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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Estimates are Laid Before the House.

British Columbia's Share of the Public Money.

Annual Meeting of the Imperial Federation League—Orange Incorporation Bill Introduced.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The annual meeting of the Imperial Federation League was held to-day, Mr. Dalton McCarthy presiding. The annual report showed the last year to have been the most successful in the history of the league; twenty-six branches in Canada being established. The proposal of Hamilton Merritt in favor of declaring for Imperial reciprocity or a discriminating tariff on foreign imports into the Empire was given a revenue for Imperial defence was vigorously discussed, and it was decided to allow it to remain as a notice of motion for next year. A resolution was passed asking the Canadian government to join the other colonies in bringing about a Penny Postage for the Empire, and impressing upon the Imperial government the necessity for remodelling the treaties with Belgium and Germany so as to allow tariff privileges to the colonies which are precluded by the present treaties. Mr. Dalton McCarthy was re-elected president; Lieut.-Governor Nelson for British Columbia.

The estimates were brought down today. The total amount of expenditure for the year is estimated at $46,772,000, an increase of $835,000. Among the British Columbia votes are: For general repairs and improvements to public buildings in British Columbia, $3,000; Victoria barracks, $15,000; Victoria harbor, $8,000. Nanaimo—removal of Nicol rock, $5,000. General repairs and improvements to harbors and rivers, $3,000; Cowichan river, $1,000; Fraser river, $2,000. The Columbia river improvements above Golden take $5,000. The river Coquitlam, $5,000; Columbia river improvements between Revelstoke and Arrow Lake, $8,000. This is an increase of $3,000 in the circuit allowances of British Columbia judges; an increase of $3,000 for the British Columbia penitentiary; $12,000 for iron gates at the Esquimalt graving dock; $5,400 to complete the Bonilla Point telegraph line.

In the Prince Edward Island elections to-day the government majority will be narrow; probably the parties will be seventeen to thirteen. Ferguson's seat is in doubt.

The Orange incorporation bill was introduced to-day.

A number of members representing the farming constituencies met in caucus to-day and decided to advocate strongly an increased duty on mess pork.

Col. Prior's health is greatly improved.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

A Brilliant Wedding in London Society.

The Tornado's Path of Death—Students Will Not Study While Kings Grip Holds Sway.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The marriage of Henry Gladstone to Miss Maud Rendal, daughter of Stuart Rendall, M.P., which took place to-day, was an unexpectedly brilliant affair. The bride was attended by seven bridesmaids, each attired in a costume of Irish poplin; and the wedding decorations were expensive and superb. The number of notable persons present was very large; foremost among them in respect of the attention bestowed upon him by everybody fortunate enough to get near him, was the venerable ex-premier and father of the bridegroom. He also was in light spirits and joined in singing with the vigor and earnestness of a school boy. The record of the marriage was signed by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Earl Rosebery and Earl Granville.

EMPLOYERS WILL PROTECT THEMSELVES.

The recent strikes conducted by labor organizations have led to a movement in behalf of employers to establish a "Labor Supply Company," the function of which is to furnish men of any calling desired to take the places of men on strike. The announcement of the proposed formation of this company which has the support of all employers of a considerable number of men has caused more or less perturbation in the ranks of the trade unions despite their assertions to the contrary, and there is much curiosity on both sides to observe how the scheme will work.

BARNUM AS A PHILANTHROPIST.

P. T. Barnum, the veteran American showman, gave a drawing-room talk at the house of the Earl of Aberdeen, this evening, for the benefit of charity. His discourse was highly entertaining, and the affair was financially a success beyond all expectations.

AN AWFUL DEATH.

A terrific hurricane passed over Nordhausen, Prussian-Saxony, to-day, causing great damage. When the storm burst upon the town a lineman was repairing a wire on the roof of a house. The force of the wind swept him from the roof, and in his fall he struck the top of a lamp-post, which passed through his body, killing him instantly. The exertions of several men were required to release the dead body from its impalement. Many steeples were blown down and many roofs were loosened or torn entirely away by the gale.

THE TORNADO PREVAILED.

A tornado also prevailed at Blankenburgh, prostrating the town of St. George, and inflicting other damage to the country.

AFRAID OF GRIP.

Serious riots have occurred at the University of Naples, growing out of opposition of the students to the reopening of the University during the prevalence of influenza. Thus far the students have the advantage, the institution remaining closed.

