It is evident that the legislature will need all its own wisdom and all the they are virtually unanimous in the wisdom it can borrow from the outside belief that the wisest course that the in dealing with the improvement of the machinery for the incorporation of companies. Drawing the line so as to se- taking, and in that opinion they are becure due protection for investors without undue discouragement for mining enterphise is a work of delicacy and difficulty: From the capacity for blundering heretofore displayed by the house, one can hardly expect the new act to come forth a perfect measure. Nor does it seem at all likely that we shall have in connection therewith another exemplification of counsellors there is safety, for the counsels so far offered are much inclined to contradictions. On one point there is substantial agreement, namely, that the provision in the draft bill calling for the ten per cent. of capital before operations can be commenced would strike a serious blow at the mining industry. It has been promised on behalf of the terially modified and it would need to may be depended upon to safeguard the of the fire department. be. There is much talk about overeapitalization and the necessity of re- to all who remember his bold and unstricting the amount of capital with mistakable language while on his west- grievances from thirteen of the men: which companies are incorporated. It ern visit. To say the least, it is a matseems to us that the evil lies not so much ter of sincere congratulation to ob- honorable body to grant us relief in the in the excessive amount of nominal cap- serve evidences of opposition at Ottawa following grievances: ital as in the game of deception which to the "grab-all" policy of the C. P. R. frequently accompanies its issue. No Imagine the late Tory administration the proper omcers (viz., and placed their respective companies), and placed man blessed with a glimmer of intelli- doing anything to oppose the owners of in the bands of the drivers, thereby iggence can fail to see that the larger the Great National Highway! One noring the proper officers of the different the capital the smaller is the return per thing is certain, the Laurier government share likely to be, and if the facts re can never be charged with being "the lating to any mining property are fair- C. P. R. on wheels." Even that cirly placed before him his own judgment ought to guide him as to the advisability of investing. But the investing should be protected from false and frauduleat representations with regard to such properties. If any mine promoter, agent wack, took his seat in the house yes- for missing any false alarm, fire or drill. of the company. At the second roll call or broker sells stock on the strength of terday and was warmly welcomed by false statements he should be punished members on both sides. Physically he in much the same way as one who gets walks weak, but he was not long in the money on ordinary false pretences. A house before he was strongly criticizing few examples in this line would undoubtedly have a wholesome effect on ment. the gentlemen who deliberately set about fleecing the public with deceptive prospectuses. There should also be protecpotic power of the majority in a company to sell the property, when it can tion of contract between the borrower be shown that the exercise of that power is likely to work an injustice. There should be, if there is not now, an opportunity to appeal to the courts of this province against such injustice as was apparently involved in the War Eagle for a defeated government candidate, living within 50 yards of the fire halls, transaction. Another practice which who is now an immigration lecturer, and and can get to the fire hall and catch seriously needs checking is the sale of charges settlers 25 cents a cord for the apparatus as well as the ten perthe stock owned by "promoters" while there is no money in the treasury for the development of the mine. In such a case the purchaser has no security that he is getting any value for his settlement. money; the "promoters" may get rich while the mine is left in a completely undeveloped state. It would seem necessary that every company should be required to put some distinguishing mark on treasury stock, and that a certain proportion of that stock should be disposed of, or a certain proportion of funds should be furnished for development purposes, before the promoters' stock can be offered for sale. In three or four cases lately purchasers of shares have found that their money was going to enrich the original holders of such shares, while not a dollar was available for placing the mine in a position to earn dividends. Such cases point most emphatically to the necessity for n remedy being applied.

CONDITIONS IN BRITAIN.

In the Globe appears the following paragraph: "Mr. D. D. Mann, a Montreal contractor, who has just returned from England, states that in Manches-Manchester railway he should know the with \$200 worth of slides. condition of the British labor market. According to protection theories the British workmen should all be idle Old Country" generally agree in stating one to "a lower level." that the industrial condition there is good and the unemployed scarce, in States. It may be well to note further ment Act showed that the majority of perienced in keeping a record of the men rent year, and therefore a small in-crease to Canada's population from that This confession that "ambiguities" or fire wardens and adopted by the council. prosperity keeps the British workingmau from leaving his own country.

THE CROW'S NEST.

