Routine Business Occupies the Attention of the Board of Aldermen.

Postmaster General To Be Asked for Permission to Display Mineral Exhibits.

ing last night decided several matters taken as read, and that being carried of interest to the public, a summary of it was decided to receive and file the which is a summary of all that was communication, although Ald. Kinsman done. In the first place it was decided suggested the possibility that there to ask permission from the Dominion government to place a case of mineral exhibits obtained from the mines of Vancouver Island in the lobby of the post office, for the purpose of advertising the mineral resources of this portion of the province; it was decided not to ask the Dominion government to charter the Islander to transport the mails between Victoria and the cities of the Sound in the place of the lost City of Kingston; it was decided to refer the application received for permission to erect a grand stand at Beacon Hill for use during the fireworks display, to the park committee; the by-law authorizing the street car company to carry 60 passengers in a ear over the bridges of the city instead of 30, as at present, was rushed through all its a stages and finally passed, and it was decial committee appointed for the pur- substituted. To the city engineer for re pose, not to change the track on Fort port street from the side to the centre of the

There was a full board present, His Worship the Mayor presiding, and the meeting commenced at 8.15, with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly adopted.

Communications were received from the cities of Seattle. Vancouver. Portland, Oregon, Port Angeles and Rossland, courteously thanking the council for the invitation to attend the celebration and accepting the same.

Arthur J. Ford, of Vancouver, agent for the Septic tank system of sewage disposal, called the attention of the council to the advantages of the system, which has recently been approved by the cities of Manchester, Leeds and Morccambe in England. He offered to give the city any further information required, and Ald. Humphrey moved that the letter be laid on the table for future consideration. The motion car-

Wanting Water. S. Blake again applied for the extension of the city water to his property. It will be remembered that last week the city engineer reported that the cost would be \$570, and it was decided by the council that the cost was altogether disproportionate to the benefit to be derived, and Mr. Blake was so informed. He now asked the favor of a temporary connection, even of a half-inch or three quarter inch pipe, the cost of which he was willing to defray. He mentioned that some of his neighbors enjoy the privilege of city water even though further away than he from the mains, and made the point that his present supply of water has been fouled by the seeppond. Ald. Stewart moved that the matter be referred to the water commissioner for report, but Ald. Brydon thought the matter had been referred back and fro long enough. A report

Ald. Humphrey: "That was exclusive Ald. Brydon thought that nevertheless

was received on the matter last week.

The Mayor: "Yes, and the cost was

something should be done. If Mr. Blake could not have the permanent se:vice he might have the half or threequarter inch pipe; it would not cost very

considerable difference between this proposal and the previous one. The water commissioner in reporting on such applications has always to consider that the extension will become a portion of the permanent service. If the parties are willing to defray the cost of making the connection then there could be no objection to this connection of a temporary nature being given, but the arily, which after the extension of the permanent system will be useless. Ald. Stewart agreed with the Mayor.

If the connection now proposed with the small pipe could be done for \$50 it would be all right. Ald. Humphrey moved that if the connection thus proposed could be made

for \$50, and Mr. Blake is willing to de-fray the cost that the matter be referred to the water commissioner with power to act. It was absurd and ridiculous, however, to say that the present Belmont street pond. Ald. Brydon wanted to deny that it

his worship that it was not of much use to prolong a discussion of that nature, and he had already expressed his opinion in two little speeches. The motion carried.

From Ocean to Ocean. forwarded the council some complimentary press notices on their recently published work. Canada from Ocean to Ocean, and "fished" for another from the council. The mayor said that the work certainly was a credit to the publisher, and he thought the space given to Victoria was very good, both in quantity and quality, the write-up being the

hest he had ever read. Ald. Cameron

thereupon moved that the letter be re-

ceived and filed, and the mayor author

ized to reply thereto. Carried Sidewalk Rebate. Heisterman & Co. applied for the usual rebate for the construction of permanent sidewalk in front of city lot 1609, the property of Miss Arabella Smith, occupied by Hall, Goepel & Co., and on motion of Ald. Humphrey and

Garbally Road. George Edward Smith applied for the where the drain is actually dangerous.