CABLE NEWS.

Asiatic Cholera.

ROME, Jan. 30.—A death from genuine Asiatic cholera has occurred in Bologna, Nice.

When France and Germany Join Hands.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Col. Stoppel, formerly military attache at Berlin, who warned his government before 1870 that the efficiency of the German army would make war disastrous to France, has published a sensational pamphlet advocating a Franco-German offensive and defensive alliance to check Russia. This alliance, however, is possible only if Alsace-Lorraine is restored to France.

Glass Strikers.

VIENNA, Jan. 30.—The striking glass-workers to the number of 500 at Goblong, Bohemia, made an attack today upon the factory in which they had been employed, effecting an entrance and destroying all the machinery. The police attempted to quell the disturbance, and a conflict between them and the rioters ensued. Two of the mob were killed and a number of others injured.

Political Associates.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The contest at Veurily over the vacant seat in the Chamber of Deputies, resulting from the unseating by the chamber of M. Laur, bids fair to be very exciting. M. Laur was elected at the last general election by the Boulangists and is now a candidate for re-election. At a political meeting last night he was attacked by M. Lissagaray, editor of La Bataille, and th. Anto-Boulangist candidate, who besides with his fists and threw him bodily from the platform into the hall. The sympathizers of both candidates took a hand in the melee and several persons were injured. A duel between M. Laur and M. Lissagaray is now looked for.

The Home Rule Editor.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—William O'Brien addressed a large and enthusiastic Home Rule meeting at Leeds to-night, but was overcome with exhaustion before the close of his speech and compelled to stop.

He Must Die.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A Vienna despatch says that Count Andrassy is in a stupor and that he cannot recover.

Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Hon. Sir Henry Manisty, Justice of the Queen's Bench, is dead.

The Fly-Wheel Burst.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—At Kalkberg, a suburb of Dietz, Prussia, to-day, the fly-wheel of a threshing machine burst while in rapid motion, killing five men.

Casting Bread Upon the Waters.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Frank Schuster, a journalist devoted to the interests of the shoe trade, has donated the sum of $5,000 for the purchase of shoes for the poor of Frankfort.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTS.

Opening of the Ontario and Manitoba Houses.

A Railway to Hudson's Bay Contemplated—French in the Ontario Public Schools.

Manitoba's Programme.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30.—The second session of the seventh Manitoba legislature was opened this afternoon by Chief Justice Taylor in the absence of Lieut.-Governor Schultz through illness. Reference is made in the speech from the throne to the visit of the governor-general to the province. Manitoba is congratulated on the progress of railway construction during the past year, and the speech concludes with the following words: "You will be asked to give your consideration to the question of granting aid to the Hudson's Bay railway. You will be asked to make provisions for the establishment of farmers' institutes, to afford the farmers of the province means of meeting for the discussion of the different modes and branches of agriculture. You will be asked to consider an act respecting municipal institutions, a school act, an act consolidating and amending the agricultural and immigration act, and amendments; and also acts respecting the establishment and maintenance of the Manitoba reformatory for boys and the home for incurables, and various other measures amending existing statutes. The estimates for the current year will be placed before you without delay." The House adjourned until Monday.

Opening of the Ontario House.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—The last session of the present Ontario legislature was opened here by Sir Alexander Campbell this afternoon. In the speech from the throne he congratulated the house on the decision of the Privy Council respecting the westerly boundary of the province, and finally settling the northerly boundary. Mention is made of the investigations of the school commission on the French and German languages in the public schools; and the speech says that the report will be made before the house prorogues. The house will be invited to consider changes in the law relating to the assessment of property for the purpose of municipal taxation. Among the measures there will be submitted for consideration a bill to facilitate the speedy determination of important constitutional questions and a bill for the further improvement of the liquor license laws.

EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

Declared Exports of British Columbia at the U. S. Consulate.

