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APPEALS OF AN INCENDIARY.

weeks ago Premier Murray submitted the financial statement for the year. It province can have but one result, and that will be a demand from the poorer distribution of fifty per cent. of this raised by the other provinces, and yet fairness and unpatriotic attitude of the Conservative party on this question.

The operatives in all but two of the coal mines in the Crow's Nest Pass and in the province of Alberta laid down their tools on Saturday morning last, demand for a "closed" or union shop

purposes. It is claimed, however, by tion is to be provided for these instithose who should be in a position to tutions. know that the present conflict was not unevnected by either owners or workmen, and that, at the termination of the agreement entered into two years ago, a fresh litter of difficulties would who are leaving the reserve on the

The Times cannot see that the ques-

or not calling into requisition its pro-The Lemieux Act says:

ence of such dispute to a board of conciliation and investigation."

As the operators have not declared tion thus developed may account for the lack of sympathy manifested by the

In any event, the winning hand is will be interesting to make a compari- held by the operators, as, with the ap- of the electors, the country will be son with the financial affairs of Bri- proach of summer the heavy demand ready. tish Columbia, especially as Mr. Mc- for coal is over for the time and the tish Columbia, especially as Mr. Mc lor coal is over for the time and the Bride has nailed the "better terms" flag loss to be suffered by the owners is commenced. The whole world is once more discussing peace and arbitration. Since the first call of the Czer of The.

Columbia, the attempt to make those congratulated on having secured the provinces swell the revenues of this services of F. M. Rattenbury to combia will receive from the Dominion gov- generally looked upon by visitors who ernment a million dollars from the were in a position to judge as models Chinese head tax. The equity of the of their kind. They were always adtax to the provinces has never been mired, and the inquiry usually was: "Who is the man who designed this if Mr. McBride, simply to deceive the beautiful pile?" It was hard for them Great Britain, the United States and Reciprocity in the admission of land people, continues his grand stand play, to believe that the designer was a it very probably will be. The time will local architect, and harder still to uncertainly come, if it has not already derstand that the cost was only a milarrived, when the people of British lion dollars. The buildings have been Columbia will fully appreciate the un- pictured by nearly everyone who has come here, and these pictures have been sent to every part of the world. Every Victorian looks with pride upon the Parliament Buildings, and residents of other parts of the province are equally proud to be able to say this is their capital.

That the new buildings will be worthy of the position they are to ocand an increase in the wage scale. ed. For a long time past the library. hands. The additions are sorely need-Something over five thousand men, accommodation has been totally inwith their families and dependants, are adequate to the needs of the instituthus again cast upon the tender mer- tion, and Mr. Scholefield has been cap. The printing offices are also occurring conflicts between operators ficult to move around in the building. and colliery workmen to know all the Collecting would have had to be more information than suits their own tory to know that ample accommoda-

## THE SONGHEES INDIANS.

That there had been conferences be- on the shores of Esquimalt harbor are tween the opposed factions with a view determined to make good use of their to reaching a hasis of settlement and a money and justify the action of the 2" Awance of 5.55 per cent, on the houses on the picturesque site which present scale and the further intimation they have chosen, some of the buildis for 12.5 per cent. Thus the apparent demand and concession—apart from the open or closed shop—would be a matter of seven per cent.

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They have one of the most beautiful situation. It would not have given us constructed and or the ocean route. in most cases where such disputes spots on this earth for a home. They cheap food. What we in British Col- and that is to join closer hands, if the Under such a system provision should arise. The Lemieux Act, a commendable piece of legislation enacted by the

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GERMANY'S ATTITUDE. Only the most optimistic expected By mail (exclusive of city).\$1.00 per annum er to declare or cause a lockout, or for the United States and France in an count of any dispute prior to a refer- limiting armaments. Germany is not Australia and the Fiji islands are esready. The majority of the people there tablishing a chain of wireless stations will still support the present govern- which will prove to be an efficient a lockout, it would appear that the ment, which is kept in power by the means of establishing communication niners must be held responsible for the linjo element. Yet there is a strong between each other. Two high-power violation of the law incident to the democratic feeling growing up in the stations having a radius of 2,000 miles declaration of a strike, and the situa- Fatherland, which is already finding which are being erected in the southern spread to include a sufficient number ed and ready for duty within a few months.

