ON THE ROCKS

The government is in a hurry to bring the session of the Provincial Legislature just on the eve, as they say, of a general expansion. The records show that durhave had some rather rickety things in dignify with the name of government. about the most pitiable spectacle that dividuals and nations to travel along. has yet been seen in working order. We wonder that it has discernment enough to comprehend its own imbecility and to desire to hide it in obscurity.

mazes of the assessment bill by the op- the Pioneer dinner last week, expressed to raise the wind," hopelessly shattered. British Columbia, and no doubt reflects The two ministers are still lost in the the views of a great majority of that labyrinths, with little prospect of finding splendid class of our citizens, the pionthemselves.

nothing whatever of the nature of the It has apparently not attempted to arthe effects of its provisions. It has been upon British Columbia. left to the opposition to dissect the bills, estimate their purposes, determine the weight of the burdens they will impose, and calculate the resultant effect upon the business of the province. No information can be got from those who are busy season of the year to give any atsupposed to have framed the measures tention to that which they may in tones and are looked to to enlighten the members in regard to their purport. Plied with questions, the ministers simply before it is too late. There is that in the take refuge in silence and confusion, having learned that attempts to explain result in entanglements and embarrass-

ping the intellects and letting the light in pears to-day, even in its amended form, on a sufficient number of members on the opposition has inspired in them.

of the settlers the McBride government is displaying, we might cite the case of the settlers on the Dominion railway belt. As is well known, the former government of the Dominion reserved the tunity offered, sold it to lumbermen. The neighbors. The timber was deeded over

This is merely a sample of the blund- made more effective instruments for the ering manner in which the government creation of the conditions they aim at. has gone about a business that should have received the deepest consideration business man, but every individual in any which are directly affected by the bill, and should not have been touched until way interested in the welfare of British are being carefully watched by some the ministers were absolutely sure of Columbia, to bestow his undivided attentheir ground. It is not at all improbable tion upon the proceedings of the Legislathat the effects of the government's ture. policy upon business generally will be quite as destructive. It is scarcely possible for the opposition to foresee every House of Commons said the government contingency and safeguard every single had made an extravagant bargain with interest.

A CONUNDRUM.

dull times, while in Canada factories are they have always found in British Col nor is there any prospect at present of cannot exact a profit of nearly four hun a livelihood. Manufacturers in some of that amount out of the last loan we lines in the East insist that they cannot floated. And we must all "dig down get a sufficient number of mechanics to deep" to pay the cost of borrowing. assist them in keeping up with the demands of consumers. In the city of

THE TRUTH.

Mr. J. W. Carey, a life-long supporter eral endeavored to assist his colleague ernment should be returned to power. floundered worse than Mr. Tatlow. The an outspoken politician, is an old-time the tottering steps of the ministers, and taken an active and intelligent interest retired with his great reputation as an in public affairs. He is an excellent authority on assessment, taxes and "how judge of what is best in the interest of eers of the province. At all events, Mr. The government knows absolutely Carey gives expression to his strong personal convictions, which have been measures it has laid before the House. Personal consideration arrived at after a careful consideration of the policies of the two Dominion rive at an intelligent comprehension of parties, and especially in their bearing

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

If the people of British Columbia are too deeply immersed in business at this Probability That New Regulations With of contempt denominate "politics," we advise them to considerate their ways political situation which should be deeply interesting to them at the present time. Let them give an hour or two to The opposition has succeeded in tap- a study of the assessment bill as it apthe result of the criticism of the oppo-

isters will let it do it. Their part is to ditional revenue the country will derive have now in the House. sit by and acquiesce, drawing their sal- under its operations nor of the possible aries and travelling expenses as consola- effect of the imposts upon business gention for the sense of unworthiness the erally. We have always understood that Kootenay, and the members insist upon these subjects received the special atten- being heard by the government. They As a concrete example of the lack of tion of governments when they proposed knowledge or disregard for the welfare drastic measures of reform, or the re-

mere politics. The situation is too districts in opposing the objectionable because the features of the bill. timber on those lands, and, when oppor-the fascinating game of getting the bet-Representatives of some of the Van-the fascinating game of getting the better of our hereditary enemy. There is a couver Island companies which have rethers upon the same footing as their government in power which proposes to neighbors. The timber was deaded over just act. The settlers will be placed in nificant class from which they derive ation.

