Striking Increase in Gross and Net Earnings-Immense Land Holdings

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The most startling evidence yet taken in the trial of Alexander Maclaren, Frank Klernan and J. Cummings, in connection with the Buckingham riots, was that of Richard E. Birch. He swere that Belanger, the leader of the strikers, had told him that he was going to dynamite the mill and the private residences of the Maclarens. Witness wrote a letter of warning to Alexander Maclaren, telling him what Belanger thad said. Witness had been asked by Belanger to join the union. Belanger told him also that he was going to divide up the Maclarens property, saying that one man had not any right to be ficher than another.

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Startling Occurrence Near the Seston

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Lillooet, Feb. 19.—The most disastrous rook slide that ever occurred in this vicinity came down near the Seaton Lake hatchery, on Saturday morning, lasting from 5 to 8 a. m. Although the batchery building escaped, still considerable damage was done to the flume that carries water to the hatching house. Huge rocks struck this in many places, and the damage was so great that it could not be repaired for some days, this necessitated removing the fish at once. Luckily most of the fish were ready for planting, so a large force was put to work at once, and the fish got out before any of them suffered. One boulder smashed the lower well and several in the seining pool.

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HANDSOME PRESENTATION.

J. D. McNiven, ex-M.P.P., who has been appointed fair wage officer for the Dominion of Canada, was the recipient of a token of regard from the members of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last evening. A representative committee of that body waited upon him at his residence and presented him with an address together with a well-lined purse and a beautiful gold watch, chain and locket. The latter was enscribed as follows: "Victoria Trades & Labor Council to J. D. McNiven, as a token of regard Victoria, B. C., February 22, 1907."

The address is appended:

J. D. McNiven, Esq.

Land Holdings

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likely will, be necessary for that rail-way to build a branch through the Yellow Head pass, eventually reach-ing the west coast at one of the in-lets mentioned, but to suppose that the enormous trade even now built up by numerous feeders from the United States will be sacrificed for a few hours saving of time across the Pacific, is absurd.

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"The C. P. R. can operate the fastest steamers available and make up this loss. I am perfectly satisfied that Esquimalt will be the recognized terminus of the C. P. R. within a very terminus of the C. P. R. within a very few years.

"Another thing that is generally forgotten is that, although the Oriental trade will grow enormously as well as that with Australia and New Zealand, there is a market at present

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	PATTERN No. 1934, 6 pairs only, a heavy lace border on fine Brussels net, regular, per pair \$6.00, Monday's special sale
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	PATTERN No. 1890, 6 pairs only, very pretty conventional design, regular value \$5.00, Monday's

PATTERN No. 1964, 2 pairs only; regular value \$6.00; Monday's special sale PATTERN No. 1801, 17 pairs only of this lovely design, regular value \$5.75; Monday's

special sale PATTERN No. 1629, 12 pairs only, lace edge and border, very soft and lacey, design on fine Brussels net; regular value \$6.50; Monday's special

PATTERN No. 1945, 10 pairs only, all-over lace design on best Brussels net, regular value \$6.75; Monday's

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New delivery of this fashionable material, in fine qualities-52 to 54 inches wide-Special, per yard, . . \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 60 inches wide—Special, per yard \$2.00, \$1.75 42 to 44 inches wide-Special, per yard 75c., 65c NOVELTY SUITINGS, fine pure wool, 54 inches wide, white ground with black and grey intercheck. Special, per yard \$1.75 ALL-WOOL HOMESPUNS, 54-inch, white ground with

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Little Scholars in gence---Teacher Endeavoi

contreal, Feb. 26.—Fire Montage Protestant effortaine street this after Before the fire alarm was men of the local station way, as a passer-by rigade. Immediately Capt and a number of his men and a number of his men the scene, and before the had finished sounding they paring to rescue the child. So speedly had the fiam however, that even in these utes those children who he caped at the first call were the upper flats of the sche seeking furnace of smoke beneath them.

Hemmed in by Flat.

At every window were seprisoned children and tead from the windows on the nothing could be seen but

Captain Carson at once o Maxwell was signaling for ladder was promptly run up man who could crowd upo position to make a livir rescue the little ones. Cap headed the ladder. Insid dow was Miss Maxwell, sur a swarm of children, excite the limits of endurance. the fremen had formed chain to safety, Miss Maxher little pupils one by one Carson and they were sw down the ladder from ha to the ground. Thus the on until probably forty of had been saved, and it some were left. Then Cap called to Miss Maxwell to "No, there are others fine must save them," she repliback to look for the other who she knew must be of floors. That was the end.

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"Miss Maxwell ran ba called to her to come out, was full of smoke and fi Captain Carson. "I saw look for any of the other might have been overcome not follow her; it would been suicide. A moment in the thick empke II. been suicide. A moment in the thick smoke. It could do, and an hour lat was carried through the with those of the childr tried so hard to save."

That is the tragic story it was confusion at a time fusion meant death, and death of the confusion at a time to the tragic story it was confusion at a time fusion meant death, and death of the tragic story in the same tragic. the necessary means of e was no help. The build old-fashioned one, with cr ways, narrow passages an gle fire escape. Had ther escape, the firemen are p escape, the firemen are p there need not have been of The fire broke out in where there were two furn not air heating system, an of wood. One of the chi ground floor went out int dor and returned in exc hurried to Principal Maxy her he had seen a lot of sr up. Miss Maxwell, with her pupils, told them to

up. Miss Maxwell, wither pupils, told them tolothes and hurry home. every pupil on the grou safely away. Then Miss upstairs and warned the ers, and the same order But the fire spread more the news. By the time stairs pupils had been not teachers to get their cloth home, the stairway was frand the little ones were at ture down. The kinderge the upper floor, and n classes there were compoyoung children, and they so excited at the sight of so excited at the sight of smoke that they were a to safety when they reach way. One of the older down and called the whom followed, but i confusion of the momen of the others feared to stairs, and stayed who By the heroism of the the courageous work of many of these were saved line of over-weighted am

blackened corpses told the A good deal of the los caused primarily by the le pline for emergencies. T een a fire drill for mo the call came the litt alarmed. Some ran for in the dressing room, these miserably died. the stairway but were a down, and as they hesite gained such headway tha mpossible.
The firemen worked

voted themselves absoluted work of life-saving, and that but for their splen the death roll would ha the death roll would had much greater.

On the tops of ladder had to be sprayed from a labored to get at windo out children. With the ing on them as it fell stayed their work as long taken out. Several of exhausted by the cold work, while others were by the rough handling ladders and had to be at the ambulance doctors.

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