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debate was adjourned on motion
Macdonald.
bill to amend the Succession
Act was discharged.
House then adjourned until 2
k on Monday.

NOTICE.
uant to the by-laws of the said
any, notice is hereby given, that
Annual General Meeting of the Vic-
Lumber and Manufacturing Com-
Limited, will be held at their offi-
Government street, in the City of Vic-
on Monday, the 5th day of April,
at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing
directors and transacting any other busi-
ness that may be brought before the said
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E. J. PALMER,
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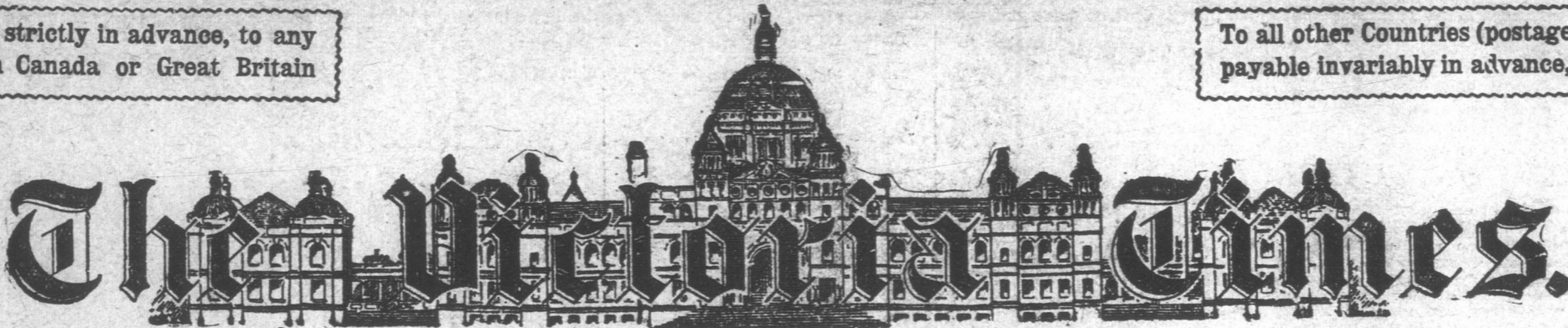
Victoria Creamery Association
LAND REGISTRY ACT.
The Matter of an Application for a
uplicate Certificate of Title to Lot
1) of Part of Sub-Divisions
Mplev (1) and Twelve (12) of Section
Escoumait District (Map 520), Vic-
ria City.
ice is hereby given that it is my in-
on at the expiration of one month
the first publication hereof to issue
uplicate Certificate of Title to above
lands to William John Bowdler on
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nd Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.,
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id is hilly or covered with green or
stumps. Those having land to clear
uld have one of these. Apply 468
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COAST LAND DISTRICT.
DISTRICT OF BELLA COOLA.
ice notice that J. T. H. Thorsen, of
s Bella, B. C., by occupation a farm-
nted to apply for permission to pur-
se the following described land: Con-
ing at a post planted at the
of H. Thorsen's farm, Township E. 2,
30, Township 1, thence S. 20 chains,
20 chains, N. 20 chains, thence E.
ns along H. Thorsen's south bound-
to post of commencement, containing
res more or less.
T. H. THORSEN,
th. 20th, 1908.

COAST LAND DISTRICT.
ake notice that A. Hammer, of Bella
la, farmer, intends to apply for per-
mission to purchase the following de-
bed lands: Commencing at a post
ed 20 chains south of the northwest
er of Lot 24, Range 3, Coast District,
ace west 20 chains to shore of Abunt-
Lake, thence N. 20 chains, thence
along shore line to the west bound-
of Lot 24, thence north five chains,
e or less, to point of commencement,
ntaining 10 acres, more or less.
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IN QUANDARY OVER MANCHURIA

SITUATION OUTSIDE CONTROL OF POWERS

Japan's Attitude May Defeat Alliance Looking to Integ- rity of China.

