HE MURDERED HIS **BROTHER-IN-LAW**

Junction

STORY OF TRAGEDY

A Woman Found Frozen to Death-An Attempt to Kill Men With Poisoned Candy.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Inteopine Beatin, ger, brother-in-law of Antoine Seguin, who was found murdered in his barn at nounced, Mme, Humbert exclaimed: "At committed for trial on the charge of who was found murdered in his barn at St. Eustache last Friday, has confessed to beying committed the crime, because The result of the trial was fully ex-St. Enstache last Friday, his contressed to having committed the crime, because the old man, he says, had wronged his daughter. The following is Belanger's confession: "Theophile Belanger, self-comfessed murderer of Antoine Seguin, confessed murder of Antoine Seguin, confessed murderer of Antoine Seguin Confe stated to the detectives that three weeks ago he discovered that the dead man had had criminal relations with his (Belan-ger's) daughter. "I warned him," add-ed Belanger, "that if he ever committed the offence again I would kill him. On Thursday morning, a week ago, I heard a noise in my daughter's room; just shove my head. Her voice sounded out arrested here to-day on the belief that Seguin's body, wrapped in hay, to the that many persons who had prev to get my family."

Found Dead.

dead in a house under construction in Westmount this morning. He was employed tending fires to dry plaster, and was overcome by gas, and in attempting to escape fell on top of the stoves. When found this morning his body had been reasted beyond recognition, one of the arms being burned away.

Coming to Canada.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20 .- A St. Paul diswithin 10 days,

Northern Pacific Application.

extensive system of branch lines throughout the province. The provisional directors of the new company will be C. S. Mellen, president of the N. P. R.; James Fisher, Winnipeg; H. P. Upham, president of the First National Bank, St. Paul; C. E. Hamilton, St. Paul. J. S. Ewart, Winnipeg. The company's ntions are, if granted a charter, to build lines crossing the international boundary at three different points from Pombina west. The Northern Pacific made application for a similar charter

Poisoned Candies.

The Wabigoon district is highly work-**Rock** post office a small box containing **a dozen or so of candies of the kind gen- b a dozen or so of candies of the kind gen- c a dozen or so of candies of** forwarded on to Gold Rock. Chiverton opened the box, which, besides the can-dies contained a slip of paper with the words: "Jack, a few candies for yourself." and offered some to his friend Mason, who was with him at the time. Immediately on tasting the chocolate Mason was seized with violent pains, exhibiting all the signs of being poisonen. John Jay seeing the tempting can-dies on the table, put one in his mouth before Dr. Murdoch had time to warn him they were poisoned. Almost before he could spit the candy out Joy was seized with a series of convulsions which were well-nigh having a fatal termination. Dr. Murdoch has forwarded the ackage to the provincial authorities at

Frozen to Death.

Toronto.

Ingersoll, Ont., Feb. 20.-Rose Ann Cunningham, who for four years had lived alone about two miles from this place, was frozen to death in the snow a short distance from her home. It is supposed that she was stricken with heart disease while returning from the barn.

For Personation.

Torouto, Feb. 20 .- Judge McCrimmon this morning found F. B. Carlyle, ad-vertising agent, and Baynor Raynor, ench guilty of personation on December th, and gave them each the full sentence of one year imprisonment and fine of \$400. Nominations For New Brunswick Are

Taking Place To-Day. St. John, N. B., Feb. 21 .- To-day is mination day in New Brunswick for the provincial legislature.

Inquiries About Canada. The Evening Telegram's London cable says six hundred letters on Thursday and

six hundred yesterday tell the story of inquiries received at the emigration office about Canada. Lumberman's Estate. The will of the late Geo. J. Cook, the iumber king, has been filed. The estate

is valued at \$789.300. Dressed Meat Co. The Canadian Dressed Meat & Ab-

Judgment in Their Favor in Libel Suit Brought By a Paris Banker. Paris, Feb. 21.-The Humberts scored ACCUSED OF HAVING their first notable success to-day when AT ST. EUSTACHE the linth correctional chamber announce the linth correctional in the libel suit ed their acqupital in the libed brought against them bo M. Cattaui, the

batoir Co., capital \$100,000, as applying for a charter. The company has pur-chased 70 acres of land at Toronto

HUMBERTS ACQUITTED.

banker. Tae costs of the prosecution were assessed against M. Cattaui. The court delivered a lengthy judgment, the main point of which was that the evidence failed to show bad faith on part of the Humberts in charging M. Cattaui with usury. The judgment spe-cifically acquits Frederick Humbert, Montreal, Feb. 20.—Theophile Belan-Crawford millions.

