School Act.

Mr. Davidson continued the debate on the school bill. The question to be considered, in deciding upon this measure, was, to his mind, whether it would improve or impair the system. He did not think if the principle of localization of school responsibility were to be extended at all that it should go further than the rural municipalities, which already possessed machinery for collecting the necessary revenue. Friction was occasioned under the present system through the obligation which was enforced upon some schools to take care of non-resident pupils, and there was nothing to remedy this fault in the new bill. He argued that the constitution of a school district as provided for could not always be fairly justified by the presence of a certain number of pupils. There might be cases for instance where the existence of one sawmill would create a community of residents sufficient to demand organization under the There might be case for instance where the existence of one sawmil would carried. The minister of comments the existence of one sawmil would be dead to the minister of reading the existence of one sawmil would be dead to the comment of the minister of the existence of one sawmil would be dead to the comment of the minister of reading the existence of one sawmil would be dead to the comment of the desired the existence of one sawmil would be dead to the comment of the desired the existence of th

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almost the total cost of administration. That these resources, the timber and mines for instance, had contributed as much as they had last year, was due, not to the local government, but to the action of the federal authorities in granting the lead bounty in one case and by the immigration into the Northwest in the other. He predicted that the House would be faced with a proposition similar to that before them now when the feared to tackle the financial problem on its own account, and shouldered it off in this case upon the school trustees of the province. He was opposed to the principle of the bill.

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Mr. Brown said that the speeches had been lacking in their references to the election in Lillocet, which had become customary. In response to an enquiry as to where the leadership of the Liberal party rested, he protested that all were well satisfied with the member for Rossland. On the other hand, they for the bill.

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Routine Business—Bills Advanced—Notices of Questions
For Monday.

Friday, March 3.

THE House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following was the order of business:

Reports.

Mr. Ross, charman of the private bills committee, reported a bill respecting the Brunette Sawmill Co.

Mr. Ross, charman of the private bills of some consideration of the Atorousy General, and under this like of the registration of companies mortganes. The bill discriminated against the people who lived in the poorer section, in rural districts, why not then bills of sale of personal chattels, a number of technical amendments were incorporated upon motion of the Attorney General. The bill was left at this stuge for further consideration of the Atorney General. The bill to provide for the registration of companies mortganes and the continued that his party had had alternatives to the school bill. The question to be considered in deciding upon this measure, was, to his mind, whether it would be extended at all that it should for responsibility were to be extended at all that it should for responsibility were to be extended at all that it should be committed to the consideration of the Atorney General, and the comment of the Atorney of the province of the provi

that the hon, gentleman had completed his speech.

The Speaker said the hon, gentleman was present to pronounce for himself on this point.

Mr. Brown said he had finished.

Mr. Oliver apparently wanted an admission that his point was well taken, and engaged in a disputation with the Speaker on the subject, which provoked same show of warmth on both sides the which God has always shown to the Russian power and from the immemoral devotion which we know our loyal mission that his point was well taken, and engaged in a disputation with the Speaker on the subject, which provoked some show of warmth on both sides, the Speaker finally saying that he would leave the matter to the decision of the House.

The House was not called upon to settle the question, however, Mr. Hall intervening with a motion to adjourn the debate, which carried.

Miscellaneous Business.

The bill to aid the municipality of the city of Nelson passed its second reading upon motion of the Minister of Finance, who explained that it was to authorize a substituted issue of debentures in

"That the council be informed that the board does not approve of the statement sent in by the direction of the chairman on the 27th February; that it was prepared without the sanction of the board, and was erroneous."

The metion was test. Trustees Jay and Huggett voted for it, and Trustees Mowat, Dr. Bolton and Mrs. Jenkius against.