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With what really amounts to treaties All Red Mail route between England, of defence between Great British, and New Zealand via Canada Cunited States and France—a triple alliance twice as strong as that of Germany. Italy and Austria—there is no minion. many. Italy and Austria—there is no minion.

fear of German aggression for many to negotiate commercial treaties with years to come. The countries which are foreign nations. acknowledged to be among the fore- Uniformity in the law of copyright most in working out the true principles patents and trade marks. that will be a demand from the poorer provinces for largely increased subsidies. For last year British Columbian government and the company law, sidies. For last year British Columbian government and the company law, will receive from the Dominion government and the Uniformity in the Company law, of responsible government and the Uniformity in receive from the Dominion government and the Uniformity in the Company law, of responsible government and the Uniformity in receive from the Dominion government and the Uniformity in the Company law.

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> On account of the prominence of Law. France, their influence will be felt surveyors to practice. throughout the world more than ever it with regard to Alien's exclusion. ernment will be copied. Already this in case of income tax or otherwise. country goes to Germany looking for a ties. model in self-government. It is to the constitutional monarchy of Great Bri- Dominions coinage. tain and to the republics that they turn. With the Anglo-Saxon union, matters, Sir Joseph said: supplemented by the strength of beyond the region of the immediate France dominating the world; civiliza- work of the Imperial Conference or

A RAILWAY MAN'S OPINION.

cies of the organizations to which they working there under a severe handi- of considering the reciprocity agree- there. To-day our respect, lovalfy and It is always difficult for those not much too small, and the museum is against the agreement have been stat-It is always difficult for those not directly interested in these frequently height of the tourist season it is difit in both countries has fairly broken and daughters of the Old Land, wherdetails of alleged grievances on the stopped altogether were it not that Canada is favorable to it. East and are assuming so every mous proportions out interference from any other part in the control and disposition of which part of the men or alleged rights of the new building is expected to be West as well as the great central plains within the British Empire. employers. The Miners' Union transact ready before many years, and in the have spoken, and there has been but their business under oaths of secrecy, meantime many specimens can be one verdict. Some public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and that their of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and that their of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and that their of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and there has been but other world powers have grown in of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and that their of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation, and that their of defence and foreign solicy should in the public bodies have wealth and nopulation. kept up a running fire upon the gov- have advanced by strides that could mestic policy and the administration of the Empire. They could be manned by British seamen grawn from all parts the same that this consideration and of the Empire. Such as Empire. Apparently the Songhees Indians

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(Continued from page 1.)

When asked to express his views on

the Canadian reciprocity agree In the meantime, the good work has and how it would affect New Zealand

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tino will spread with greater rapidity "ot. I cannot say, but one thing to my than ever before. Great changes may mind is certain, asd that is, that such be expected within the next half centhe proportionate importance of the tention alleged being an unrequited demand for a "closed" or union shop their erection will be in such capable their erection will be in such capable to the same space of time. The proportionate importance of the Motherland and her oversea dominions. ity of saving something upon two subjects that I believe to been the steatest importance, that most be dealt with at the imperial Conference about On Tuesday the United States Con- to be held. Personally, I place the degress will meet for the express purpose fence of the British Empire before any ment with Canada. Arguments for and affection for the Motherland is not only The consensus of opinion in ever they are situated in helpi

> expressed opposite opinions, but these armaments have grown fast and wide- be transferred to an independent and and naval yards should not be estahave not been representative. Some that Pritain's position, relatively to the name opposed the agreement in a most extravagant way. They have cause she has rested, but because they

he, taken as indicating the real condithat the Pacific is surely in the control lude to an effective and workable Emon the termination of the present Dominion Government in allowing tion of affairs. Mr. Hinton has trav- of present of America and Japan, pire defence parliament must essentiagreement—is evidenced by the announcement that the operators cancede

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were regarded by many leading states- Empire house of representatives. It such ideals before us it is at least the Scotch end. Mr. Hinton is an optimist. He is a men as a weakness. To-day no thinkvarious crown colonies. It is towards their people in such a parliament, ing the Healdsburg post office early tothe attainment of such a union that thereby having a voice, though that of day robbers obtained \$3,000 in money FOR SALE-One Jersey cow, cheap (ped) we should bend our best efforts, at the England rightly would be a predomi- and stamps. Alarmed by the explosion -A. Melvin and J. Rumsby, cy- same time clearly conceding to each nant one, it would enable the ideals Night Watchman Dewitt came upon

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