THOUSANDS SWINDLED.

Police Arrest Seven Men Believed to Be Implicated in a Fake Lottery.

in protest. I suspected what was they were implicated in the operation wrong and went up. I found Seguin in of a fake lottery. The police say that with me. When I reached the barn yard, Seguin was coming out of the door. I went to meet him, and when we were six feet apart I discharged the gun. The charge of shot struck Securi on the literature was circulated freely and side of the head, and he fell forward in prined on the finest stationery. The the snow. I left him lying there and lottery tickets were engraved. It is drove my family to St. Eustache. I shid that representatives of the concern then returned in the evening and carried were active in seeking patrons, and barn. Afterwards I went to the village invested their money in policy had been secured as clients of the new concern. According to the police, it has been operating for at least two years. Post Office Joseph Houle, plasterer, was found Inspector Boyle said that the govern-

STILL SNOWBOUND.

Nothing Heard From Relief Parties Which Are Trying to Reach Imprisoned Train.

St. Johns Nfld., Feb. 21 .- Nothing depatch says between two and three thous- finite was heard to-day from the relief. and well to do people from Iowa are to settle on the Canadian Northwest lands beyond reach of the telegraph, nothing can be heard from them until the lines Definite announcement is made to right by Mr. C. E. Hamilton, of St. Paul, that he is acting in behalf of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, in making application to the Manitoba legislature for permission to build an extensive system of branch lines on the plateau on which the trains are stalled there is no shelter, and the men in the relief parties cannot make much

EIGHT ARE DEAD.

Four Miners Run Down By Express Train-Several Persons Killed By Dynamite Explosion.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 23 .- The Kanlast year, but their request was refused. Wainpegers, and Manifobans generally, railroad, last night struck a wagon conwould welcome the re-entrance of the Northern Pacific to the province. 'Explosion of Dynamite.'

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.-By a dynamite dies. On Friday last a man city, four persons were killed and sev-

box had been mailed to Wabigoon and river. They were horribly mutilated. The names have not yet been learned.



to the sick room to tell of the terrible struggle for life they had just witnessed. It did not occur to them that under their very eyes a more terrible, more pathetic struggle was going on daily. There can be nothing more pitiful

There can be nothing more pitrue than the struggle the consumptive makes against disease. The greatest help in this struggle is gained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Dis-covery. It cures obstinate coughs, weak and bleeding lungs, emaciation, and other ailments which if neglected or control of the structure of a fatol termine unskillfully treated find a fatal termina-

"In 1898 one of my daughters was suffering on account of a severe cough, hectic fever, wasting of flesh and other symptoms of diseased lungs," writes Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, of Barium Springs, Iredell Co., N. C. "I promptly gave her Dr. R. V. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery with gratifuing success and sha now enjoy with gratifying success, and she now enjoys excellent health. This being true, I hereby heartily endorse your medicines heartily endorse your medicines." Accept no substitute for "Golden Med-ical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the stomach, blood and lungs.

od and lungs. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets assist the action of the "Discovery."

AGAINST CHINESE

CHARGE OF MURDER

KILLED COUNTRYMAN

An Indian Woman Dies From Effects of Liquor and Exposure - Fatality in a Mine.

Rossland, Feb. 21.-Wing Wo and murdering another Celestial. The al-Nelson, pending sittings of the Assize court. Indian Woman's Death.