According to dispatches received from our special correspondent at Ottawa today, it appears that Sir William Van Miss Aunio Patterson, of Sackville, N.B., Horne and other C. P. R. officials are greatly exercised over the question of the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. This is but natural. It would be too much to expect the C. P. R. to view with equanimity the possibility of road. That there is some ground for believing that the government are serithe project is plain, in view of the significant statements made by Hon. Mr.

Blair during his visit to this province, ince, his re-

display no hesitancy in coming to a con-clusion over the matter. As far as the residents of this province are concerned, government could pursue would be to build the road as a government underyoud question supported by popular sentiment in Manitoba and the Northwest.

the C. P. R. is in very bad oder with the inhabitants of the west-and very justly so. For years they have been fleeced by being compelled to pay exorbitant freight rates, and in other ways the proverb that in the multitude of the C. P. R. has inflicted grievous injury upon them. It is, therefore, not surprising to find that there is much opposition at Ottawa to the proposals made by the C. P. R. to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

cumstance is comforting.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Mr. Kitchen, 7the member for Chilli-

Hon. Mr. Turner has the courage :q state that the borrower pays the morttion for the shareholder against the des- gage tax, notwithstanding Mr. Pooley's declaration that it was simply a quesand lender. Evidently Mr. Pooley's legal opinions do not have much weight with the premier.

> cutting wood on the land which they have pre-empted. This is certainly a

The settlers may destroy as much timber as they please in clearing their fand, but when they cut he timber into wood while clearing the hand, the government taxes them 25 cents a cord. If the govtimber they would be more consistent.

Mr. Booth had nothing to say in faneither had Mr. Adams nor Mr. Huff. advice of their faithful followers.

enay shall not be annexed to Spokane ray and J. Hay. by the Americans, and the Speaker is The following reply from Chief Deasy equally determined that enterprising Americans shall not use the house for ad vertising purposes.

The Hon. Forbes George Vernon has was difficult to procure labor. As his tage over the Honorable Forbes, the business was in connection with the government should furnish the latter which was referred to me for a reply.

The provincial secretary has discovered that he is not the only poetical dens, and in force since 1892, the roll through the influx of foreign goods. The genius in the house. In the future he calls of the various companies are rethrough the influx of foreign goods. The trouble with such theories is that they will probably think of the jolly mem. The section referred to reads as follows: never fit the facts." Reports from "the ber for Cassiar before consigning any

The vote on Mr. Helmeken's resolu- ed for that purpose." which respect they differ materially from to strike out the ambiguous title Many years ago that duty devolved upon the reports from the protected United of the B. C. Southern Railway Amend, the foreman and great difficulty was exthat said reports indicate a small emilithe members were willing to acknowgration from Britain during the curledge openly that legislation passed by leave, and there would be no check on crease to Canada's population from that This confession that "ambiguities," or No complaints have ever been made that source. Canadians, however, are not so "clerical errors," or whatever they may the drivers have made an error in callbe called, are quite possible in local ing the roll, and they have called hunlegislation must be highly edifying to dreds. The permanent men have althe people at large.

WOMEN.

Once the Vicitin of Nervousness and General Debility, Takes on the the apparatus goes out short-handed. Health of Early Life.

a temporary stimulant, and the reaction the government themselves building the aggravates the disease. Where the system has become run down, and nervous on the apparatus. At the last day fire themselves, South American Nervine weighs 4,535 pounds, and two horses ously considering the advisability of purwill cure. It strikes at the nerve cenhad to pull the load, aggregating 6,000 suing such a policy in connection with tres and builds up the system by removand on numerous occasions since his return to Ottawa. The north entrance of No. 1 five health of earlier years, and after taking of the Dominion—the government would increased in the project than the people of the project than the project than the project than the people of the project than the people of the project than the project than the people of the project than the of the Dominion—the government would three bottles I was perfectly cured."

City Council Spend Three Hours Distening to the Firemen's Grievances.