The following statement of declared exports at the U. S. Consulate, for the year 1889, has been furnished THE COLONIST through the courtesy of Mr. F. C. Roberts, the energetic clerk of the consulate:

Canned salmon, fish, etc.	$ 112,533 40
Coal	1,699,904 38
Furs, skins and hides	216,596 21
Household and personal effects	57,354 00
Liquors	9,008 97
Lumber, etc.	19,595 53
Miscellaneous merchandise	19,399 81
Returned American goods	27,141 86
Rice, etc.	35,153 06
Silver ore and crude platinum	40,066 31
Treasure	480,496 95
Wool	4,981 16
Total	$2,763,200 59
Quarter ended 31st March.	
Victoria	$117,302 51
*Vancouver	36,150 50
*Nanaimo	442,311 26
	$599,165 27
Quarter ended 30th June.	
Victoria	$191,552 85
Vancouver	52,003 44
Nanaimo	573,980 46
	$813,536 65
Quarter ended 30th Sept.	
Victoria	$221,824 89
Vancouver	40,321 35
Nanaimo	402,597 53
	$664,743 80
Quarter ended 31st Dec.	
Victoria	$257,570 42
Vancouver	37,515 93
Nanaimo	441,542 27
	$736,627 88
Grand total	$2,763,200 59

A Cure for Toothache.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to cure toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons & Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price, 15 cents.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Independent Mr. Russell Speaks his Mind.

A Possible Split in the Orange Ranks.

Not One But Many Ships Have Gone to the Bottom During the Recent Storms.

A SPLIT IN THE RANKS.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A row is brewing among the Tory and Unionists Orangemen of Ulster, which threatens to assume serious proportions and endanger the continued solidity of ministerial representation for Ulster in the House of Commons. The trouble is not of recent origin, but lately many things have combined to hasten the inevitable culmination of ill-feeling in an open rupture.

THOROUGHLY INDEPENDENT.

Thos. W. Russell, a Liberal-Unionist and member for South Tyrone, has repeatedly given evidence of his independence of party dictation, where the policy of the government, or trend of party interest, ran counter to his convictions; and the attempts of his colleagues to call him to account and whip him into line have uniformly been unsuccessful.

DEADHEADS ON THE CONSERVATIVE TRAIN

In a recent speech Mr. Russell reiterated the servility of Ulster men in blindly following their political masters to the prejudice of their own interests. He roundly denounced them as blockheads, and characterized the Ulster commoners as a party of deadheads on the Conservative train. These strictures aroused the ire of Sir Charles Twiss, the Conservative member for North Antrim, who has retorted in terms anything but complimentary to the fearless member for Tyrone. As Sir Charles wears the collar of Major Saunderson, leader of the Orange party in parliament, his arraignment of Russell may be regarded as an authorized party measure. Russell has many friends, and the quarrel may end in a split, of which the Nationalists will not be slow to take advantage.

O'BRIEN RECOVERING.

William O'Brien has almost entirely recovered from the attack of prostration which overcame him at Leeds last night, but he is still weak. He will rest in London a few days before resuming his tour of England. Meanwhile his dates will be rearranged to cover towns which his indisposition now compels him to pass over.

BEARING THE MARKET.

The Star declares that the report of the joint docks committee made by Chairman Norwood yesterday, is false, and issued solely for the purpose of depreciating the value of stock of the various dock companies, in order to enable the chief shareholders to increase their holdings through the purchase of shares that frightened investors may be induced to part with it.

GONE TO THE BOTTOM.

Fears for the safety of the overdue steamers and sailing vessels are on the increase, fed by the reports of the great quantities of wreckage sighted by the incoming ships. For a time all of the wreckage reported was assumed to be that of the "Erin," but the volume and character of the masses of floating debris met with, and the variety of their longitudinal and latitudinal positions when seen, warrants the conviction that the Erin is by no means the only vessel that went to the bottom during the recent storms.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Delayed Mails Fill the San Francisco Post Office.

Massachusetts Weavers Contending for Their Rights—New York's Big Boodle Case Dismissed—Murderous Chinese.

For Fourteen Years.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The motion for a new trial was denied to-day in the case of W. S. Clendenin, convicted of shooting Judge Pierce in August last because he decided against him in a divorce suit; and he has been sentenced to fourteen years in the State prison.

Dismissed by Consent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The case of Richard S. McDonald, jr., son of the president of the Pacific Bank, against Senator Stanford, to recover $1,221,000, the alleged value of twenty shares of the Central Pacific Railroad stock, which plaintiff claimed was stolen by his wife and sold to the senator, was dismissed to-day on motion of the State attorney by consent of the plaintiff.

Many Days Delayed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The mails and blockaded trains arrived to-day. The mails being handled at the post-office, it was estimated that nearly three hundred thousand letters, and one thousand bags of papers required to be disposed of.

On Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The preliminary examination of ex-Sheriff Arnold, of Colusa County, who shot and killed Samuel Garness, a money broker, last night, for alleged misbehavior to his (Arnold's) wife, will take place tomorrow.

The Runaway Pearl Fishers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The schooner John Hancock, which was reported by a despatch from a San Diego paper to have disappeared from off Ensenada with a valuable cargo of pearls belonging to her officers, arrived in this port on the 29th and is here still. The deputy sheriff found a few pearls in the captain's cabin and seized them.

Equal to a Life Sentence.

PEORIA, Ills., Jan. 31.—After thirty-six hours' deliberation the jury in the case of John G. Farris, who murdered Stephen McGuhe, who had married Farris' divorced wife, last evening brought in a verdict giving the prisoner 25 years in the penitentiary. This has been the third trial of the case.

Mails for the Blockaded States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The steamer State of California will leave here to-morrow, carrying mails for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. On the return trip of the revenue cutter Rush she will bring mails from the same localities.

The Weavers Again on Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 31.—The trouble at the King Phillip mill, which was supposed to have been settled by Treasurer Chase's concessions, is again attracting attention. The weavers maintain that where their pay has been advanced 5 per cent the cuts have been advanced some yards in length. Cambrics for which 66 cents were paid have been cut in the other looms, where only 28 cents is paid. The weavers will take action in the matter.

Embarrassed.

CHENOA, Ills., Jan. 31.—The Chenoa Coal Company is financially embarrassed, owing to the mild weather and small demand for coal. Two attachments were put on yesterday for $1,600, and more will probably follow. The indebtedness to home creditors is about $8,000 more.

Sentenced.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The counsel for Thos. B. Kerr and James Richmond, indicted for bribery in connection with the Broadway Surface Railway franchise appeared before Recorder Smyth to-day and moved for the dismissal of the indictments. District Attorney Fellows did not oppose the motion and the recorder took papers.

Expelled For Good Cause.

WOOSUNG, Asia, Jan. 31.—The steamer Pedro Diaz arrived at Guaymas Wednesday with twenty-five Chinamen on board. They had been driven out of the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, by the authorities as they were thought to be the persons who recently beat and otherwise maltreated the crew of a small steamer that had touched a little town near Mazatlan. The feeling against the Chinese at Mazatlan and vicinity has been for some time bitter, and this last outrage being attributed to them, brought out a vigorous protest against their presence. It is thought at Guaymas that the intention of the expelled Chinamen is to attempt to reach the United States, and the customs officers have been warned to be on their guard.

A Murderous Policeman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Robert Gibbons, the man who was shot by Police Captain Scheutzler in a saloon row on Tuesday night, died this morning. Gibbons' friends declare they will have Captain Scheutzler arrested at once for murder.

Anxious for Trial.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—John H. Kunz, one of the men convicted of the murder of Dr. Cronin, with his attorney, appeared in Judge Clifford's court this morning and formally demanded that he be given his new trial during this term of court.

The Sentence Commuted.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Governor Hill has commuted the sentence of Jockey James Stone, convicted in the County of King of murder in the first degree, to imprisonment for life. The commutation was granted on the recommendation of Judge Moore, who presided at the trial.

Blaine's Affliction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Coppinger, wife of Lt.-Col. Coppinger of the U. S. A., and eldest daughter of Secretary Blaine, is critically ill with inflammation of the brain as her father's residence in this city. She has been ill for some time, but yesterday afternoon she grew rapidly worse, and this morning her condition was regarded as so serious that a consultation of physicians was held, and she was pronounced critically ill. President Harrison called at the Blaine mansion personally at 11 o'clock to extend his sympathy.

In Normandie in Trouble.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A despatch from Lloyd's shipping agency in London to the Maritime Exchange, says that an incoming vessel reports passing the French line steamship La Normandie in a partly disabled condition. La Normandie sailed from Havre for this port on Saturday last. Three days after, on the 28th inst., she was passed in latitude 49; long. 22, with her machinery disabled. The name of the vessel passing her is not given. She offered La Normandie assistance but it was declined. The commander said he thought he could get along. She was considered the staunchest of the line. When she sailed from Havre she had 200 passengers, and her crew numbered 200.