Peking, March 4.—The British newspa-
pers in China are giving the most seri-
ous consideration to the attitude of Ja-
pan, which they assert will defeat the
object of the alliance looking to the
integrity of China.
The stand taken by the Japanese in
Manchuria in the matter of the rail-
way questions has given rise to much
discussion, but the determination of
Japan, however, involving all its diplo-
matic resources to back up its position
with regard to its refusal to permit the
construction of the Hsin Min Tun Fak-
umen railroad, has to some extent al-
tered the tone of the press comment.
The representatives of the powers have
returned to their home governments
in detail about the matter of the Hsin
Min Tun Fakumen railway, and the
question of the control of the Harbin
municipality. The British government
is anxious for a settlement of the Har-
bin question, so that a precedent may
be furnished to Japan upon the deci-
sion as to whether China assent to con-
vey a settlement of municipality rights
by the railway concession, or whether
it will insist on the principle of a
different form from that of the Japanese.
Upon this may depend future action
looking to the restraining of Japan.
Altogether the situation is believed to
be outside the control of the powers,
unless China is able to arouse joint
aid.

CHURCH ROBBER MUST SERVE SIX YEARS

French Purloiner of Relics at Last Gets His Reward.

Limeges, France, March 4.—Thomas
Antoine Thomas yesterday was sen-
tenced to six years' imprisonment at
hard labor. Thomas is the cooper of
Clermont Ferrand who committed the
series of sensational church robberies
in France, the revelation of which
created a sensation last fall.
The trial began here on February
27th. Thomas, Francis, and his
mother, together with three antiques-
men, Michel, Faure and Duffay, were
charged with complicity in the thefts.
The mother and Michel were acquitted.
The son and the other two antiques-
men were found guilty and sentenced
each to two years at hard labor. Or-
ders were given that the stolen relics
be turned over to the state.

NO DECISION IN BRITT-NELSON BOUT

Lightweight Pugilists Give Di- appointing Exhibition at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—Jimmy
Britt, of San Francisco, and Battling
Nelson, of Hegeswick, Ill., fought ten
rounds before the Pacific Athletic
Club in this city last night, with Britt
slight victor in the sixth round.
After time Britt escaped the hands of
the always coming Nelson. In all Nel-
son did not land over a dozen effective
blows, while Britt always giving
ground, stepped out of range whenever
possible and frequently straightened
Nelson up with the left. In conformity
with the law, no decision was ren-
dered.

ACCOUNTANT SUSPENDED.

Ottawa, March 4.—O. W. Owen, ac-
countant of the marine and fisheries
department, has been suspended by
the minister. This is said to be some
of the aftermath in connection with
the preparation of returns for parliament.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

Action in Toronto Court Over Proposed License Reduction.

Toronto, March 4.—Controllers Hook-
in, Harrison and Spence were con-
sidered in their seats to-day in an action
taken before J. S. Cartwright, K. C.,
master-in-chambers, by an opponent of
the proposed license reduction in To-
ronto.

ACTING MAYOR OF WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, March 4.—The board of
control yesterday decided to appoint
Controller Harvey as acting mayor
during the absence of Mayor Ashdown,
who is leaving for Hot Springs for his
health. Acting Mayor Harvey and
Controller Harvey will take charge of
the city's financial department during
the absence of Mayor Ashdown.

BILLS BROUGHT IN ARE VERY DEFECTIVE

Government Brings in Meas- ures to Be Put in Shape by Opposition.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
This session again the government
has manifested its inability to deal
with legislation. From time to time
bills are introduced into the house
which show absolute ignorance of the
needs of the country. The bills are
brought in in the crudest form by
the minister in charge and to the
opposition falls the work of whipping
the measure into something like ac-
ceptable shape.
Last evening an example of this was
afforded in the bill to amend the coal
mining act. This measure, introduced
by the minister, was so defective as
to be very defective. The government
did not deny the force of the criti-
cisms of the leader of the opposition,
and allowed section after section to
stand over while the suggestions of-
fered should be acted upon.
Practically no attempt was made
by the government to defend the bill
as it was introduced, but to the op-
position will fall the task of making
it workable, if that is done.

TRAGEDY OF INFIDELITY.