There is no disguising the fact that Mayor Redfern Requests the Chief and Men to Sink Personal Feelings.

city council last evening in the rather unpleasant task of listening to the difremove the same. When the meeting they cannot construct the road them- all the members of the council with the exception of Ald. Wilson, and Chief selves they will take precautions in the Deasy, and shortly afterwards these government that this clause will be map public interest. That Hon. Mr. Blair were augmented by eighteen members

> interests of the people ought to be clear | The proceedings opened by Mayor Radfern reading the following statement of

> > 1. The roll call has been taken from companies who are responsible to the heads of the department for their efficiency of their respective companies.

spective companies, as at present fully paid men can miss a fire without any risge returned over one hour after. fine being recorded, while a call man working for \$18 a month is fined \$2.50 the forman; this has a tendency to decrease the efficiency of the department The chief in his report states there are not men enough to ride on the apparatus, to fires to handle said apparatus, white several times he has ordered call men

off the apparatus while on the way to

fires. The entrance door on the north side of No. 1 fire hall, which fronts on Cormorant street, is locked at night, which prevents call men living in that neighborhood from catching the apparatus, as you are well aware that the book and ladder truck does not attend all fires. We beg to call your attention to the fact that six call men are sleeping in The government pays \$200 for slides the fire hall; there are also four call men manent men, making twenty men all told. The other men meach the scene of the fire before the apparatus. Dur most consistent plan for encouraging ing the day there are ten call men worksettlement. and they can catch the apparatus when

an alarm comes in. Also there are a great number of alarms that reach the fire hall by telecalled as soon as the rig stops. This of this city. counts for the absences at the roll vor of Col. Baker's colonization scheme, call on the street at the supposed scene

of the fire. The government will surely accept the McDowell F. Hinds, Jd W. Elliott, G. This was signed by M. J. Conlin, H T. Ledingham, a.W. Duncan, William Rendell, T. Watson, Po. W. Dempster, Mr. Kellie is determined that Koot- W. Morsht, R. Petticrew, H. W. Mur-

> was then read: Victoria, B. C., Feb. 19th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Fire Wardens. Gentlemen:-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communical been turned into an immigration agent. Knowledge the W. J. Dowler, C.M.C. The province must get something for enclosing a petition dated Jan. 16th, the \$5,000 expended on him. In order 1897, from M. J. Conlin and tweive ter he found workmen so scarce that it that Prof. Odlum should have no advant (12) others, requesting your worship and board fof aldermen to grant them relief from certain alleged grievances, and

Roll Call-Lingaccordance, with the rules and regulations, submitted for my guidance by the mayor and fire war-"They shall call the roll after every fir alarm or drill and shall mark the call men present or absent in books provid-

present and absent at fires. Foremen missed fires, and are often absent ways been directly under the officer in charge of the department. Their absence from fires would mean suspension BEAUTY AND HEALTH TO FAIR or dismissal. The men are transferred whenever the officer in charge of the department considers it advisable, to omote the efficiency of the department. When night alarms are received-between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.remember ordering only one hoseman. W. Duncan, not to get on the appara-Some remedies are nothing more than to the council and the matter was intemporary stimulant, and the reaction vestigated and settled. During workten men crowded on the chemical, which

street, and the distance from Douglas street to either door is the same. Three of the firemen living in the neighborhood consider it quicker to run to the Pandora entrance.

Three (3) call men sleep in No. 1 hall when they wish, and one (1) call man and There is no guarantee that these men in service in the husiness district.

Telephone Alarms-When a telephone Three full hours were spent by the alarm is received it is the duty of the Deasy. When he called the roll there driver in No. 1 fire hall to immediately was no dissatisfaction. He considered ferences between the men and the chief always taken out by the driver, who subordinate in the presence of the larg? of the fire department and attempting to pulls the box before he hitches his number of people that usually congreif the government ultimately decide that opened there were present the mayor, at the same time in No. 2 and No. 3, in paid \$18 a month were always anxious which halls the drivers immediately to get away to their work as soon content to hitch up their horses. An fires were extinguished, and in his opinwire. A defective alarm would be turnthe same time.

Two (2) rolls are called, one when the the alarm has sounded.

Under the present system call men a fire, and under the present rule the paratus. may come to the fire halls and answer men who returned with the first piece the second roll call without attending were compelled to wait until the fast at the fire at all, and no penalty is im- piece was housed. posed. There is no fine for missing first roll call. This often happens, and to 2. Also to have the permanent men's show a case in point I will refer to the McDowell then said he did not want to names added to the roll call of their re- recent fire at Spratt & Gray's. The fire occurred at 10:30 p.m. and the hose car-The first roll was called at 11:35 p.m.. and two men were absent of the seven

drill shed all evening. The alleged grievances have been time ficer. He would say in respect to the and again before former councils, in the men having to remain until all the apform of complaints and charges, and I parains was housed, that it was often have been called on to refute them.

