty contained the Particularly in regard to the following ollowing section: Are young persons (any boy or girl

"The subjects of each of the two high contracting parties shall have full liberty to enter, travel or reside in any part of the dominions and possessions of the other contracting party, and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property.' ny Saturday for more than 13 hours,

And whereas the industrial and labor interests of British Columbia have been seriously affected by the abnormal. influx of Japanese immigrants under said section; and

Whereas laws enacted by this province to regulate said immigration have been uniformly disallowed by the Doninion authorities; and

Whereas the existing condition cannot continue without injuring the various interests referred to, and further ndangering the good understanding that has existed between the people of Japan and the people of this province; Therefore be it resolved, that this House memoralize the Imperial government, through the colonial sercetary, to appoint a royal commission to fully

inquire into all the circumstances in connection with these matters. He said he thought it was the duty of the legislature to do something to find a solution of this vexed question before the House prorogued, and thought the plan suggested in the resoiution should commend itself to the House. In view of the widely divergent views which the Asiatic controversy had elicited and the perplexities which onfounded the location of real responsibility for the course which governments had pursued in connection therewith, he thought the people were entitled to have all the facts placed fully before them. In this connection cited the apparent conflict of opinion between the Canadian premier and underground, and contrary to section British authorities as to the meaning of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, and the Are the provisions of the act kept posted in all bakeshops? confused ideas generally obtaining as to the bearing of that treaty upon the Canada. He argued that, under the present arrangement between the govnments of Canada and Japan, the emigration of Japs to Canada was in the discretion of the Mikado's governent, an arrangement which he characterized as unsatisfactory and unfair this country. In Vancouver, he said, the Japanese colony was practically an armed camp, and failure to secure an efficient settlement of the question might lead to some lamentable conflict with their people. He, thought something should be done to

seek a final solution of the questio Hon. Mr. McBride moved the adournment of the debate Questions Answered.

Parker Williams asked the Chief mmissioner of Lands and Works the ollowing question: trails and bridges in the district of Newcastle from July 1st to December

2. What position did Mr. Henry Trudell hold in the district of Newastle during last season? 3. What was the total sum paid, as alary, wages and expenses, to the folwing parties during last season: John

Cairns, Walter Michel, D. Ferguson, John and H. Trudell? Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows: 1. \$6.143.81.

Cruising for road to Green Moun-3. John Cairns, salary, \$136; expenses, \$44. Walter Michael, salary, colleges, practically reiterating the objections he took thereto on Friday.

penses, \$41. Watter and D. Ferguson, saloujections he took thereto on Friday.

penses, \$41. Watter and D. Ferguson, saloujections he took thereto on Friday. Hon. Dr. Young maintained the stand salary, \$68.25; expenses, nil. H. True dell, salary, \$154; expenses, nil. ((All

> Return Presented. Hon. Mr. Fulton presented a return of a copy of the map, plan and book of eierence (with certificate of the Hon. nissioner attached) deposit-Chief Comr d by the Victoria Terminal Railway connection with the acquisition by the company of additional ights of way through the lands of John Weaver, at Mud Bay.

A return of copies of all correspondence, telegrams or reports in any way relating to the construction of a bridge ver the Kettle river at or near Rock creek.

The university bill was committed

were made. The bill v plete. Hon. Dr. Young, in statement made by hi was before the con ous occasion, said th tended to convey the bia University was o vation of the standa the province. His been made in reply to

raised by the member intended to apply in Third Rea The bill regarding cemetery sites pass

stage and was read the bill to amend th Municipal 1 Hon. Mr. Bowser reading of the bill t amend the law rela electors in municip plained had been sistance of the unio

The motion passed Railway Ass The bill to further way Assessment Ac Price Ellison in the c Stuart Henderson the hotels along the railway right of wa were to be taxed. Hon. Mr. Tatlow into the matter and a

New Raily On consideration of bill to incorporate the Northern Railway Con liams moved to add th

"Provided always, rectly nor indirectly of Oriental birth or e ployed in the constru railway."

He claimed that the le not abstain from passi because its constitut questioned and that held to be debatable w lation was ultra vir should be left to the the Ottawa authoritie Mr. Ross (Fernie),

the bill, construed the being designed to put being opposed to the working men, rather ment of practical leg the adoption of such undoubtedly lead to t the act. He said he the amendment, but v cept a fair wage clas Mr. Hawthornthwai amendment. He sugge company intended to construction, they won selves in that class. ment had in view who grant exemption from years, and would app years, and would apply sion with the rest. H fair, therefore, that as be made in their chemen should have the ronstruction work. H provincial acts had become of provisions were supposed to the state of provisions with the same of provisions were supposed to the same of the same of

cause of provisions posed, and that the not be rejected on tha Hon. Mr. McBride re very clause had been sixteen bills already grounds and that it from the pronounce ment of justice on such legislation was nal. He said for Fernie proposed clauses which the gor corporated in the Rai

Act. J. A. Macdonald sai by the member for place this railway i position with respect in the field. The legi heedlessly throw i would prevent this The principle involve different from the pr the Railway Assess was intended to giv emption from taxati with respect to that It was proper that th not receive this ass employed white labo here was quite differ company was not a sistance from the p ture it should com that the province s the legislature shou fore such assistance agreement be entere labor should not be road. On these grou amendment.

J. McInnis argued have this provision trying to deal with tion in the only pra W. H. Hayward in the province by ditions as these was of the working man John Jardine expr wor of the amendm The question was amendment was los bers voting for it, Eagleson, Jones, Y Jardine, Williams, McInnis. Had Ob

> The debate was ad Ross opportunity ments embodying t etc. on the order Mr. Hawthornthy to the fact that his recorded on Mr. the previous day, w the Hudson Bay owing to the fact had not been rung, rider at the time. The bill respec

Trust Company stage. The Cor On the order for debate on the mot reading of the bill

Corbin charter) that the differen panies having bee ments would be in tee to fit the new As Mr. McPhilli