Williams the matter was referred to the

city engineer for report.

He asked for it as a taxpayer in the city for twenty years, and to enable him Parliament road in its present condition, he can find no tenants for. He complained that money had been expended on other noney had been expended on other streets which did not belong to the city, which would have been better expended on Garbally road.

Ald. MacGregor moved that the matter be referred to the city engineer and Ald. Williams asked the mayor if the sum of \$50 had not been approximated last year.? His worship said \$50 would not go very far towards doing the necessary work, and on Ald. Williams receiving the assurance that it was the intention to add something thereto he seconded the motion, and it carried.

C. C. Moody. adressed another letter to the council. As soon as the name was mentioned The City Council at its regular meet- Ald. Stewart moved that the letter be

> might be some useful information con tained in it. Press Men Coming.

The secretary of the committee of the Western Canadian Press Association Mr. J. C. Crome, informed the council that the association was intending to make its annual trip, Victoria being the objective point this year, and that it was expected the party would arrive here about June 22nd. Mr. Crome suggested that anything in the way of making the visit pleasant that the city could do they would, and on motion of Ald. Stewart the letter was referred to the mayor and finance committee. An Offensive Drain

on Esquimalt street was the subject of communication from Mr. Charles Strongan, the master of the steamer cided, on the recommendation of a spe- Oscar, who asked that a box drain be

Delayed Brass Goods.

Water Commissioner J. L. Raymur advised the council that he had received the brass goods ordered from Messrs. J. H. Warner & Co., 34 days after the date specified in the contract, and informing them that the officials had been compelled to purchase some goods to the amount of \$50 owing to the delay in receiving these. He also reminded the council that the contract had been awarded to Warner & Co. for a sum of \$185 in excess of the figure at which Messrs. Boyd & Co. had offered to sup-ply them, because they undertook to deiver the goods at a certain date, which Messrs. Boyd & Co., would not bind themselves to. Messrs. Warner & Co. had subsequently obtained the goods from Messrs. Boyd & Co. and the goods had not been delivered any earlier than Messrs. Boyd & Co. would have undertaken to deliver them for \$185 less

Ald. Humphrey suggested that the bill should be paid, the \$185 being deducted. He moved accordingly, believing that if a person undertakes to do something he cannot do and thereby obtains an advantage over another person who will not undertake an impossibility, he ought to pay for it. The other firm was honest enough to say they could not deliver the goods at the time mentioned. Ald. Kinsman thought that if the city

had lost the sum mentioned, \$185, by the order not being filled by the time specified, it would be well to deduct that sum and if more than that, or less, deduct it, but asked the mayor if that amount had been lost.

The mayor said the city had lost it simply by awarding the Warner at a price which was \$185 higher than Messrs. Boyd's, from port on this subject submitted the result whom the goods could have been obtain- of their deliberations as follows: Ald Beckwith maintained that the

council should have taken no stock in tramway track from the side to the centre Messrs. Warner's undertaking, knowing of Fort street, between Government and very well the goods could not be ob- Cook streets, and that your committee find tained in the time they mentioned. They that the cost involved in the change, both had not a dollar's worth of the goods on to the Tramway Company and the city, hand at the time.

More discussion followed, and Ald. red to the water commissioner to report as to the loss sustained by the delay and The Mayor pointed out that there was the legal aspect of the case. Carried.

The City Bridges. Local Manager Goward of the Electric Framway Co., had noticed in the published reports of the council meeting that the city engineer had reported the city bridges safe for tramcar traffic. He asked if the company would now be allowed to run their cars with 60 passengers over the bridges instead of with but during the celebration will weight 72 tons.