Vancouver, Feb. 21 .- The dead body of an Indian woman, wife of Tom, a Euclatah siwash, was brought to the city yesterday on the steamer Cassiar, in care of Provincial Constable Jones. Tom was also in charge of the officer as a prisoner. It seems that the Indians were making a big potlatch at Cape wrong and went up. I found at and "Kneel my daughter's bedroom, and said, "Kneel and make your peace with God; I am and make your peace with God; I am be account this country at a by potiatch at Cape Mudge, and Tom and Mary set Out in a cance from Reed Island on Wednesday going to kill yoa." Seguin laughed, and going from the house, remarked that he was not frightened. Then we went to the barn. I followed, taking a shotgun it is charged that while great represen-it is charged that while great represen-aboard. The couple were apparently and. Here Mary succumbed to the divided effects of liquor and exposure. An inquest held vesterday by Coroner Mc-The Guigan found that Mary died from the causes indicated above. Tom was arraigned before Mr. H. O. Alexander, S. M., for having whiskey in possession, usly his case being remanded until Monday The woman was buried here in the afternoon.

Killed in Mine. Phoenix, Feb. 21.-A fatal accident

happened at the Granby mine yesterday. morning by which one man lost his life. He was Ira E. James, who was an ore loader for the company. He was working on night shift and about 1 o'clock yesterday morning was about to shift lated into Turkish and was handed to a car near the new ore crusher at the Knob Hill mine, when waraed by a The nowers recommend, in a working partner, Dunlap, not to do so. He persisted, however, fell in between the cars and the wheels crushed out his life. He was an American about 25 ple powers to act independently and to years of age, and had worked at the Granby mines for about a month only, although he had been employed previously at Mother Lode mines and in other parts of British Columbia, Coroner Foster investigated the case and decided that under the circumstances an inquest was not necessary. Relatives of James at Brooklyn, N. Y., have been communicated with.

NEEDS SHIPS BADLY.

Castro Cannot Check Importation Arms and Ammunition Without Vessels.

Washington, Feb. 21 .- It is a matter of comment in official circles that, per-haps without intending it, the Germans are aiding the Venezuelan revolutionists in refusing to return at once President Castro's ships. Word has been received tere that the German commander has informed the Venzuelan government that the ships will be turned over to them at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on Monday af ternoon, instead of in Venezuelan waters. The state department will place the Mariette at the disposal of President Castro to carry officers and ed up over an attempt to murder one or more of the leading citizens by means of Pa., one hundred miles south of this those vessels. Meantime the revolutionists are importing large supplies of arms and ammunition.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID.

Another Student at Cornell University Succumbs to Fever-The Tenth Death.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 21 .- William El liott Maher, a freshman in the engineering department of Cornell University, died late last night. He was the tenth The exodus from the town is not abating and to-day the president of the senior and whose successor must be confined by Elder-Dempster fleet for carrying on the student to fall a victim to typhoid fever. and to-day the president of the senior the class had left town that he was unprovided for by vesterday's mass meeting. On account of the conditions here the Cornell-Harvard fencing meet has and to the basis on which it is planned en cancelled

MAUDE GONNE MARRIED.

Wedded to Major McBride, of the Iris Brigade, Which Served in

South Africa.

Paris, Feb. 21.-Major McBride, wh vas a member of the Irish Brigade in the Transvaal service during the South can war, was quietly married this ernoon to Maude Gonne, known as he "Irish Joan of Arc," in the church of St. Henri Deylau, in this city. Only score of people were present. The remony was performed by the former aplain of the Irish Brigade.

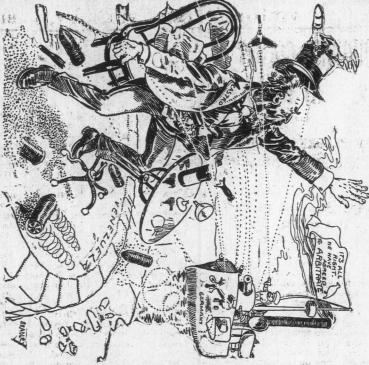
RELIEF EXPEDITION

ill Be Sent to Search For Baron Toll, Who Has Been Exploring Siberian Coast.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.-The Imperial cademy of Science has decided to disatch an expedition to search for Baron Toll, who is exploring the Siberian coast line, and who was reported on November 21st to have been cut off from the coast by early winter ice in new Siberia. Lieut. Coltchark, who separated from Baron Toll before he was cut off, will command

In every hundred English women seven are widows; among men only four in one hundred are widowers.

rvices (ser):



TOOK PROMPT ACTION. Hon, Clifford Sifton Has Suspended Officials Regarding Whom Complaints Have Been Made.