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It is hinted on excellent authority that the council has in mind a radical reduction in the matter of school teachers' salaries. The estimates for salaries as prepared in the ordinary way this year, totals \$57,050. This, it is rumored, the council intends cutting down to \$56,000. According to statutory regulations at present, the City Council has no jurisdiction over School Board expenditures, but application is being made to the legislature to have certain amendments made to the act which will permit of the council exercising the suggested supervision. Should this power be obtained, the council will probably take action along the fines indicated. It is also to be mentioned in connection with School Board effairs that it is suggested that. Building Inspector Northcott should be asked to visit the various school buildings and report on needed repairs, afterations, etc.

THE HELMET THAT WAS. How the Headpiece of the Copper Wen Through the Stamp Mill.

A certain constable has a new helmet and thereby hangs a tale.

From information received—as they say in police reports—two constables went to Esquimalt to apprehend two deserters. The deserters were found in company with seven other bluejackets and there was a fight. One man was held, however. The other escaped.

A constable took up his trail. Through the woods, through scrub, over fences, mile after mile, went pursued and pursuer, until finally both were winded. They staggered along at a walk, the constable slowly gaining, though a stern chase is a long one. At last the bluejacket halted, tired out and a breathless constable arrested him.

The wagon was telephoned for and the constables and prisoners started for the city. The bluejackets fought, the two couples being engaged in a foursome fight—as the golfer would say—on the floor of the wagon. Then one of the constables lost his helmet overboard. The shipmates of the deserters were behind the wagon and an impromptu football match was begun, the helmet being substituted for a football.

When the constable went back to look for the helmet there was no helmet. It looked as if it had been through a quartz crusher.

TORONTO HOUSE ASSIGNS.

Toronto, March 3 .- The Merchants' Mattle Manufacturing Co. of Toronto has assigned. The total liabilities are \$40,000, the trade liabilities being \$15,000. English cloth manufacturers hold most of the claims.

BURGLAR TRIED TO CARRY OFF TILL

For March 28th

Chief Justice Refuses Postpone ment of Trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmulr Sult.

Proceedings Before Commissloner Yesterday Not of Great Importance-

Chief Justice Hunter, acting as a ommissioner for the purpose of taking vidence under the authority of the full court, yesterday, at two brief ses-sions, which were tried in County ourt chambers, rapidly disposed of the matter in hand, and with the examinamatter in hand, and with the examina-tion of Andrew Thorne in the morn-ing, and the discussion of technical legal points in the afternoon, the com-missioner's duties were ended and the case went over until the reopening of the trial before the Full court on March 28. The single witness called yesterday

was Mr. Thorne, who acted as attorney for James Dunsmuir in the preparation of the evidence for the defence in the

of the evidence for the defence in the original hearing.

To Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., Mr. Thorne stated that he had been connected with the case in respect to the getting of statements from witnesses, and in examinations, acting for the defendant. He had taken the statement of J. A. S. Lowe, who had come to his office and was questioned by the witness, the answers being noted by a stenographer. Lowe subsequently read the transcripts and signed them. The statements were taken about the middle of December, 1902.

vill. After the marriage, the party as-"Alex." said to his brother: "Now, James, Pil sign the will. James Duns muir took the document from his pocket and Alexander signed it, ask-

pocket and Alexander signed it, asking Lowe and Mr. Taylor to witness it, as it was his will.

Mr. Thorne was cross-examined by Sir Hibbert and Mr. Bodwell, without anything new being elicited.

On the session being resumed in the afternoon, Mr. Davis, who had not had time to peruse all the evidence taken by the commission in San Francisco, asked that the date set for the hearing before the Full court, for the 28th of March, be postponed until 4th of April.

To this the chief justice replied that he did not see how this could fairly be done, as this was not the only case to come before the court. Besides the Full court had already, in view of the importance of this case, postponed its statutory sitting from April 4 to April 11, and this was the only concession which could be made under the cir-

deal of good will be accomplished in the inspiration it will give to a proper nception of this branch of marin

NICHOLAS STILL HALTING. Czar Undecided to Grant People Popu-

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The great and overshadowing question for Rus-sians, that of granting the people a volce in the government, remains un-decided at Tsarskoe-Selo. Emperor Nicholas has not yet given the final word.