Accompanying this was the report the effect that he had examined the bridges across James Bay and Rock

Bay and they were quite safe. The mayor suggested that the communications lay on the table until later in the evening when the proposed amendment to the by-law would come up. The city engineer was certainly the one water supply was contaminated from the by whose opinion the council should be guided and it seemed absurd that a conductor should be prohibited from carrywas ridiculous, and was reminded by ing 60 passengers when the extra 30 were allowed to "trot along" by the side

of the car. Ald' Hayward moved the "lay on the table" resolution and it was so ordered New Drains.

engineer recommended that 'The Dominion Publishing Company 600 feet of box drain be laid on Oak from Vancouver Island mines in the Bay avenue in front of Mrs. Wollaston's post office lobby. Ald Stewart said the ditch, at a cost of \$110, and that a box drain 140 feet be laid on North road. Ald. Bryden and Beckwith moved and seconded that the work be proceeded with, but Ald. Hayward struck a warning note. There was only about \$1,000 left of the money appropriated for this class of work, if the estimates were cor-

> Ald. Stewart did not think 600 feet would be sufficient on Oak Bay avenue. That might remove the nuisance from the present place but would only drain it off into the front of some other property. Considerable work has alread; been done on Oak Bay avenue and if the appropriation be so nearly expended it would be wise to call a halt.

expenditure of a small amount of Ald. Brydon had seen the place. There Ald. Humphrey suggested that the city

grain. Ald. Hayward must be a little, Ellice bridge, and the mayor said "off" in his figures and in any case, if would give that official the necessary to rent some property which, with the Ald. Hayward had such a drain in front road in its present condition, he can find of his place in such shape that children might fall into it he would change his

opinion. Ald. Beckwith suggested that if the box drain be not laid the present open nections under the local improvement one be roofed in, but the motion to do the work was carried.

Loan Consolidation.

Returning Officer Northcott notified the council of the result of the poll on the debenture consolidation by-law, which was carried. The letter was received and filed, and at a later stage of the proceedings the by-law was reconsidered and finally passed. A Grand Stand

James Wilby and W. H. Handley petitioned the council for permission erect a grand stand on Beacon Hill for the convenience of spectators of the fireworks display. They were willing to build same subject to the approval of at the filtered water reservoir. the buildings inspector and would not charge more than 25 cents for a seat. The mayor ventured the opinion that there could be no objection to the rebeing granted.

Ald. Williams, apparently utterly oblivious to the fact that the petitioners expressly stated they were willing to nform to the wishes of the building inspector, addressed quite a little speech to the council on that point. He thought, "Mr. Mayor, it was very desirable that the safety of those who use the grand stand should be safeguarded, etc."

Then there was considerable discussion pon the point whether the stand could be erected in such a position as would not obstruct the view of the general pub- ed the world over that exactness in maklic, and Ald. Brydon wanted the matter port. As this would delay the matter until May 22nd it was frowned down. with and also asked whether the city competent assayers. might not want to erect one themselves.

thousands. great convenience, and the park commitfor a seat.

and MacGregor.)

Draining and Gravelling.

The special committee appointed to report thereupon, recommended that a 100-foot box drain be laid on the south side of Pine street, 200 feet on the north side of Belton avenue, that Pine street and Belton avenue be covered with gravei and the open drains cleaned out. Ald. MacGregor wanted an estimate of the cost of gravelling. He didn't want

it done if the gravel had to be hauled a long distance. Ald. Humphrey said there was no intention of hauling gravel to Spring combustible matter, fixed carbon, ash Ridge, but Ald. MacGregor still wanted and sulphur. an estimate. His worship favored that course, too, but the report was ultimately adopted, Ald. Kinsman saying the

Fort Street Track.

The special committee appointed to re-

"That we have carefully enquired into the matter of the proposal to remove the is so great that your committee are unable to see that the advantages to be derived Brydon moved that the matter be refer- from the proposed change would justify such an expenditure, and have therefore to recommend that the position of the to the city solicitor for an opinion upon track on the said street remain as it is at

WM. HUMPHREY, (Signed) JOHN KINSMAN, A. STEWART.