Ottawa, Feb. 23 .- The Interior department has received a complaint from the Northwest Territories. ed it, that the parties be prosecuted. riminally and otherwise,

Too High.

Determined Not to Admit Any Modification of the Scheme Submitted to Abdul Hamid.

INTRODUCE REFORMS

COERCIVE MEASURES

THE SULTAN MUST

POWERS MAY ADOPT

Constantinople, Feb. 23 .- The identical note on the subject of reform in Macedonia presented to the Grand Vizier on Saturday by the Austro-Hungarian and tition of the Martineau business impos-Russian ambassadors, ...has been trans- sible.

the Sultan the same evening. The powers recommend, in addition to the appointment of an inspector-general the appointment of an inspector-general of gendarmerie for three years with am- Argentina in Australia. requisition troops in case of emergency, BUYS STEAMERS FOR and the reorganization of the gendar merie and police under European in structors, that i Christians be admitted into the gendarmerie in numbers proportioned to the population, without being required to read and write the Turkish language. Amnesty is also demanded for all persons who have been arrested for political offices, The scheme for administration and financial reforms in Macedonia, as pro-

London, Feb. 23,-The negotiations for the purchase by the C. P. R. Company of fourteen of the Beaver line steamers from Elder Demoster & Co were satisfactorily concluded this morning. The price paid is not yet disclosed, but it is said to be about \$7,500,000. this gentleman was so charmed with the place that he returned a few days ago The deal is regarded here as having an important bearing on the proposed Canadian fast mail service, as it will probably eliminate the tender of the Elder Dempster & Company therefor, and leave the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in a better position to secure

the contract. International Company. London, Feb. 23 .- Replying to a ques-Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, said the general 'lines of the agreement between the British government and the International Mercantile Company had been determined upon, taxes, provides that local expenses shall be a first charge on the revenues of each tunity to discuss the arrangements be-

Montreal Opinion. Montreal, Feb. 23.-Shipping interests Montreal are greatly excited over the to give to the inspector-general of gend- big deal by which the C. P. R. to-day acline expresses its satisfaction that the new venture will not affect its business, but will assist in developing Canadian trade, John Torrance, agent of the Domand to the basis on which it is planned inion line, now absorbed by the Morgan "The company will be able to quote

rates that no other company can touch. tirely composed of Christians, owing The ultimate result will be that other to their predominance in certain parts of Macedonia. It is understood, however, that the over all other steamship companies and owers are determined to admit of no modification of the reform scheme, that make Montreal a railway port instead of stated that the coming summer would witness a marked immigration, particutercive measures to ensure its being Trunk Railway Company will be forced

THE KING'S LEVEE.

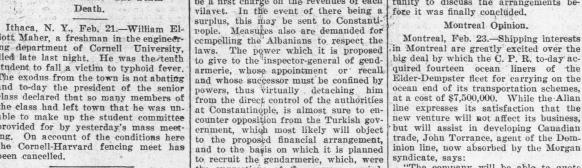
Pasha, minister of foreign affairs, notified the Austria-Hungarian and Russian ambassadors this afternoon that the Sultan had agreed to adopt the scheme

Harvard and Yale for an athletic meeting during the summer, with a team reby the King's cordiality. After the and taste the fruit now in this city, from acorrect. The cable message received er Governor of Missouri if he would like Okanagan, to know the quality which vas only of a tentative nature, and re- to be received in private audience, and they produce. ferred to the advisability of such a receiving an affirmative reply, promised challenge being issued.

porizing the Turkish minister of war of its great competitor." Adopts the Scheme. Constantinople, Feb. 23. - Tewfik First of the Season Was Held at Buckfor reforms in Macedonia. INTER-VARSITY MEET

Report That Harvard and Yale Have Received Challenge is Incorrect.

to fix a date.



to recruit the gendarmerie, which, were the suggestions of the powers carried, "The company would in several districts be practically f Macedonia.

they demand its application without de a general port as at present. I suppose ay, and that they are prepared to adopt another result will be that the Grand An imperial irade has been issued au-

THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

osed by the powers in the note, besides

lanning a more equitable collection of

purchase ten additional Maxim guns.