Race War.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 30.—A race riot occurred at Morgan, Calhoun Co., yesterday, during which one white man was fatally shot and three others seriously wounded. A number of negroes were also shot but none killed. The row was caused by a drunken negro striking a white child, and the subsequent attempts of the officers to arrest him. The town was full of negroes who had come from all parts of the country to witness the execution of Polk Newton, a negro murderer.

More English Capital Invested.

APPLETON, Wis., Jan. 30.—Dr. D. J. Callahan, agent of an English syndicate here, has completed a deal for the purchase of the paper mills of the Fox River Valley. The purchase price will be about $6,000,000.

Coming to Victoria.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Manager Locke, of the Emma Juch Grand English Opera Co., which has just closed the most successful English opera engagement ever given on the coast, has sent J. Charles Davis, general manager of the company, to Portland. Mr. Davis will visit Tacoma, Seattle, Victoria, Helena and Butte to consider the feasibility of taking the large company of over 100 members, headed by Miss Juch, to these cities.

Snow is King.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—The Central Pacific is clear this evening to Ogden and the regular 8 o'clock train left on time. The California and Oregon road is still blockaded, and the authorities hesitate to predict when it will be opened.

On Starvation Pay.

SUISUN, Cal., Jan. 30.—It is expected that as the plows have failed to arrived, very heavy work is yet to be done in the canon. Below Molt there are several large slides, while the force of men is light there as over one-third (150) have quit. Eighteen cents an hour will not hold many with the irregular food and day and night work in the cold and wet and danger from slides.

To Fight to a Finish.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Billy Murphy of Australia, and Tommy Warren, of Los Angeles, signed articles this morning for a fight to a finish at the Occidental Club for a purse of $1,500 on March, 18th.

Whitelaw's Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—A despatch to the Merchant's Exchange from Kalama says that the British ship Clan Mackenzie has been raised and is now lying at anchor. The vessel was sunk in the Columbia river in the latter part of December by the Portland steamer Oregon. Captain Whitelaw, who wrecked, raised the ship.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Alaska Boundary Question Brought Forward.

Canada Invited to Participate in the Inter-British Exhibition.

Collector Milne Questioned—Half-breeds' Losses in the Last Rebellion to be Investigated.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—Canada has been invited to participate in the great Inter-British exhibition to be held in Kingston, Jamaica, next year.

Bressaylop presented the half-breeds' protest against the decision of the rebellion losses commission, and will ask parliament to indemnify them for the loss which they allege General Middleton appropriated.

A. R. Milne's appointment as collector of customs at Victoria will be gazetted to-morrow; also the appointment of James Cronan as preventive officer at Nanaimo.

It is reported here that a great phosphate trust is being formed in England to buy up all the Canadian phosphate lands in the market.

The Imperial Federation League have cabled the National Fair Trade League their endorsation of the scheme to enter a British preferential duty.

The second reading of Dalton McCarthy's bill has been set down for February 12th.

Hon. Mr. Foster emphatically denies having discussed with a newspaper interviewer the reason why Lady Stanley ignored Mrs. Foster at the state reception.

Mr. Carlton will bring up the Alaska boundary question this session.

Mr. Mara has presented the labor petition of Shaftesbury Assembly, K. of L., Vancouver.

The Commons were in committee of supply all this afternoon.

A despatch from Prince Edward Island says that Ferguson, the provincial secretary, has been defeated.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—I regret to state that Col. Prior is still unwell, neuralgia, seemingly, not leaving him; and he has a touch of la grippe. His cheery countenance is missed from the precincts of the House.

James Patterson, assistant auditor general, died to-night. He has been ill for some months.

Mr. Gordon has not yet secured a promise of a subsidy for the direct steamship service between Vancouver and Nanaimo, although he is working hard for it.

A large dinner party is given by Sir John to-night. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross are present.

Dr. Smith, of Chatham, New Brunswick, has been permanently appointed medical officer to attend leprosy cases.

Captain Edwards, the new professor of artillery at Kingston, arrived from England to-day.

Large numbers of officers have been bounced from the militia force for not attending drills.

The local musicians have struck against the government house officials as a result of their refusal to send invitations to the wives of the musicians. Fiddlers from Montreal will take the places of the local men.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Prince Edward Island's Government is Sustained.

Surprise Expressed Over Mercier's Gerrymandering Bill—Senator John Macdonald Dying.

Another Conservative Recruit.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—There is a strong possibility of another morning Conservative paper shortly being started in Ottawa in opposition to the Citizen. The names of McLean & Rogers, the former government printing contractors, are mentioned as the chief promoters.