Report adopted. The Champion Chemical.

The chief of the fire department re ported the receipt of the new chemical fire extinguishing engine and its satisfac-30 as at present. The heaviest car used tory test. Received and engine accepted. Finance Committee.

Accounts to the amount of \$6,137.15 from Acting City Engineer Cousins to current revenue, and \$750 for the completion of the Market Fire Hall. Ordered paid.

Sewerage and Plumbing Inspector, Several applications for the posicion of plumbing and sanitary inspector were received and laid over to be referred to the city engineer and medical health officer, who will be asked to select a few, any one of whom they will be satisfied to see elected. Ald. Hayward suggested that ten be chosen for selection so that the aldermen could vote for one each.

Mineral Specimens. Ald. Williams made quite a speech in noving his resolution asking permission from the postmaster general to place a show case containing specimens of ore property in place of the present open postmaster general always refused permission to display advertisements in post offices, but as the aldermen agreed it would do no harm to ask permission, the motion carried

The Sound Boat, Ald. Williams's motion asking the Do minion government to charter the Islander to convey the mails between Sound points and Victoria was defeated, mover and seconder, Ald. Wil liams and Kinsman, voting for it,

Tram Traffic on Bridges. The by-law of which notice had bee given by the mayor, amending the street cars regulation by-law, so as to allow 60 passengers to be carried over the city bridges, was introduced, read a first and Ald. MacGregor thought there should second time, committed, read a third be no hesitation in doing the work. The time and finally passed, Ald. Cameron open drain is a nuisance and the work being alone in his opinion that the counshould be continued on Fulton street, cil was assuming a responsibility of to grave a character.

money for the grading of Garbally road. was green, stagnant water in the open engineer be instructed to report on Point Ellice bridge, and the mayor said he structions to do so.

Sewerage Connection.

Ald. Cameron wanted to know what was being done about the by-law providing for the making of sewerage conplan, and referred to the cases of citizens being continually brought into court. The mayor and acting city solicitor Bradburn explained that the bylaw is prepared but the preparation the necessary schedules, setting forth the properties to be included is a matter of No time will be lost in completing it.

Complaints Ald, MacGregor: Unnecessary delay in erection of new fire hall, Ald. Beckwith: Delay in proceeding with work of construction of permanent sidewalks on Government street. Ald. Brydon: Placing wooden instead of cast iron supports for proposed roof And the Council rose at ten o'clock

QUALIFYING AS ASSAYERS.

Examinations Being Held This Week Under the Amending Act of Last Session.

The amendment to the Bureau Mines Act, adopted by the Provincial Legislature at the last session, are regarded by those in a position to understand the subject as certain to result in much good, there being a well defined feeling that much harm has resulted to British Columbia's mining industry by the employment of incompetent assayers in making reports on ore. It is recognizing such reports is eminently desirable referred to the park committee for re- from the points of view of both the owner of the property and of the intending investor, and it has long been The same alderman sapiently suggested felt that there should be a qualifying that the builders of the grand stand examination to test the ability of those might not remove it when it was done who presume to announce themselves as

The first examination commenced yes-Ald. Stewart opposed the idea of terday and is being continued throughout taking partial courses, having already ob-Ald. MacGregor thought it would be a tained certificates of proficiency in other portions of the empire. The examintee could be trusted to choose the site. ing board consists of Mr. Robertson, in Ald. Williams favored the petition, the provincial mineralogist, chairman; Mr. erection of the stand would cost some Carmichael, provincial assayer, secremoney, provide some work and would be tary-treasurer, and Mr. W. Pellew-Hara boon to those who were willing to pay vey. The examination covers the following subjects:

Ald. Humphrey moved that the matter (a). Sampling to be referred to the park committee to Sampling of ores or furnace products grant or to refuse the request and the and the reduction and preparation of motion carried. (The park committee sample for assay, including also the meltof Ald. Kinsman, Humphrey ing of gold dust and sampling of bar for