London, Feb. 23.—The advice that a efinite challenge had been received from Harvard and Yale for an athletic meetresenting Oxford and Cambridge, was levee, His Majesty sent to ask the form- Coldstream and other ranches of the

President Castro-"Stop! If this is arbitration, give me war."

PRAIRIE PEOPLE

INFLUX TO VICTORIA

REMOVING HERE

FROM MIDDLE WEST

The Claims of This Place as a Residen

tial City Spreading Throughout

the Continent.

the continent, and the efforts of the

Tourist Association recently have done

a great deal towards fostering the sen-

letters received by the officers of the association from parties seeking homes

the more desirable lands, throughout the

middle west, has enhanced the value of

by proxy, through the American in vasion of the Canadian middle west.

A few weeks ago a Winnipeg contrac-tor came to this city to install certain

fixtures in a large establishment here.

The change from a Winnipeg winter to

emove to Victoria. This is but one

case, but it is typical of many. As an example of some of the com-

mail, may be given. It is from a general merchant in Stonewall, Man. It says:

a change and rest, and think I shall like your beautiful city of Victoria. All be-

ing well. I leave here to-day for Winni-

beg, shall stay two days there and leave

In the face of this increase of popula-

er. Most of these parties will purchase

rentable houses even below

their homes and this will reduce the

the present list. In the meantime, there

are not a sufficient number of good

uses for rent in the city to accommo-

agreeing on this point. It looks as

hough the Tourist Association would

he builders to meet this pressing con-

What is true of the city is true in a

omewhat different sense of the whole province. A well-informed official of

the government, in conversation with a limes representative a few days since,

larly of priaries people, into that tract of

ountry which is known as the dry belt." He spoke not from rumor or conwhich is known as the

jecture, but from actual data on the files of the department. The points

which will witness the largest increase

population are scattered through the

Okanagan valley, viz., Kelowna, Sum-

merland, Peachland, etc., and in the vicinity of Kamloops. One reason of

t lies in the fact that the large and selts in these districts are being broken

s being brought for the purpose of fruit

Many of the immigrants will be inex-

ve to inaugurate an agitation among

date the people here, real estate men

inst for Victoria"

umber of

"Since I was in Victoria I have made

Accounts Not All Examined. Sir Frederick Borden had an interbut all the accounts have not yet been examined. One result from the trouble is that a new method will be adopted in the accountant's branch to make a repe-

A report from Wedell & Co., England,

THE ATLANTIC ROUTE

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Has ish Columbia particularly appeals, be-cause of the mildness of its climate, and of course no point in the whole prov-Secured Fourteen Vessels of the Beaver Line.

to-day have lived here in Stonewall over 17 years, and have done well, but I want

ingham Palace.

London, Feb. 23 .- King Edward held up into small holdings, onto which water the first levee of the scason in the throne room of Buckingham palace at noon to raising. The result will be communiday. His Majesty, who wore a minutery uniform, was attended by the Prince of Wales, most of the cabinet ministers, and it the great officers of state. United Eastern provinces, renders it peculiarly disagreeable in the large ranches of the everal Americans, among them being D.

require guidance by the government's inspectors and other officials. With bet-ter railroad facilities, this district prom-ises to become the source of supply for coast cities.

HEAVY DAMAGES.

Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants Must Pay \$115.000 to Taff Vale Company.

London, Feb. 23.-In accordance with an arrangement arrived at between the parties concerned, the Taff Vale Railroad Company secures \$115,000 damages against the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants.

After a long trial in the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice, thecase of the Taff Vale Railroad Company The experience of the past few months against the Amalgamated Society of and the assurances received by mail, Railroad Servants, involving many quesindicate that this summer will witness tions of great importance to traces a remarkable influx to the city, not only unionism, resulted on December 19th in of transient tourists, but of people seek a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The of transient tourists, but of people seen ing permanent homes. The finme of Nictoria, as a residential city, has, with-in the last few years, become as wide as the strike of 1900.