First the opposition in the Dominion the Grand Trunk Pacific for the construction of the new transcontinental road. Now the Tory newspapers blame the ministers because, as is alleged, the ment Act. We have as yet seen no satisfactory | financial men will not look at the "proexplanation of the fact that in the coun- position" in its present form. They try which enjoys "adequate protection" if want a clearer insight into their proany country in the world does, the wages spects for dividends. We fancy the road will likely therefore sit throughout next of eighty thousand workers in one line will be built all right and that it will of industry have been reduced from ten be found to be a good bargain for the to twenty per cent, at one "fell swoop" | shareholders as well as for the country. and that thousands more have been laid Perhaps the financial men of London off entirely because of the ill effects of have been spoiled by the "good thing" busy, there is no diminution of demand, umbia. They must be taught that they the dawn of a period of lean years. dred thousand dollars on every deal "put There is, according to all accounts, work | through" on behalf of any part of Canin this country for all who desire to earn ada. They realised in the neighborhood

The correspondents who have the few-Chicago alone thousands of workers in est opportunities of finding out say the will be commenced is problematical. agricultural implement manufactories Dominion House will be dissolved early Admiral Bickford still holds the right to have been released from their employ- in the new year. The politicians who place the Flora in dock, and as there is ment, while in Canada all the existing are clamoring for a change in our fiscal foundries are running overtime in order system do not allude to the fact that the the catch up with their orders and work. to catch up with their orders and workshops are being erected in the city of shops are being erected in the city of years of the reformed system has been shops are being erected in the city of years of the reformed system has been this raises the question, will the Moana a remedy as South American Nervine as a Beyrout, and Herr Von Mueller, of the Austrian foreign office to supervise the

neasure of protection. It is unfortunate | It is depressing to think that this, the for the Conservative party that the fates | richest province of the Dominion, is the should work against them and furnish least progressive in these piping times of to an end. We do not wonder at it. We election, the most convincing proof that, ing the past six years mortgages on whatever the inherent virtues of extreme | real and personal property in the Eastern British Columbia which we attempted to protection, it does not furnish immunity part of Canada have been wiped off at a from dull times. Temperance in all rapid rate. Here the government holds but the McBride combination presents things is the safe and sure path for in- a lien on the entire province, and proposes to charge an exorbitant rate of in-

The friend of the Tory party, the eloquent man who persuaded the Canadian Conservative senators to kill the bill pro- He Is Astonished That Money Is Lack-The Finance Minister was led into the of the Conservative party, speaking at viding for the construction of an all-Canadian line to the Yukon, Mr. Liverposition yesterday. 'The Attorney-Gen- the view that the Dominion Liberal gov- nash, who is now a representative of a section of California in Congress, is inover the rough places. He stumbled and Mr. Carey, who has always been terfering on behalf of another expressed or wronged people, the Colombians. member for Richmond essayed to guide resident of the province, and has always What we would like to know is, who is paying him this time for his services?

> Herbert Spencer, scientist, speculative telectual products of the nineteenth cen-alluded to. tury. His works were not of the class

MANY DEPUTATIONS WAITING ON MINISTERS

Regard to Timber May Be Withdrawn.

The government is finding that it is be. They are now thoroughly satisfied that it would have been much better for them to have given some consideration them to have given some consideration mation and sufficient ore exposed to war-

the output of mines and the substitution of some more equitable method of levyvidual, business or concern in the prova little to the taxes under the existing and if made tributary to them would

In the meantime timber men are gathering from all quarters of the province. A delegation of them is here from East protest against the crippling of the industry at its start. They, therefore, are against the increasing of the license fee verse. from \$100 fc \$160. There are many other points to which they also object,

take a leap in the dark and to take us all city showing that the act will effectively

fore any more timber men get capital to urge the weakness of this bill. members on the Conservative side, who demand an alteration in the bill. The government in its endeavor to get

the measure through as soon as possible are contemplating holding afternoon and sary. In the House.

act to amend the Coal Mines Act passed its third reading. The House then nsidered very doubtful if business will be far enough advanced to be at the end of the week. The legislature

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Esquimalt Marine Railway Company Will Repair Moana, But When Is Questionable.