The Ex-Premier's Birthday.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Yesterday was Hon. Alex. MacKenzie's sixty-eighth birthday, and he was warmly congratulated by his personal and political friends.

Nominated.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—The Mitchell Reformers of South Perth have nominated James Trow for the Commons, and Thomas Ballantyne for the local House.

Three at a Kind.

QUEBEC, Jan. 30.—A woman named Sauvagram of Port Neuff has given birth to three little girls.

He Changed His Mind.

HALIFAX, Jan. 30.—Miss Sophia Burgoyn, a respectable lady of St. Margaret's, to-day has commenced action for breach of promise against Andrew Dauphin, a wealthy farmer, claiming $2,000 damages. The man backed out after securing the license, and afterwards married another woman.

Down Goes Wheat.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30.—Private information received here from Ottawa yesterday that no change would be made in the flour duty, has caused the price of wheat to drop five cents on the bushel.

Lost Their Lives.

HALIFAX, Jan. 30.—Four lives were lost at St. Johns, N. F., last night, by the burning of a dwelling house. The victims were John Gorley, and his three children, two girls and a boy, aged respectively six, eight and fifteen years.

Doubly a Veteran.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Jan. 30.—Joseph P. Huck died yesterday, aged 97. He was a veteran of 1812, and for upwards of 70 years a Free Mason, being the oldest member of the craft in Canada, and the oldest but one on the continent.

Schools and School Law.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—The Mail calls upon the Ontario government to pass legislation on the separate school amendments; also concerning the French language in the public schools. It is the intention of the government to take up tax exemption, and it seems to meet with general favor from those who are aware of their intention.

Mis-Mated.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—Four petitions for divorce have been presented to the House. Hugh E. Keefer, Vancouver, from his wife, on the ground of adultery; Y. David Lapp, Hamilton, from his wife for the same cause; Emily Walker, Hamilton, from her husband now living in Niagara, for desertion; Christiana Glover, Burlington, from her husband for adultery.

He Quietly Retired.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—The Mail announces that Dalton McCarthy retired on Tuesday from the board of directors of the Empire and that he is now clear of all entanglement with alliances of the conservative party.

The Government Sustained.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 31.—The general election for the local assembly took place yesterday throughout the island. In Charlottetown McLeod and Blake, government candidates, were elected. The government is sustained.

A Pioneer Patriot.

BOWMANVILLE, Jan. 31.—Robert Armour, registrar of Durham West, and brother of Chief Justice Armour is dead, aged 72. In the rebellion of '37 he was of the party which cut away the steamer Caroline from the American side of the Niagara river.

Hoping Against Hope.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Senator John Macdonald is thought to be dying today. The doctors have little hopes of his recovery.

Northumberland's Price.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 31.—The government has offered a portfolio in the ministry to L. J. Tweedie, member for Northumberland, and also undertakes to reduce the stampage on crown lands as the price of the support of the four Northumberland representatives elected in the opposition.

She Wants $5,000.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—The civil action for $5,000 of Miss Emma Taylor, against Mr. Johnstone, the Massey Manufacturing Co.'s superintendent, was tried yesterday. Great interest was taken in the case. Standing room in the court it was almost impossible to obtain.

A Hero of a Famous Fight.

TRENTON, N. S., Jan. 30.—John Wynn, one of the survivors of the famous Shannon-Chesapeake fight, died here to-day, aged 106.

Mercier's Gerrymander Bill.

QUEBEC, Jan. 31.—Mercier's gerrymander bill creates some surprise. It gives three additional seats to Montreal, one to Quebec and five to other points.

THE GREAT NORTHERN.

Consolidation of Several Roads Under One Name.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31.—The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad ceased existence under that name with the close of to-day's business, and commencing to-morrow its various lines, except the Eastern Minnesota and the Montana Central will be known as the Great Northern railway. The latter two roads will be known as the Great Northern railway. The latter two roads will be consolidated under the old name. President Hill this afternoon said: "There is no material change, excepting that the several lines of the company will be operated after to-morrow as the Great Northern railway line, and the operating, traffic and accounting departments will be consolidated under that head."

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

The blockade at Reno, Nev., has been raised.

Carlo Lucca was shot and instantly killed at San Francisco yesterday, in a gamblers' quarrel.

The Lennox Bank and the Sixth National Bank of New York are embarrassed.