In every instance my actions have been endorsed, and T respectfully sub to do the work. mit that it is not in the interest of the city for certain men employed as firemen to attempt to dictate what rules shall govern their actions, and be supported and endorsed in their petitions. protests, and charges by the assistant engineer, the second in command in the

As chief of the fire department it is my duty to recommend whatever may be considered necessary to make the flie department more efficient. By suggesting the organization of a full-paid tepartment it appears that I have hurt the feelings of a number of the call men. Through carrying out the rules a number of the signers of the petition were suspended at various times. Through annot their own way.

ed, thereby preventing the call men from your support in putting down all at man to stand on a street and have

I have the honor to be. our obedient servant, (Signed) THOMAS DEASY, Chief of Fire Department.

After reading the reply the mayor was about to ask Chief Deasy a quesion, when Ald. Harrison objected and said that it was useless going on with the investigation if some of the men Otherwise it would be a one-sided investigation. Chief Deasy did not think it would

for one member to give evidence against another. The grievances and his reply ere before the council. He had been his name called by him. tried year after year on the same men and the chief. This friction was, he was marked present. to say the least, unseemly

nen be called, and Ald. Harrison was ceeded in putting a brake on the alter of the opinion that a deputation from cations. the men with grievances would be ell that was required.

from Ald. Harrison. He asked Ald. time. It used to be a pleasure to belong Partridge if he meant to insinuate that to the department, but it was now he did not want a square deal. Ald, nothing but snarling and growling. He Stewart also wanted to know what was acknowledged to the chief, that he said insinuated by a fair deal. When an alderman made such an assertion he

should be prepared to state his exact meaning. Ald. Partridge had listened to the same old charges for two years, and councils would listen to same charges for another ten years so long as the present state of affairs existed. Ald. McCandless thought there was a mistaken idea regarding charges. There were no charges there. The men had grievances, but there was not one charge against the chief. If the men were present with the chief, those grievances, he maintained could be settled in five minutes. He believed the men should be all called in and the some of matter talked over amicably. If men persisted in creating trouble without good reason they should be discharged, and if the chief does not do his duty he

The council then decided that all the men should be called in, and the chief was sent for them. He returned with 18 members of his department. Mayor Redfern explained that certain grievances emanating from the men were received and referred to the chief. hall is open day and night on Pandora department, and must in every instance

should be discharged.

those regulations must be discharged The mayor read the first grievance

and the chief's reply thereto. He asked one substitute have beds in No. 2 half. If any of the men had anything to say. Assistant Chief Conlin said that the will continue to sleep in the halls, and men came there to answer any questions they come in and go out when they asked by the aldermen. They all ap- but the council would please. Some of the call men living in preciated the fact that the chief was the neighborhood of the fire halls miss head of the department, and as such alarms. Outside of one call man the must be respected, but they also believed balance of the call men in No. 3 come that there was also a certain amount of pany, and whose names appear on the respect due the men and subordinate petition, reside and sleep outside the fire officers from their superior officers. He limits, and this is the only hose carriage had been connected with the fire department for 14 or 15 years, and had been foreman under Chief Phillips and Chief pull box 64. This has always been a degrading position for a foreman to done, and the apparatus in that house is listen to his name being called by a horses. A telephone message is received gate at a fire. Call men who were only hall telephones are on the same ion it was unnecessary that all the men should be asked to remain at the are ed in if boxes were located in all the hall until all the apparatus was fire halls and all boxes were pulled at housed. He also considered that a foreman should be allowed to drill his men. Mr. Conlin replied in answer to a apparatus is ordered home from a fire, question that when a foreman was aband another when the apparatus is sent, which was rarely, his place would Call men are fined when ab. in the ordinary course of events be taken sent, without a reasonable excuse, from by the member next in seniority. In the second roll call, which is sometimes reply to another question Mr. Courn minutes, and, at other times, hours after stated that all the pieces of the apparatus did not return at the same time from

Chief Deasy replied that a year ago the same question came up. Foreman call the eroll. Foreman Hinds in his sworn evidence stated that it would not increase the efficiency of the department to have the foreman call the roll When Mr. Conlin was foreman he was compelled to write requesting him to Also men are changed about from one company to another without consulting the forman: this has a tendency to deoll; it was the work of an inferior of-

> necessary to change the hose and other portions, and there must be men there Ald. Partridge and Mr. Conlin then indulged in a rather acrimonious discussion about a meeting which Ald. Partridge asserted was held at Mr. Conlin's house. As they could come to no satisfactory conclusion in the matter, the mayor interposed and the dis-

cussion dropped. Mr. Conlin, in closing, said that all the locking the door. The men asked was that the grievances to the roll call reverting which they had formulated should be The matter of riding considered by the council. If the mayor could be satisfactorily and aldermen in their wisdom found council, and he saw n that those grievances were not well the door trouble could founded, they would bow to their de- All the personal feeli cision as they had to the chief.