Portland, March 4.—Tormented by the suspicion of his pretty wife's in- fidelity, George W. Plummer last night shot himself after writing this note: "Dearest Maggie: Good-by, sweet- heart. I love you and will trouble you no more. Will."

Mrs. Plummer was on her way to find
her husband to assure him his sus-
picions were wrong when he shot him-
self.

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Maritime Province Changes Political Faith—J. D. Hazen New Premier.

St. John, N. B., March 2.—After be-
ing in power 26 years under different
leaders, the New Brunswick govern-
ment suffered a decisive defeat in to-
day's elections. Going into the fight
with 28 supporters to the 11 possessed
by the opposition, the result to-night
leaves the situation practically re-
versed, the government having only 15
members and the opposition 41.
Premier Robinson narrowly escaped
defeat in Westmoreland, where the
government carried all four seats. In
addition they won the Restigouche, St.
John county, Victoria and Madawaska,
and giving them the three seats
in Gloucester, which went independent
Liberal on Monday, they have only 15
seats. Four members of the govern-
ment were defeated: Jones, solicitor-
general in Carleton; Allen, provincial
secretary, in York; Farris, commissioner
of agriculture, in Queen's; and
Purdy, member of the cabinet without
portfolio, in St. John city.
The following are some of the re-
turns:
St. John City—Government—Sears,
3,887; Liberal—7,739; Skidmore, 2,834;
Purdy, 3,643. Opposition—Wilson, 4,452;
Maxwell, 4,338; McInerney, 4,289; Hath-
away, 4,289.
St. John County—Lowell, govern-
ment, 2,881; McKeown, government,
1,243; Mosher, opposition, 928; Clark,
opposition, 950.
Restigouche—Government—Labi-
lols, 1,205; Currie, 1,181. Opposition—
Stewart, 1,997; Culligan (one poll to
bear from), 1,608.
Westmoreland—Government—Rob-
inson, 4,770; Sweeney, 4,577; Copp, 4,
821; Leger, 4,441. Opposition—Sum-
ner, 4,237; Black, 4,218; Mellanson, 4,
171; Mahoney, 4,048.
Kings—Opposition—Jones, 2,119; Mur-
ray, 2,100; Spron, 2,061. Government—
McAllister, 1,888; Wetmore, 1,870; Sco-
vill, 1,875.
Charlotte—Opposition—Taylor, 2,450;
Clark, 2,420; Hart, 2,418; Grimmer, 2,400.
Government—Byron, 1,823; Armstrong,
1,845; McCole, 1,905; Hill, 1,838.
Victoria—Tweedie, government, 1,041;
Burgess, government, 1,008; Manser,
opposition, 846. Curless, opposition,
674.

Hundred and Fifty Children Lost Lives In Blazing School

EXIT CHOKED WITH BODIES

Heartrending Disaster Occurred in Suburb of Cleveland, Ohio

Panic Caused by Wild Rush During Which Little Ones Were Trampled to Death—Escape Being Cut Off by Flames—Agonising Scenes

Cleveland, March 4.—In the most terrible holocaust in the history of this section of the country, over 100 children lost their lives to-day in a fire which destroyed the three-story brick school building on Collamer avenue in Collingwood, a suburb just outside the city limits. Fire started in the basement of the building just after school convened. It was caused from an overheated furnace.
The smoke from the fire quickly filled the building and alarmed the children and teachers. A panic ensued. No fire drill was used in rescuing the children. They madly rushed for the doors and windows.
Walter G. Kelley, a newspaper man, two of whose children were in the building was one of the first on the scene. He stated that the rear door, one of two exits, was locked. The children rushed for the front and rear doors.

The front exit was jammed full of fighting and panic-stricken humanity. Many who reached the exit were supposed to have followed choked the doorway. Those who fell were trampled upon and many were supposed to have been killed. Those behind turned and made for the windows. Some upon the second and third floors jumped from the windows and escaped. In this way three or four were killed, while others were more fortunate and escaped with slight injuries.