The Esquimalt Marine Railway Company have been the successful tenderers for the repair of the steamer Moana. the work, the others being the Victoria Machinery Depot and the Albion Iron Works. The contract price is not stated, but is believed to be in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand dollars. The undertaking, it is thought, will take three weeks or a month to accomplish, but when work

FOR CAPITALISTS

N. TREGEAR PRAISES ISLAND PROPERTIES

ing to Fully Develop Copper Mines.

Too often words of discouragement are heard respecting the mineral prospects of near the Glasgow hotel, about 2 o'clock Vancouver Island and the coast of British Columbia, tributary to the Island smelters. These criticisms arise usually three went through his pockets and exphilosopher, writer and teacher, is dead. from those who are not in a position to three went through his pockets and expendition to the pockets and expendition to the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties and the properties of the He was one of the remaining brilliant injudge of the capabilities of the territory him of his watch and chain.

The opinion generally held by practical that appeals to the popular mind, but his men is that there is /no place in the that appeals to the popular mind, but his taking off will create a great gap in the world where the prospects are better, especially for copper production. Nicholas Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P. P., and Mrs. Macgowan, and Miss Eva Forrest, Tregear, the manager of the Lenora mine, and who made for himself a reputation by taking hold of the Le Roi at a critical period of its history, and convert-

been in charge of the work at Mount Sicker he has had occasion to visit West Coast properties, and has also come in contact with practical men who have made examinations of other properties.
He has come to the conclusion that this
He has come to the conclusion that this
Miss Nettie Forrest. The groom was coast offers among the best inducements in the world for investors in mining properties. All it requires, he thinks, is the not so easy a matter to tamper with the advent of capital to make it one of the existing laws as they thought it would greatest copper producers in the world

to the bills which they introduced before rant the erection of a smelter. These

Cross, on Barkley Sound, and from the Yreka, which is under the control of Breen & Bellinger. These will send ore to the Crofton smelter. But this, it is When a man like Mr. Tregear is pre-

to them along with the land. Many of them have been disposing of the resources thus placed in their possession will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per will man at the rate of 50 cents per with respect to mining matters. The point complained of by these men, and will withdraw the tax schedule which created many disabilities. He is with it. It hopes to find solid ground for put then out of business.

It is understood that the Finance Min
reputation of verifying his predictions to mill men at the rate of 50 cents per thousand, just the rate at which the McBride government proposes to assess the product. In a word the ministers the product. In a word the ministers the product of the product Island copper ore, Mr. Tregear points exactly the same position as they were in before they owned the timber. In addition, we suppose the mills which depend tion, we suppose the mills which depend tion, we suppose the mills which depend tion, we suppose the mills which depend their support, the better they will be pleased, because the sooner the conditions they are striving to bring about will be their support, the better they will be pleased, because the sooner the conditions they are striving to bring about will be reached. What we say is that if the as-

YALE-CARIBOO.

A Convention Called to Nominate a Liberal Candidate.

The advisability of holding a ion at an early date of the Liberals of Yale-Cariboo has for some time been receiving the careful consideration of Libevening sittings on Saturday, if neces- eral associations throughout the provincial electoral districts of Cariboo, Lillooet, Yaie, Kamloons, Okanagan Simil-In the legislature this afternoon the kameen, Grand Forks and Greenwood As a result it has been decided to hold a convention in Raven's hall, Kamloops on Wednesday, January 13th, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose f nominating a candidate to contes able to close for the Christmas vacation | Yale-Cariboo in the Liberal interest at the forthcoming Dominion election. The basis of representation agreed upon, and which will govern the conven-

tion, is as foilows: One delegate for each fifty votes, or portion thereof, poiled in the recent pro-

That such delegates must have cretials from the Liberal association having jurisdiction over the polling subdivisions they represent, or from the chairman and secretary of a meeting of Liberals called to elect delegates where

here is no Liberal association. That proxies be allowed, but no deletive proxies

Information received at Vienna from oth official and private sources is to the effect that the story of the shooting of an actress by Prince Elizabeth of Windisch-Gratz is wholly false, and the persons who are alleged to have spread the report will be prosecuted.