Foreman Hinds, of No. 1 Company, forcing discipline in the department it explained his evidence regarding the harmoniously is possible that some of the men have, roll call at a former investigation. He would dwindle into told the truth, but as the charges were These constant petitions, charges and laid by an outsider, he attempted to ent system, but unless complaints tend to demoralize the fire give the chief the hest of it if he could. work harmoniously it phone, and in that event the driver of department. I am corrying that year the believed the foreman should call ten hitches up before the alarm is sound-rules, gentlemen, and respectfully ask the roll. It was humiliating for a foreernment taxed those that destroyed the catching the apparatus. In the event tempts to hamper the work of protecting driver call out his name. In reply to in a spirit of concilir of this being a false aigrm, the roll is the lives and property of the inhabitants the chief he would say that a sergeant in the army never called out the name of his superior officer at roll call. To a question Foreman Hinds replied that he only missed two false tening to the talkers alarms during the year.

Chief Deasy said the drivers had been treat his men in this calling the roll since 1892, and that no have as good a depart complaints were made with regard to the accuracy of the roll calls.

Mr. Conlin stated that it was only everything possible who had grievances were not present, two weeks since a call man took objection to the driver marking him away Con when he was one of the most active men at the fire.

ncrease the efficiency of the department. Driver McDougall considered he stood equal to Mr. Hinds, and saw nothing humiliating to Foreman Hinds in having

Mr. Rendell announced that he was charges, and as head of the department the fireman who had objected to his Le protested against having to answer name being marked absent by the driver that Mr. Conlin state the same old charges year after year. When he was present at the fire. He Mayor Redfern wanted it dearly un explained that after the fire he went derstood that they were not there to con- to his blacksmith shop for a minute, but sider charges against the chief, but was at the fire hall as soon as the chemrather to endeavor to remove the fric. ical. He found that the driver had him tion that existed between some of the marked absent, but when he protested

The discussion then became general Chief/Deasy suggested that all of the and rather personal, but the mayor suc-

Foreman McDowell gave his views with reference to roll call. He also Ald. Partridge said that all the men considered that the foreman should call should be called in. He wanted a fair the roll. All the trouble arose since the drivers had been calling the roll. He This brought a strong protest from had been in the department for a long

Last and all the time Hood's Sarsaparilla has been advertised as a blood purifier. Its great cures have been accomplished through purified blood - cures of scrofula, salt rheum, eczema, rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, nervousness, that tired feeldyes. ing. It cures when others fail, because it

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culty could be overcon foremen to call the ro months to try it. He stood, however, that h to return to the hall af Mayor Redfern said be made without co

the suggestion. The second compl Chief Deasy said Mr more fires than any department. that the chief had as he had, and th equally as good as of the men said they where call men mis The third grievance considered. The was a very trivial a brief discussion was next grievance.

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Mr. Duncan said the apparatus about The fire was across were only four men it was capable of Chief Deasy said there six men on the appa atus had been broken

Ald. McCandless number of men which the app supposed to carry should ride on it. The mayor said the the make a rule to allow only ber of men to ride on ea

In connection with the Chief Deasy said that the only member that v It was only a this door should be clo opinion it was a good r casy for any member of to go through the other the door referred to Mr. Hinds said that closed was more awl any other member

often missed t the door being locked Chief Deasy said could be removed b unlocking the door marked that it could these grievances cou bringing the men and Mayor Redfern said tion of the council to men to sleep at the fir Mr. Smith held that t not be fined when they cause the fire alarm sy order. Mr. Watson a

alarms often confused Mayor Redfern said chief grievances were roll call, riding on th ment should be sunk the chief made up council had decided to showed a willingness was sure the rest of th

mayor and aldermen to hearing his side the Pacific coast. Chief Deasy claimed Conlin to speak in tha only vesterday when

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