> (b). Qualitative Determination-In ores or furnace products of the following: Copper, iron, nickel, antimony, arsenic and sulphur. (c). Quantitative Determination-Assay-

> Bulkon-Gold bullion, for gold and sil-Copper bullion, for copper, gold and

silver; Lead-copper bullion, for lead, copper, gold and silver. Determination of moisture, volatile

Ores and Furnace Products-Fire assays—trold, silver and lead, by crusible method:

gravel can be obtained and it will cost . Gold and silver, by scorification meth-Wet assays Copper, by electrolitic. gravimetric, colormetric and (cyanide or other improved) methods. Iron, by volumetric and gravimetric

methods. Nickel, by electrolitic method. Lead, lime, zinc, sulphur and silica, by

any approved methods. Under the act, persons satisfying the examiners that they have passed a course in practical, analytical or assay work in any school of mines in Canada, Great Britain or Ireland, equivalent to the examination required here, will be exempt from the examination, but must pay a which the government has placed at \$15, for a certificate. Other candidates are required to pay a fee of \$10 when entering their names for examination and \$15 upon the issuance of the certificate. After March 1, 1901, only those hold-

ing certificates will be allowed to practice as assayers in the province. WHEN HOPE'S GONE.

Life's Not Worth the Living, South American Nervine Restores Hope and Perfect Health.

Four years ago Annie Patterson, of Sackville, N. B., had a very severe atwere recommended for payment out of tack of La Grippe, which left her current revenue, and \$750 for the com- with a very acute form of stomach trouble. She had about given up hope a permanent cure when South American Nervine was recommended to her. She procured it, and in a very short time experienced wonderful re-After taking six bottles she was absolutely cured. She says: "I believe to be the most effective remedy for omach trouble in the market.' Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall &

THE MERMAID IN PORT Provisions.

Sealing schooner Mermaid, Captain Le Blanc, returned to port this afternoon. She was bound to the Copper Islands when it occurred to the captain that there might be a shortage of provisions, and she turned back to renew her outfit. She has taken 1.318 skins this season, all of which have been already sent to Asked if he thought the election (if She will probably get away in a few days en route across the Pacific.

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Empress Reaches Port

Brings News of the Brutal Murder of a British Herald at Kowloon.

Barque Atlantis Abandoned--Other News of the Far East.

R. M. S. Empress of India arrived at 1 the quarantine station early this morning with 140 saloon and over 400 Asiatic passengers.

She brings news that the trouble con- do?" tinues in the Kowloon hinterland. A number of Chinese have been killed. A stitution act the governor has large Chinese herald sent to Piang Shan to powers. Any one of several cour post proclamations by the British was open to him; and a change in brutally murdered. While posting his scanel of the ministry would proclamations a crowd of men set upon precipitate a general election. him and beat him. He was then plac- sponsibility of solving the proble ed against the wall and fired at, his tor- then rest with the country. If the mentors, however, with a view to pro- ation is as strained as the newsplonging his agony, taking care not to say, startling intelligence may be shoot him in a vital part. He was then ed for at any moment. As a supplementation put into a crate, in which the Chinese of the government, he earnestly carry pigs, thrown into the river, and drowned. The crate and the body were subsequently recovered by the troops.

The Kobe Herald says it is reported that an agreement between Japan and China about the question of a Japanese settlement in Foochow has been con-

A couple of Chinese junks arrived at Hongkong shortly before the Empress sailed with Capt. Schneider and crew of the German bark Atlantis, which was abandoned. She left Palawon with timber three months ago, and when 65 days out ran short of provisions and put into Labuan. Foul Ald. Stewart opposed the little week, there being one candidate for weather was experienced after leaving granting the request. It might convenience the week, there being one candidate for weather was experienced after leaving the request that place, and the water began to rise hundreds and inconvenience the complete courses having already objects the barque's hold. At last the junks weather was experienced after leaving were met and the crew hailed them and abandoned their ship.