A railway accident on the Erie road last night resulted in the loss of two lives.

General A. J. Warren delivered a long speech in the U. S. senate yesterday on the silver question.

Wm. Linehan, the twelve-year-old boy of New York who was charged with manslaughter, has been set free.

California's raisin crop was for 1889 amounted to 46,000,000 pounds, an increase of 12,000 pounds over 1888.

Mary Beer, aged 15, attempted to suicide with poison yesterday. She was out of work, starving and hopeless.

Richard Stockett Matthews, the well-known Baltimore lawyer, died in a street car yesterday of heart disease.

James Wilson was, at San Francisco yesterday, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for killing John Whalen.

Mrs. Sarvey Cole, of Morristown, N. J., died yesterday from injuries previously inflicted by her brutal husband.

Police Captain Schuttler of Chicago has been exonerated from all blame for shooting Bob Gibbons, by the coroner's jury.

Gardner and Edgefield, would-be duellists of Charleston, N. C., have been placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Mr. Leland, formerly president of the Sixth National Bank, has advanced sufficient funds to guarantee the payment of all depositors in full.

A 12-year-old colored boy of Louisiana yesterday murdered his two little sisters and one brother, whom he was told to take care of.

President Peter J. Clarsen, of the wrecked Sixth National Bank of New York, has been arrested, charged with a violation of the United States banking laws.

A bad cave-in occurred in the Nottingham shaft of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co. at Wilkesbarre yesterday. Two miners were killed, two injured and two are missing.

It was rumored in New York yesterday that three assessment insurance concerns, not regular line companies, had failed. The report referred to the Guarantee Mutual Accident Association, Mutual Accident Association and Security Benefit Society.

The only man injured in the Grand Canon expedition from Denver, Col., was the photographer Mina, who had his leg bruised and ankle fractured by falling down a cliff. The rest of the party are well.

The interstate commerce committee of the U. S. Senate ordered on the interstate telegraph bill, reported favorably on the form in which it passed the Senate in last Congress, with unimportant amendments.

The U. S. Senate yesterday confirmed the appointments of Morris D. O'Connell, U. S. attorney for northern district of Iowa; H. H. Cutching, postmaster at San Diego, Cal.; D. C. Jenkins, postmaster at Whatcom, Wash.

A scene of the wildest and most tumultuous disorder disgraced the U. S. Congress yesterday over the motion to take up the Smith-Jackson West Virginia election case. Howls, yells, stamping and shouting were indulged in by the members, and a wild scene of riot resulted for a considerable period.

The rotary plow, which for fifteen days has been doing splendid work in the Sierras on the Central Pacific, broke down yesterday, 200 yards from the east of a big snow bank, that lost on the line. An army of shovelers was set to work to clear the bank away and five cars of delayed mail were sent west from Reno, the first train through since the blockade began.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Feeling on the Dual Language System in the N. W. T.

Reciprocity in Wrecking and Coasting with the States.

"The Empire" Pronounces "The Mail" Traitorous to Canada, and Produces Strong Evidence.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The week just closing has seen dull days and exciting ones in the House of Commons. It was a lively afternoon when Mr. McCarthy introduced his bill to abolish the dual language system in the Northwest Territories. The discussion of the question is evidently going to be a bitter one and it is difficult to foresee what it is going to end in. It is only natural that the French members should make a fight for the retention of their language, but how will the English-speaking members vote? I have talked the matter over with a score or more members during the past two or three days and every hour this condition of the opinion arrived at, after looking at the question from every possible standpoint, that Mr. McCarthy's line of action is wrong. A prominent N. P. speaking to THE COLONIST to-night accurately gauged the situation. He said that in his opinion the French language as an official language in the Territories would have to go, but to start an agitation for its abolition and have it foisted upon the House as a part of the programme of the Equal Rights Association was more than he could stand. Mr. McCarthy's bill he believed would, instead of abolishing the dual language system, add to retaining it for a good many years, and certainly would have the result of reducing the greater use of French in the House.