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In view of many conflicting statements printed abroad, the Associated Press is authorized to make the above definite announcement. At the same time, it can be stated that the recent developments in Russia, which brought about the social and economic and industrial life of the empire almost to a standstill, have left the Emperor no allusions regarding the strength of the popular demand for something in the nature of constitutional government. In addition to the addresses voted by the Zemstvos, Doumas educational and other bodies, he has received thousands of private meniorials. In consultation with his advisors, the Emperor has displayed sympathy with the aspirations of the people and expressed concurrence in the opinion that something must be done to bridge the chasm between himself and the people. Since the death of Grand Duke Sergius, some of the influences at the court which formerly were antagonistic, take the same view. Nevertheless the grand ducal party, as a whole, still holds out, yielding nothing.

taken about the middle of December, 1902.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, counsel for the intervenor, Joan Dunsmuir, objected to this line of examination.

Continuing, Mr. Thorne said that one of Lowe's statements was sent to Messrs. Pooley, Luxton & Pooley, and the other was retained in his office until June or July, 1903, when it was delivered to Mr. Lowe, previous to his coming, to Victoria to attend the trial. In this statement Lowe said that he signed Alexander Dunsmuir's marriage certificate, and also witnessed his will. After the marriage, the party as-

A General Assembly based upon direct class representation, to have consultative capacity and propose laws, or, in other words, yielding the form while retaining the estate of autocracy. The majority of the ministers have joined in the expression of the opinion to His Majesty that such a measure, coupled with the reforms enunciated in the manifesto of of December 25, 1904, guarantee equality before the law, responsibility of officials and practical freedom of the press, will meet the present situation. All, however, recognize, and so advise His Majesty, that such a solution can be only temporary. An assembly of this kind based upon direct class representation

Would Be an Anomaly in the Russian government and must soon give way to a regular parliament-ary body. This fact is equally recog-nized by the liberals, whom the pro-posed form would not satisfy, but who are convinced that this would be a forward step, and who would hail it as a practical victory for future constitu-tionalism.

M. Witte, president of the council of

which could be made under the circumstances.

Sir Hibbert Tupper pointed out that the interests of the litigants had also to be considered. Counsel on his side were ready to conduct the argument at the earliest possible day.

Mr. Davis could not see how the question of one week could be of any importance to anybody one way or the tother.

The chief justice, however, could not see his way clear to alter the date set for the trial, and the matter ended.

Sir Hibbert Tupper pointed out that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is understood to hold that the country is not yet clearly defined, but who is un

Dentists tell us our teeth are rapidly deteriorating. The Scotch peasants who are should properly be brought before the Full court.

This concluded the business before the commissioner, and his lordship rose.

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Sudden Death Of E. F. Clarke

Member For the Toronto Centre Died There Suddenly Yesterday.

News Received by Both 8ides of House With Deep Sorrow.

Senator Templeman Holds a Caucus of B. C. Members on Separate Schools

From Our Own Correspondent OTTAWA, March 3.—News of the death of E. F. Clarke, M. P. for Centre Toronto, was received with expressions of the deepest sorrow by both sides of the House. Mr. sorrow by both sides of the House, Mr. Clarke was a strong man and an able parliamentary debater as well as platform speaker. His untimely demise is a great loss to the Conservative party. a great loss to the Conservative party. The House adjourned tonight on the suggestion of the leader of the oppowielding nothing.

Ministers Disagree.

The ministers with whom the Emproblems since the inauguration of the cabinet council three weeks ago, entertained divergent opinions, but by a process of elimination, two propositions have been definitely rejected; the first, a constitutional monarchical re-

Scotia, for his insulting references to the men born in the British Isles. Derby Lodge, of Ottawa, has passed a strong resolution calling upon Mr. Black to withdraw and apologize for his unjust reflections upon English

Senator Templeman gathered the British Columbia contingent in his room tonight to discuss the autonomy bill. Mr. Templeman gave positive assurances that the educational clauses would be modified so as to enable the British Columbia and Northwest members to rate for the measure.