Hamilton which will furnish employment greater than during the previous eighteen have to be sent to the Sound or else- last resort would get it as a first resort, Austrian foreign office, to supervise Hamilton which will rurnish employment greater than during the previous eignteen for thousands of men. We think it is up years. In the longer period the men where for repairs?

The matter has now been taken up spared. If you have any nerve disorder powers for Macedonia. how much misery and suffering would be carrying out of the reform scheme of the to the "adequate protectionists" to tell who say they are endowed with the with the admiralty authorities, and it is you needn't suffer a minute longer. A the people why these things should be genius of government were tinkering expected some understanding will be thousand testimonies to prove it. Sold by Erysipelas is now classed as a contagious

VANCOUVER NOTES

Another Hold-Up at Terminal City-The Civil Assizes

The funeral of Spencer B. Hesketh,

third officer of the steamship Athenian, who passed away so suddenly on Saturday last, took place on Monday afternoon, and was attended by all the officers and many of the crew of that vessel. Rev. H. L. Roy officiated, Some beautiful flora' offerings were placed up-on the casket. The pallbearers were: Capt. H. Robinson, Chief Officer David-son, Second Officer Hailey, Purser I. M. James, Dr. Draeskae and Chief Engineer Matheson. Besides the seamen, a num-ber of Vancouver friends of the deceased gathered to testify their respect. The officers appeared in full uniform.

As Charlie Johnson, an expressman, was walking along Westminster avenue, on Sunday morning, he was suddenly accosted by four men. One placed a revolver against his nose while the other

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized on Monday evening at the home of the bride's parents, 621 Jervis eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forrest, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev ing the mine into a paying proposition, holds the latter opinion.

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During the time that Mr. Tregear has a few immediate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of brocaded duchesse silk, with a long white bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower supported by his brother, Mr. Earle Macgowan. After the ceremony the invited | Colonist of Saturday, the 5th inst., I am cities, where they will spend their is an assured fact that in Victoria we have

> At Monday night's meeting of the city to undertake other first-class oratories" council a by-law to increase the number | with some of the other suggestions, how-

day before Hon. Justice Irving, and several cases were postponed. The only case heard was that of Norman McLeod the defendant for \$1,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment. The jury awarded a verdict of \$150 damages against the defendant.

SUICIDE AT FERNIE. Miner Ended His Life by Drinking Car-

bolic Acid-Bank Notes Stolen. James Cawley, who has been working in the Crow's Nest mines, committed suicide in an hotel at Fernie on Friday by taking carbolic acid. He had been drinking hard for some time. He registered at the hotel on Thursday night, but gave

charge of his new office last week. A curious robbery case occurred at

torn into five pieces each, and liftle difficulty was found in matching the recoved parts, which made up complete bills for 2 fifties, 1 twenty, 1 two and a piece of another two. This money was since redeemed by the hand No clue could be found of the thief nor of the remainder of the bills.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN. Annual Meeting Will Be Held in the City Hall Next Monday.

The annual meeting of the Local Con of Women will be held in the city hall discussion.

The agenda includes resolutions regard-Standing Committees of the National Council of Women." Papers will be read on "Domestic Science," by Miss McKeand. and "The Aims of the Mothers' Club," by Mrs. Ewing. The public are invited to attend these

meetings. MACEDONIAN REFORMS

Russian and Austrian Representatives Who

Will Carry Out the Scheme. Constantinople, Dec. 8 .- M. Zinoveff, the Russian ambassador, has informed the Porte that Russia and Austria have definwage reductions.

disease.

Pandora Range

When friends visit you unexpectedly and you ask them to have a cup of tea, you realize the advantage of a good range. Special damper arrangements in the Pandora insure a strong draft and quick fire at all times—no tedious waits for the kettle to boil, but rather a sense of pride from its

A handsome range to show your callers, too-has a beauty, grace and solidity in appearance not seen in old style ranges.

The Pandora range has many new and important features, such as enameled reservoir, sheet steel high shelf and warming closet, triple triangular grates and a special flue construction which forces the heat around the oven twice and directly under every pot hole-is a perfect

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CHORAL SOCIETY.