STREET DUELS.

timent that this place is distinctly the beauty spot of the Dominion. From time to time the Times has published offen at Raleigh, N. C.-Deputy Marshal Shot.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.-The great-Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.-The great-est social and criminal sensation Ralby the Times of late, bearing on the eigh has ever known developed to-day same subject, from parties residing in when Ernest Haywood shot and killed same subject, from parties restoring in the states of the Union, but more par-ticularly from points in Manitoba and Wien Direct Haywood Skinner on the street. Hay-wood is a grandson of the late State ment has received a company of the fact, it is from the Territories and ly of Ottawa, who had to do with the re-cording of claims on Duncan Creek, were beating miners out of their claims. As soon as the report was received Hon. Clifford Sifton ordered that they be sus-pended and that an investigation take place, and if the circumstances warrant-In fact, it is from the Territories and Treasurer John Haywood, and son of and had become so charmed with the must have seen the shooting. situation and surroundings of this place shot, Skinner fell upon his face on the that they had decided to locate here. Some of them bought lots for the pur-pose of building on them, but the ma-instruction of the post office. Sir Frederick Borden had an inter-view with the minister of justice to-day regarding the Martineau affair. The shortage has not yet, reached \$80,000, westward is not far to seek. The influx gedy grew out of a reported of American investors on to the Can-adian plains and the sharp demand for

Another Shooting Case

The result has been that a great number dent. Bureka Springs, Ark., Feb. 21.—In a pistol duel on the streets of Jasper, to-day, Deputy United States Marshal J. Eureka Springs, Ark., Feb. 21.-In a settlers there, who had already D. Keyes was killed and W. A. Hudson achieved almost a competence, have been able to dispose of their holdings at big figures, and the aggregate of their when Keyes and City Marshal William sales and earnings have netted them a Allen attempted to arrest him. He figure upon which they can refire. Anyone who has lived on the prairies fire, shooting Hudson through the body. Anows that it is an undesirable place of Allen, though uninjured, dropped to the residence, and while many people have ground. Hudson then fired at Keyes, amassed wealth there, few care to end shooting him through the body. Keyes their days in a country where the walked several blocks to his home, and climate is so severe. To this class Brit-died a few hours later.

BANDMASTER'S SUICIDE.

ince is so attractive to a home lover as the city of Victoria. This place and this province benefits, therefore, as if were of Guerm

Honolulu, Feb. 23 .- Naval Governor eaton Schroeder, of the Island of Guam, who has arrived here, reports the occur rence of a severe and prolonged series of earthquakes, which have raised the level a Victoria one may well be imagined by anyone who has experienced both, and shocks were accompanied by loud subterranean rumblings.

to the Prairie capital, with a resolution to dispose of his business there and smashed into the naval wharf, doing some damage. She reported that during the voyage, S. Locasire, a bandmaster As an example of some of the com-munications received by the Times, the following, which arrived by Monday's mail, may be given. It is from a solution of the com-following is a solution of the com-fold is a solution of the com-following is a

TRAIN WRECKED.

up my mind to move my family there for a year, and see how I like it. I Track-One Man Killed and

Another Hurt.

(Associated Press.) Dixon, Feb. 23 .- A St. Louis and San Francisco fast west-bound passenger train was wrecked last night near Arm-Winnipeg on Thursday night, the 19th | ington. Express Messenger Gifford was killed, Engineer Decker was fatally hurt and four of the crew seriously injured. tion, about which there is not the slight-est doubt, the scarcity of desirable hurt. The wrecked train had two en nouses for rental becomes a serious mat- gines and was under full headway when the first engine jumped the track and the second engine turned completely over Two mail clerks, impriso ned in their car, escaped through the windows.

FIRE AT GRAVENHURST.

Hardware Store and Stock Destroyed-Other Buildings Damaged.

(Associated Press.)

Gravenhurst, Ont., Feb. 23.-Fire this-morning destroyed the building and stock of hardware owned by A. Child & Son. The of nardware owned by A. Child & Son. The loss is covered by insurance. Averse's fanc; goods store adjoining was damaged to the extent of \$25,000. 'Inis also is covered by insurance. Bulmer's stock of drygoods with residence overhead, was also much damaged by smoke and water.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

United States Committee Decide Not to Report It to House.