Toronto, March 3.—E. F. Clarke, M. P. for Centre Toronto, died at his residence here at 6:30 this evening. He came home from Ottawa two weeks ago suffering from congestion of the lungs, which developed into pneumonia. He which developed into pneumonia. He had a relapse, but this week was speed-ily growing stronger and his entire rehad a relapse, but this week was speedily growing stronger and his entire recovery was expected in a short time. At 5:30 this evening unfavorable symptoms appears. The doctor was sent for but the patient was beyond help when he arrived. Mr. Clarke died of heart failure at 6:30, surrounded by all the members of his family. F. D. Monk, M. P. for Jacques Cartier, who is in the city, was also present at the bedside.

GROPING FOR EVIDENCE. atest Developments in Case of Mrs. Stanford Are Immaterial.

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TORPEDO BOATS BY T

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rived from the Orient, as w she reached Port Townsend sundown on the day upon charter expired. The steam charter expired. The steam ried to Seattle and her owner say that she was alongside with her hatches open ready cargo within fifteen minute night. The charterers, a Hacern, claim that she arrived claim which is disputed by of the steamer. Arrangeme the meantime, being made to her. Yesterday another chemade by a Seattle firm for a freighter, the 6000-ton steam which sailed from Moji on I Puget Sound. She will load Japan. The steamer Forer Japan. The steamer Forereported, has also been chathe steamer Ras Elba is or ready to load. It is expecte charters will be made.

THE LYRA ARRIV Steamship of Boston Tow pany's Fleet Reaches Will

Steamer Lyra, of the Bost Co., reached William Head from the Orient, bringing a of general freight, of which discharge two hundred tons a dock today. The steamer Ty-arrived on Thursday, after

MOANA SAILS, Australian Liner Left This South Sea Ports

The Canadian Australian in Capt. Gibb, sailed early this Australia, via Honolulu and had about 40 passengers and b and 1,900 tons of general carg senger list was as follows: Hand wife, J. A. McEwan, Capt mander Colwell, Mrs. M. Herd Mrs. F. F. Ferguson, Mrs. W. phenson, F. Batrow and wife yana, G. C. Leonard, Sydney & Brown, John Yeoman, J. H. H. Leonard, H. Drew, Rev. wife.

POWER COMPANY'S ENT West Kootenay Concern V

Rossland, March 2.—The tenay Power and Light Comenced an elaborate scheme ment of the upper falls of the river at Bonnington, by whitended to harness the water that noint to an extent pages. tended to harness the wate that point to an extent never templated in Western Can work will be rushed to a with all possible despatch. It men are at work on the stages of the proposed im and as matters progress lar will be made to the force the destruction of the company has community at the company has community at the company has community at the stream, and at a small island at the big falls. The structure will be falls the space immediately below freed of water that the per which will be of solid conconstructed with company seems anxious to company seems anxious to constructed. company seems anxious to c there will be no hindrance ence in any way by bad wea

Outline of Undertak L. A. Campbell, general he West Kootenay Power the West Kootenay Power Co., was asked yesterday i sive out for publication a dine of the proposed operat company in this particular but beyond substantiating the had nothing to say. The decision of the Wes Power and Light Company these large additions to its tensive plant, augurs well dustrial advancement of the ing country in the immedia also means much to all pr sumers of electricity within sumers of electricity within sphere of the company's The West Kootenay people erate something over 4,000 h in electrical energy, but we pletion of improvemen's reaugurated, it seems highlight that the present capacity o will be trebled, if not quade Extensive Addition It has been the policy o Kootenay Company to Kootenay Company to abreast of the district's re-for electric power and ligh has been no pressing demar cently for extensive addition