ONE DEAD ANOTHER DYING. To the Editor:-With the writer of the Four Strikers Shot By Guard at Coke-Oven at Colorado Coal Company. letter under the above heading in the Trinidad, Col., Dec. 8 .- Four strikers guests sat down to a wedding repast, quite at one when he says "that with the were shot in the battle which took place after which the happy couple boarded performance of the 'Creation' at the Metro- at the Secundo coke ovens last night bethe steamer City of Seattle for the Sound politan church last Wednesday evening, it tween the striking coal miners and guards in the employ of the Colorado a body of singers that are able and willing Fuel & Iron Company. One of the strikers is dead, one is shot through the on a sufficient number of members on the government side to cause the abandon-ment of the proposal to tax the rental value of houses as income. It has indoment of the will as to amount to the same thing. Several duced, the ministers to consent to the abandonment of the two per cent, tax on the output of mines and the substitution of some more equitable method of levy
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The great deterrent in the mind of Mr. Tregear to these properties becoming worked is that they are too easily reached. If it was necessary to build long lines of railway to reach them the chances are that more attention would be attracted to them.

The steamer Venture is now in commission, carrying ore from the Southern

Saturday night, returned on Monday evening more supplies set out again. The place where the accident occurred is at a high bluff. No sign was seen of the body, and it is company to the company single of the superintendent of t and that it is a great mistake and not sat-isfactory to many of those who take part and Primero to cut off all; roads and road give their services so willingly. I reand that it is a great mistake and not satand give their services so willingly. I revs. Henry R. McDonald. McLeod sued gret that "One of the Choir" should take Secundo. up a position of this kind, and would point out that it is willing service that is asked the hills from the direction of the amand given, and if for any reason whatso buscade. On being ordered to halt, ac ever anyone has any objection to aiding these other churches, they are not in any way bound to do so. The suggestion to have the works performed in the Metropolitan church, and the proceeds, after paying wounded. expenses, divided between the other churches who require a helping hand, is ing at Secundo was done by the guards. no doubt prompted by worthy motives, but anyone who has thought of such a thing all turned up safe and sound to-day. for a moment would at once see the im practicability of it. The remarks of Re-Dr. Rowe have been entirely misconstrued. What he said was "that he was glad to see would entirely nullify the effect of the boundaries will, in all probatic taxation applied to a common ground in tax
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upon the supply of timber from those lands will be compelled to close down and one of the industries of the province will be destroyed.

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for the snow and t Saturday Night" as soon as "Joan of Arc" without being subject to the dictation was out of the way. Since then I have of any organized body. The Chicago learned that Mr. Herbert Taylor has ex- City railway has won a great victory in pressed a desire to produce Mendelssohn's establishing its right to engage its own "Elijah," which he had abandoned for the late festival. I realize that Mr. Taylor become has a prior right in the matter. I do not of people, the commercial supremacy of wish to monopolize, nor, I am sure, does the United States will be at an end. Mr. Hicks or Mr. Taylor, consequently I have decided to abandon for the present my intention of giving the "Cottar's Saturshop," the removal of the union label day Night," and have so informed Mr. Taylor, and that I will do all I can to help in was the most important thing that came the production of "Elijah" next spring. I might say that in this wise the advancement of music is being brought about, a next Monday. The session will be from ing singers and conductors of the city, and

10.15 a. m. to 12.30 p. m., and from 2 to 4 p. m. Nineteen societies are affiliated, and these are each entitled to send four delewith Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gideon Hicks gates to the annual meeting, who are expected to take part in the subjects under production of another oratorio, preferably Gounod's "Redemption," postponing the Ing the curfew by-law and patronizing home Night" until a later date. It is therefore performance of "The Cottar's Saturday cussion: "Suppression of Pernicious Literal all others of the choir will render that willing service referred to, to Mr. Taylor and others who may follow him. J. G. BROWN.

> STEEL WORKERS' WAGES. President Schaffer Denies He Will Confer With Head of United States

Corporation. Pittsburg, Dec. 8.-President Schaffer, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, rect, it is said they will accept the p Steel and Tinplate Workers, denied to-day position and seek to have the bankruj statement that he has to meet President Corry, of the United States Steel Corporafor a final conference on proposed

The demand for Dr. Agnew's little \$315,403, due in 1905 and 1908. The ju-Phis is a marvel. Cheap to buy, but dia- ment of Samuel Stevenson is \$100,000, monds in quality-banish nausea, coated which secured notes have been given. Thi tongue, water brash, pain after eating, leaves only \$452,267 due to outside credit sick headache, never gripe, operate pleasantly. 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. holders of these outstanding claims and Hall & Co.-37.