Like rats in trap.
The great number of those who met death were out of from escape by the smoke, which blinded them. Caught like rats in this manner, they fell with the lower floor and blazing timbers to the basement below. Bodies were taken to the morgue at the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway company's shops.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4.—In a fire which completely destroyed the common school building in Collingwood, a suburb of this city, to-day, one hundred and fifty children lost their lives.
The fire was started by an overheated furnace. The flames quickly spread, but a panic ensued when the building filled with smoke, and the 400 children attempted to escape.

Exit choked with children.
There were but two exits in the building that were available. One soon became choked with the children, who madly dashed for the open air. Those who fell in the doorway were trampled upon by those behind, and so the doorway was impassable.

Flames cut off escape.
The frightened and panic-stricken children turned to get out through the windows, and any other means that could be found. Escape was cut off by the flames, which by this time had spread throughout the rooms. The building was of brick, yet it did not retard the progress of the fire.

Among burning embers.
In a few minutes the lower floor fell, precipitating scores of children to the basement among the burning embers. The scene about the building was heart-rending.
Quickly the news of the terrible catastrophe spread throughout the village and hundreds of parents were crowding about the building in search of their girls and boys. In a few minutes 20 bodies had been taken from the ruins.

Writing forms.
Plainly the writhing or stilled forms of dozens of others could be seen in the basement.
Nearly factories dismissed their men and instructed them to assist in the recovery. They braved the fire and made heroic efforts to save those who were not dead.

Bodies recovered.
At 11:30 twenty-five bodies had been recovered from the ruins and were taken to the shops of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, where the company's physicians are attending to the injured.
Practically every ambulance in the eastern part of Cleveland was called as well as every available physician. Many children rescued are believed to be fatally injured either by fire or by being trampled upon. Scores of children have been taken to the city hospitals.

Some of the dead.
Among the known dead are Edna Eahner 12 years old; Bernie Schubert, 10 years; Willie Welsbarth, 7 years; Meyers, 6 years; two Buschman girls, 10 and 13 years; Thomas Thompson, 9 years; Eddie Kehl, 11 years; Roster, 10 years; two Woodmyer girls, 10 and 12 years; Harold Sanderson, 12 years; Mary Ridgeway, 10 years; Anna Bitch, Gertrude Davis, Walter Herter, Helen Herter, Martha Herter and Werner Herter.
Three little girls met instant death in attempting to jump from the third floor. They were Mary Ridgeway, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis. Schaeffer, 9 years; Kelly, 10; Kelly, 7; Katherine Weller, teacher; Harry Zingelmann, 10; Lucy Zingelmann, 8; Mabel Zingler, 10; Don Rush, 12; Irene Davis, 14; Angeline Zupan, 11; Edward Myers, 6; Frank Weimar, 6; John Widman, 10; Lillian Roster, 6; Emily Rostock, 14.
Among those missing are Lizzie L. Lyon, Emma Heings, Peter Heninger. Injured: Glen Barber, 10 years old; Mildred Schmidt, 10.
Of the nine teachers of the school, seven are accounted for. The two missing are Katherine Weller, of Cleveland and Grace Fiske, of East Cleveland.

Tragic occurrence.
A man named Dorn, who arrived upon the scene early, when the children were crowded in the front door, discovered his little girl among the mass of injured and crushed. He caught the girl by the hands, and his frantic efforts to save her, pulled her arms from her body.
The last four, who were children of the janitor, lost their lives together.

Doors were closed.
The greatest loss of life was caused by one of the exits being closed, to which point scores of the children rushed. Their escape was blocked by a door that opened inward. In this manner they were delayed in reaching the other door and windows. It is said that as a result of this stampede alone scores of children lost their lives.
Reports as to the number of dead vary. The first estimates placed the number as high as two hundred. Reports are conflicting at this time. In the excitement it was impossible to form a reasonable estimate.

150 have perished.
Judging from the number of bodies with the number that have been recovered and the number missing, together with the number that can be seen in the basement, it is safe to say that 150 have perished. The list may grow as the truth is revealed.

Sixty recovered.
Cleveland, March 4.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 60 bodies had been recovered from the ruins. Of these 32 were identified. The bodies of 12 boys and 11 girls are at the morgue of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway company's shops, and are burned beyond recognition.