A late issue of the Manila Times says that three small Chinese steamers, all under 60 tons, have been bought by the United States government for use as despatch boats between Manila and Capt. John B. Jeffery, who was court

martialled at Iloilo on the charge of pillaging and looting has been discharge CHILDREN'S DEMONSTRATION. The Programme of Sports and Drill Move ments for the Scholars on

the 24th. The committee having in charge the programme for the children's portion of the Queen's Birthday demonstration, have sub- of health or disease. Pale, sallow faces, nitted the following programme, which has cheeks bloated and full of pimples been approved by the general committee: nasty eruptions, nervous twitchings The demonstration will commence with the limbs and unsteady gait, all tell the march out, when the children will be weakness and growing disease. massed and the National Anthem will be

sung. Then there will be a competitive drill For such as suffer from blood and skir consisting of column marching, wheeling column and fours right. left and about. Then the sports will be gone through as

follows: 1. Boys under seven, 50 yards flat 2. Giris under seven, 50 yards flat. 3. Hurdle race, under 14, 200 yards, 4. Boys under eight, 30 yards flat. 5. Girls under eight, 50 yards flat. . Hurdle race, 14 up, 1 lap Boys under ten, 75 yards flat. 8. Girls under ten. 75 yards flat

9. Football match for trophy, 5 min. 10. Bicycle race, boys under 14, 2 laps 11. Bicycle race, girls under 14, 2 laps. 12, Boys under 12, 100 yards flat. 13. Girls under 12, 100 vards flat. 14. Bicycle race, boys, open, 3 laps. 15. Bicycle race, girls, open, 3 laps. 16. Boys under 14. 1 lap fiat. 17. G'rls under 14, 1 lap flat. 18. Sack race open, 50 yards. 19. Boys' race, open, 2 lans flat. 29. Three-legged race, 100 yards. 21. Football match, bye. 22. Broad jump, open. 24. Standing jump.

26. Running high jump. 27. Football contest. Final. MR. HIGGINS IN KOOTENAY

25. Pole vaulting.

A Well-known Victorian's Views on the Deadman's Island Wrangle. Both the Rossland papers publish

ally Her Majesty only receives mats and the first few of the gen short but interesting interviews with pany, and then turns over the duty ex-Speaker Higgins, who is at present ceiving to one of her daughters. there on a business trip. The Rossland Evening Record of the 11th inst had the following: Ex-Speaker Higgins, who is in town for a few days, was shown a news dis-

patch from Vancouver concerning the

alleged dissension in the government over the Deadman's Island difficulty. He said the claim of the Imperial go ernment to the island has given a new and interesting turn to the matter, and he is inclined to think that the Imperial claim will hold good, as the naval and military reserves were made long prior to the confederation, and do not pass She Returned This Afternoon for More after the colony of British Columbia with other reserves to the Dominion, joined the Dominion. A misunderstanding between the attorney-general and his colleagues would be most unfortunate; and unless harmony should be soon restored, must result in cabinet changes and those changes migut bring about an early dissolution of the house. He added that he did not believe the situation was as acute as the despatch stated. held soon) could be carried on eastern party lines, Mr. Higgins said no. He felt sure that British Columbia political issues were sufficiently large and important to engross the attention of our peliticians, without importing dominion issues into the contest

On the following day the Rossland Miner published this: Ex-Speaker Higgins was asked by Miner representative yesterday as to the ministerial embroglio which has arisen at Victoria over the Deadman's Isl-

Mr. Higgins replied that so far as he ad studied the question the island was Imperial property, having been conveyed to the British government and the government of the colony of British Columbia many years before confederation for military and naval purposes. It did not pass to the Dominion government

with the reserves that were made provincial purposes prior to British Col umbia joining the confederation. Th erection of a sawmill on the island w mar the natural beauty of the park perhaps, make ft anything but able place of popular resort. But utilitarian age commerce and industry pushed sentiment aside and claimed the choicest and most charming natura treats as their own.