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No. 2. From G. W ers, for a private bi Vancouver Insurance By W. J. Bowsen Vancouver, for a privacorporate powers for propriation of lands From T. Gifford, f and many others, censes to cut timber, to Land Act, re such

The following bil read a first time, and a second time to-more By G. A. Eraser, 1 "An Act to amend By W. G. Camero tituled "An Act to a Clauses Act."

armed guards hastened

Seven men were seen to come down cording to the account of the guards, these men opened fire and the guards re turned the fire, with disastrous results to the strikers. None of the guards was

The strikers claim that all the shoot-The non-union men who were amb

GLOOMY PREDICTION.

Manufacturer Says Fight For "Closed

Shop" May Cause Bloodshed. Chicago. Dec. 9 .- "If the fight for the closed shop is allowed to continue, there will be scenes of bloodshed in this coun-

employees. Without this right, which is

W. B. Conkey spoke along the same under consideration of manufacturers

ZION CITY FINANCES.

John Alexander Dowle Places Assets at More Than Four Times His Liabilities.

Chicago. Dec. 7.-In a statement which places his assets at more than four times his liabilities, John Alexander Dowie to day, at a meeting of his creditors, submi ted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened out. In Dowie's con cation his assets are declared to \$18.845,210 and his liabilities only \$4,058, 349. Of the liabilities \$452,267 is m chandise indebtedness. Notes bearing per cent. interest were offered by Dowie ettlement and he agreed to take up 10 cent, of his indebtedness in three m and the remainder in one year. The c itors appointed a committee to seek fur debts. If this committee finds that Dowie statement of debts and resources is co

Of his total indebtedness, that due for bank deposits and shares of stock in various Zion City industries was place \$3,190,679, maturing in 1919 and 1923. JEALOUS RIVALS cannot turn back the payable on account of land were placed ors on merchandise accounts. It is to Dowle made tue offer of settlement.

PROCEEDING

HOUSE CONSIDE THE ASS

Government Gave Ev able Lack of Kno

The House to-day ing sitting for the diate cause of it w

Prayers were re The following petit From the city of Va

The Pharmacy Act, Fraser, aims at placing in unincorporated toy the same condition in cities. It does as having the right to s Committee

F. Carter-Cotton. the first report from 'Mr. Speaker: "Your select star private bills and sta

leave to report as f "That the time lin tation of petitions extended until Janua "That the time lin entation of reports the 22nd January "That the time entation of reports January 29th, 1904. mend the same accor "All of which is

The report was re report adopted.

Questions an W. W. B. McInnes the following question ernment received a from the Federal au the acts passed by 't session'? If so, wha 2. Has the governm ieve that chapter 8 lumbia Statutes, 190 feeting the cancellat lumbia & Western will be disallowed b orities? If so, what Hon, R. McBride "1. No commun

authorities. 2. The reason to believe be disallowed." John Oliver asked following questions: porary assistants (a each) were engaged since June 1st, 1903 permanent civil serva by the government sin and the names of suc Hon, Mr. McBride "1. 11—E. F. Richar

have been received

D. Morten, Dunca Princeton; E. Marsh Outhett, Kamloops; ton; W. Armstrong, Taylor, Trout Lake: M. Carney, Kash Fairview, all of wh charged. 2. 6-A. S spector; T. B. Hall, Booth, deceased district registrar (in ley, resigned); C. lien of F. Hartley Cameron, clerk, Atl ed temporarily); J. corder, Fort Steele

Mr. Oliver asked t nance the following For what particu Hon. R. McBride, tl the Hon. R. F. Gre E. McPhillips recei penses, and what an those gentlemen rec each particular journ Hon, R. G. Tatlow

"Hon. R. McBride: to and from Atlin a (including railway a berths, hack hire, expenses to East a (including railway a berths, etc.), \$222; times), \$10.50; total, "Hon. A. E. McI expenses to and from districts (including

boat fares, berths, h travelling expenses south, installing nex couver, and exami staff at New Westm office and at New W hack hire (sundry expenses, conducting ver, \$103; total, \$557 "Hon. C. Wilson