Raked out bodies.
The panic that had worked such fearful results inside the building spread to the crowd outside, but only for a brief time. Organized efforts to rescue were soon under way. Firemen played streams upon the piles of bodies in the doorways and tried to drag out bodies with rakes and other implements. Ambulances and automobiles were soon available to take the wounded to hospitals.
After the fire had been controlled somewhat, piles of charred little bodies were still visible in the doorway. In the rear door bodies, buried beyond recognition, lay piled five feet deep. A man who reached the scene shortly after the fire broke out declared that the back door was locked. He attempted to break it down, but failed. He then smashed in the windows with the aid of others and rescued a number of children. The flames rapidly shot up through the central halls.

Terrified beyond control.
It is said the children were terrified beyond all control and the teachers, although they struggled bravely to marshal their charges out of the building, were utterly helpless.

U. S. N. DESERTER ARRESTED.

Vancouver, March 4.—John Kerr, a confessed deserter from the battleship Nebraska, was arrested this morning following the capture of his pretty 17-year-old wife. The latter yesterday stole a diamond while looking over a tray of goods in a jewelry store. The girl gave away the hiding place of her husband and told the story of his desertion from the Nebraska. It was to supply him with money that she stole the diamond.

SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS.

Vancouver, March 4.—J. Labourdette this morning pleaded guilty to a series of thefts and was sentenced altogether to ten years by Magistrate Williams. He got five years for stealing pair of shoes and another five for taking \$2 and a slot machine.

ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIA GUN CLUB

Officers Elected and Arrange- ments Made for Club Shoots.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Gun Club was held last night in the office of Messrs. Weller Eros, when the reports showing the year's business were presented. The reports from the officers showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, with the outlook for this coming season of the brightest. The first shoot of the season will be for the Dupont trophy, and will take place on the club grounds at Longford Plains on April 6th at 2 o'clock. Another shoot of more than usual interest will be the handicap shoot for the Weller cup, but at last night's meeting the date for this shoot was not set. All members of any gun clubs in Victoria are eligible to shoot for the Dupont trophy. There will be five shoots in all and fifty birds at each shoot, the dates of the shoots to be arranged at the regular monthly meetings of the club. There are now 40 members, all in good standing, of the Gun Club, and their assets, which amount to about sixteen hundred dollars, is distributed as follows:
Land, six and one-quarter acres, value \$1,000; clubhouse, \$200; traps, etc., \$150; Leggatt trap and fittings, \$100; sundries, \$25. There remains a balance on the clubhouse of \$25, leaving cash on hand amounting to \$1,574.
The election of officers was also conducted last night, and resulted as follows:
President—W. G. Beckwith.
Vice-President—J. W. Mansell.
Treasurer—W. H. Adams.
Secretary—R. S. Smeaton.
Captain—O. Weller.
Club manager—J. B. Sewell, E. J. Wall and officers of the club.

VICTIM OF CANCER.

Winnipeg, March 4.—J. W. E. Darby, assistant Dominion land agent, and brother-in-law of the late Judge Kilham, is dead from cancer. He was a prominent barrister here at one time.

DANGEROUS SYSTEM REGARDING LICENSES

The Government's New Policy of Dealing With Question Very Unpopular.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
There has been a custom develop-
ment under the present provincial gov-
ernment which is detrimental to the
cause of good administration of affairs
in this country. This is the practice
on the part of the government of tak-
ing to itself all kinds of power which
should repose in the legislature or in
other bodies more in touch with local
conditions.
The practice of relegating all kinds
of functions to the government has
been steadily developed by the Mc-
Bride administration.
The latest example of this is the tak-
ing of the liquor license in unorganized
districts out of the hands of license
commissioners and placing it in the
power of the provincial police.
This system which was put in prac-
tice by order-in-council some months
ago, is now before the legislature in
the form of a bill which has been found
necessary in order to clearly define cer-
tain powers.
It is proposed to give the provincial
police the power to cancel any license
in these unorganized districts and
from the decision of the police there
shall be no appeal.
It has been pointed out by the op-
position in the House that the power which
is to be placed in the hands of the pro-
vincial police is a most dangerous one.
It has been pointed out that the pro-
vincial police are the servants of the
government and as such are directly
under the control of the government.
The superintendent of provincial police
in any action he would take would
have to be guided by the report of the
local officer of the district. License
holders are naturally very loath to have
their licenses disposed of in the man-
ner suggested by the above.
The amendment would leave the
question of licenses in a position to be
made a political matter.