"What will be the effect upon the litical future of the province of ture between Martin and Cotton? Mr. Higgins said that was a di question to answer. The misured standing had been probably exaggerent A rupture between the ministers v be deplorable. The present govern had introduced much legislation was beneficial, and had done good even their opponents could not

"But suppose Mr. Semlin were of Mr. Martin-what would the gov

Mr. Higgins said that under our cor that the crisis would be tided over peaceable relations restored. Mr. Higgins will remain in Ross and until Monday next.

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people shows up in full strength. The faces of men and women in the month of May are the true indica

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THE DRAWING ROOM. London, May 16 .- In spite of the show weather large crowds of people gatherein St. James's Park to-day in order see the carriages containing people b for the Oneen's drawing room at Bucki ham Palace. They began arriving noon, and when they were allowed to places at one o'clock, a dcuble line already been stretched from the pa miles from Moose Pa the Horse Guards parade and anothe the palace along Buckingham Palac As a motion to go in to Victoria railroad station. The eagerness to reach the palace was

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Proposal to Purch mond County B fore Parlia

Resolution Introdu Blair--Protest Fr tion Benck

Ottawa, May 10.-Th resolution respecting the Drummond County Ra tension of the Interc occupied the attention Commons yesterday.
hours of the sitting we looked extremely like ob The discussion, at any all confined to the que House, and it was there in the evening when Railways got the floor government's proposition His speech lasted fou stituted a very full s grounds on which the

seen fit to act. Mr. Britton (Kingsto bill to amend the Joint.
Act, which deals with tain companies to inves other companies.

The Drummond Con Sir Charles Tupper quest for information a and expenses of the D Railway extension from tion to Montreal. The ways replied that the several sections of not kept separately. Sir Charles Tupper of the agreement be of the House.

Mr. Blair intimated given to the special last session instigated Drummond County pre ever, he would bring delay. The Minister t the House proceed in consider the following I 1st. That it is exped the Governor-in-Counc from the Drummond Company, and to auticompany to sell and co jesty the whole of the dertaking of the said co its main branch lines of buildings, fixtures and appertaining thereto, an chase being effected the and its branch lines s form part of the Interest and may be operated as

2nd. That the purch all running powers an privileges and concession the said company from way company or compa franchises or property kind, excepting only th and station furniture and the tools of the sec 3rd. That the said ra taking is to be conveyed free and clear from all gage, bonds, debentures stocks or other securities however, and the said of lease Her Majesty of claims and demands lease and agreement twenty-fifth day of Feb made between the said

first part and Her Maje 4th. That there be p railway and undertaking perty, as aforesaid, out priated moneys forming solidated revenue fund million six hundred less any sum paid the c orized by the act, chapt 1897, to be granted to as a subsidy for forty

about to be put to the Taylor moved the adj House, whereupon Sir spoke for a full hour of the Minister of Rail accused Mr. Blair of h mentable ignorance of with this road when before parliament la monstrous bargain had to in blind ignorance. the opposition charged of Railways was intere schemes electoral rathe For this remark he wa by the Speaker, but this admonition, for

through to the end. The Minister of Ra that the leader of the matter was acting in u Mr. Blair pitied his Charles had degraded level of little better t scold, and had converte into a burlesque. absolutely nothing to c formation which the o was already available. him, indeed, as if the position was himself from the C. P. R. in del eration of his resolution considered itself ill use its case would receive fr meet, however, the opp Mr. Blair laid on the ta agreement.

The discussion was Messrs. Foster, Sproule till within a few minut The Premier defended sued by the Minister saw no reason why should be cast in the tion before the House.

Mr. Powell (Westm reference to certain monhad made for the produ as to the revenue. er etc., of the Intercoloni Messrs. Wallace and took part in the dispute tion to go into supply w The motion proposed