Washington, Feb. 23 .- The House comnittee on merchant marine and fisheries, o-day voted not to report the ship subsidy bill to the House, the vote being ten to six.

TORONTO AND LIBRARY

Toronto, Feb. 21 .- The board of conrol have decided to recommend to the council the acceptance of Andrew Car-negie's offer of \$350,000 for a public library, with main building and three branches, on condition that the ratepayers pass a by-law providing money for the sites.

UNITED SENATOR.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.-At 12.30 o'clock this morning on the 43rd ballot Charles W. Fulton, Republican, of Astoria, was elected united senator by both houses of perienced in horticultural work, and will the legislature.

AGENTS-GENERAL

POSITION OF CANADIANS AND AUSTRAL

Provincial Representatives Shoul Same Status as Those of t Commonwealth.

(From the London Correspondent of the Times.)

London, Jan. 31 .- Great interes ing taken here in Anglo-Colonia in the conference that has been place this week at Ottawa betwee provincial premiers and the Do overnment. I have written Colonial," and not "Anglo-Cana some of the points to be discr the premiers have an interest so far, telegrams from Ottawa only to the demand made for a re ment of financial relations bet

Dominion and the provinces. The matter of local and internal in and its adjustment is not of par interest to people here. There ar points which the premiers have them that are being intently wa from this side, and to explain then necessary to go back to the time coronation and the colonial conf last year At that time the prime minister

Dominion and five of his colleage the cabinet were in London. See the eight provincial premiers wer in this country. Mr. Parent, of Q being the absent one. Mr. Parent however, represented by the treasu his ministry, Mr. Duffy, who ha power to act for the Quebec ment. Last summer was ess colonial season in London, and were numerous important function ficial and unofficial. As reg official functions the provincial felt themselves very much "out of compared with the representat the Australian states. I may that none of the Australian sta miers put in an appearance at th onation, as they did not consid they had been invited in the manner. They received a gene tation from the colonial office, through the Governor-General o Commonwealth, in the same way invitation to the provincial premie sent through the Governor-Gene the Dominion. They, however, r to recognize an invitation sent in way, as the state governor in the six Australian states is a of the Imperial government, delegated authority from the Crow rect, and not through the Governoreral-in-council, as in the case lieutenant-governors of the Ca provinces. At the coronation th tralian states were represented by respective agents-general, who official recognition, and were privileges that were not granted vincial premiers or the agents-gene Canadian provinces. As a result. portant gathers the representative far-off Australia greatly outnum the representatives of Canada, the se colony, and was the subject of m comment and no little heart-hur the time The matter was fully discussed h

provincial premiers in London, and went formally to lay the matter be Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding the other Dominion ministers then England. Sir Wilfrid Laurier depre ed discussion of the question time, as neither the time nor was, in his opinion, fitting, but then communications have been ing among those interested. There at present four provinces that agents-general in London. These British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Brunswick and Prince Edward Is The Quebcc government has anne its intention of appointing a London resentative, and I am told that Ont is likely to adopt a similar course early date. Manitoba will no doub low, as will also the Northwest 7 tories when they receive provinci nomy. This then would give Canadian provincial agent's-gene ondon, a body of men that could cise an enormous influence for the of their respective provinces, an anada as a whole, provided some an be arrived at of giving them ial status equivalent to that ix Australian state agents-genera everywhere in evidence, and t enormous amount of useful ac for their respective states a mmonwealth as a whole. All Australian agents-general are axious that their brethren from

anadian provinces should have me status as they are accorde There is another point, too, in nection. At the present time sisting arrangements, the smalles ralian state obtains for her loans on to the list of colonial securi which trustees are authorized t nereas the largest and wealthi ian province is denied the sam The ground that the solicitreasury take is this: In th ian states each governor e e right of veto on behalf of the respect of any legislation pass parliament of his state. In C. ourse, it is different, the rev vincial legislation resting with inion Governor-General-in-cou other words with the governme tawa. Hence, say the treas itors, are important's difference conceivable, say they, that n province might pass an iating its indebtedness, and that under certain circu minion government might such legislation, hence the ot so valuable as where the ae power of veto direct. tant that some means sho et over this difficulty, for it nst the value of Canadian rities. I have the best of saying that in the recent Brit loan the province would