PROHIBITS IMPORTATION.

London, March 4.—The board of agri-
culture prohibits the importation of
hay and straw into Great Britain, this
prohibition taking effect immediately.

REVELATION OF NAVAL SECRETS

MINISTRY FACES STARTLING CHARGE

Russia Alleged to Have Com- municated Big Gun Process to English Firm.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—An inter-
pellation was introduced in the duma
to-day demanding explanations from
Admiral Dikoff, minister of marine, of
the charges current in navy circles
that Russian naval secrets had been
communicated to Vickers Sons and
Maxim, the English shipbuilders, in
connection with the construction of the
new Russian cruiser Rurik by this
firm. The secrets were thereby ren-
dered available to other nations.
It is alleged that the armor, guns,
and shells, manufactured by Vickers
Sons & Maxim were unsatisfactory.
The ministry of marine instead of re-
placing this material direct from Rus-
sian factories ordered supervising ex-
perts to instruct Vickers Sons &
Maxim to procure the armor accord-
ing to a secret process worked out at
the Kolpin factory and it furnished the
plans of the Russian 8 and 10 inch
guns to the English firm, when the
English failed to get the high velocity
requirements insisted upon by Russia.
The ministry also communicated the
Russian method of rifling bands which
was one of the choicest secrets of the
Russian arms factory. All this was
in direct violation of the military code
regarding the revelation of military se-
crets. Admiral Dikoff was asked also
why he had failed to exact penalties
from Vickers Sons & Maxim for the
non-compliance of their contract. This
interpellation was proposed by the
Conservatives, who declare that the
charges are most serious.

MILLER ELECTED MAYOR OF SEATTLE

An Overwhelming Republican Landslide in Sound City— Large Vote.

Seattle, March 4.—The city election
here yesterday proved to be the most
overwhelming Republican landslide in
the history of the municipality. With
the possible exception of the eighth
ward, where Sparkman, Democrat, was
leading at midnight by a narrow mar-
gin, every member of the straight Re-
publican ticket was elected.
John F. Miller, Republican, was Se-
attle's next mayor, his majority be-
ing over 6,000; Harry Carroll was elec-
ted city comptroller; Col. W. F. Foster,
treasurer and Scott Calhoun corpora-
tion counsel.
The day was ideal and the largest
vote in the history of the city was
polled.

IN SEVENTH ATTEMPT HE ENDED HIS LIFE

Asphyxiated, After Failing to Find Death Leaping From Brooklyn Bridge.

New York, March 4.—John Grant, a
former prize fighter, who had failed in
six previous attempts to kill himself,
in one of which he jumped from Brook-
lyn bridge, after gashing both wrists
and swallowing carbolic acid, com-
mitted suicide to-day by gas asphyx-
iation in his brother's home in
Brooklyn.
Grant gained considerable promi-
nence during his ring career by defeat-
ing Cal. McCarthy and fighting long
draws with George Dixon and Oscar
Gardner.
His escape from death in his leap
from Brooklyn bridge was marvel-
lous. When he took the ordinary
fall, he plunged the river was running full
of ice floes and he narrowly missed two
passing tugs. His body plunged into
clear water, and he was only slightly
bruised when rescued and taken to a
hospital.

RECEIPTS LARGER.

Earl Grey's Dramatic Competition
Brings in Substantial Sum.

Ottawa, March 4.—The receipts from
the performances held at the Russell
theatre last week in connection with
the Earl Grey dramatic and musical
competition were slightly over \$2,400.
This is some \$400 more than last year.
The attendance was also much in ad-
vance and straw into Great Britain, this
prohibition taking effect immediately.