WRECKING AND COASTING.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the three bills now before the House of Commons providing that United States vessels may aid wrecks in Canadian waters, as soon as the United States grants a similar privilege to our vessels in its waters. It may be remembered that the whole question was thoroughly discussed last year. Two bills were before the House and one of them, Mr. Kirkpatrick's, actually passed the Commons, but was killed in the Senate. That bill, which has been reintroduced this year, simply proposed to permit foreign vessels to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in Canadian waters. Mr. Charlton goes the same bill and would also allow reciprocity in towing vessels and rafts, while Mr. Patterson, of Essex, goes the whole hog and would grant coasting privileges, on a reciprocal basis, of course. What fate will attend these measures remains to be seen. Mr. Charlton's has precedence, and it is likely that the two other members of the House will move to embody the provisions of their bills in his. Talking with a member of the government to-day, he said there was no doubt that the United States government would gladly grant reciprocity in wrecking, but with regard to coasting he thought it would be futile to ask for it. For years past Canada had had a standing offer to the United States of the coasting privilege, but such offer had hitherto been calmly ignored.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.

The three measures emanating from the Department of Agriculture, and having reference to trade marks, patents and copyrights, are designed for the purpose of taking away all judicial powers from the officers of the Department of Agriculture and transferring those powers to the Exchequer Court, with the view that all legal questions arising under these acts may be adjudicated upon in the same way as ordinary disputes. The tremendous responsibilities involved in determining such questions, for instance, as the original issue of the Edison incandescent Light Patents, where over twelve millions of money were involved, was felt to be too great to be vested in one single individual. This judicial power being transferred to the Exchequer Court questions of the character referred to may hereafter go to the Supreme Court or to the Imperial Privy Council.

A NEWSPAPER FIGHT.

Two weeks ago the Toronto Globe published a letter from its Washington correspondent, in which it was stated that Mr. Edward Farrar, editor of the Mail, had recently visited Washington and had been in daily communication with Senator Hoar and members of the committee on Canadian affairs, and that this gentleman had strongly impressed the committee with the idea that annexation was only a question of time, if reciprocity were denied and if existing complications were allowed to create the irritation likely to their continuance. Needless to say that such a charge as this brought against a journal of the standing of the Mail could not but be of the most damaging character for its reputation. The Mail had to acknowledge that its editor had been in Washington but denied that he had been loading up the Hoar committee the wrong way. The Globe returned to the charge, but spoiled its case by alleging, what no sane man believes, that Sir John Macdonald had sent Farrar to Washington to influence the Senate committee. Then the Empire takes a hand in and this week has published several articles which have caused a genuine sensation. A strong case is made out against the Mail. Interviews with Senator Dolph, of Oregon, and Mr. Erastus Wiman showing conclusively that something wrong has been done. The Mail, of course, denies the allegations point blank, and obtains a denial from Senator Dolph that he had said such and such a thing, but the Globe and Empire simply retort that the Senator had never been made to use the words which he denies. The latest phase of the affair is the suit entered against the Empire by the Mail for criminal libel. Last night Louis P. Coffin, city editor of the Empire, telegraphed the following characteristic message to the press gallery here: "Creighton is seized on criminal libel by the Mail, and I am sitting here waiting until they can get my warrant filled out. All the other boys have taken to the woods and there is blood across the face of the moon. What the upshot of this disgraceful newspaper squabble will be no one seems to know. Certainly it will never be possible for any party to agree in regard to it, and there is a strong feeling all through the country against the Mail on account of that paper's treacherous dealings with public men and public questions.

A SUPERFLUOUS ADDRESS.

Parliament sometimes has to deal with strange motions, and one of the most peculiar placed on the order paper so far this session is that of Mr. Mulock, who desired Her Majesty the Queen to be "addressed" by the Commons of Canada, assuring the sovereign of the loyalty and attachment of Canadians to the throne of Great Britain, and of our desire to remain an integral part of the British empire. Although one hears a good deal nowadays of annexation, yet its advocates, in Ontario at any rate, are like "angels' visits, few and far between," and the feeling prevails that after all the motion is rather unfortunate. Possibly it may be that Mr. Mulock, who is a stalwart Liberal, desires to effectually squelch the Toronto Young Liberals, who recently the junior association of the Reform party at Toronto declared itself in favor of independence, and that the "stagers" in the Reform party, it is said, do not like the idea of the youngsters laying down a platform for the seniors.

LA GRIPPE.

The fashionable complaint has been the cause of a certain thinness in the ranks of the members this week. The House, seemingly, has been pretty well filled each day when Mr. Speaker was in the chair, but it was plainly evident by the new faces noticeable every morning that some members had been delayed in getting here. Ask the reason and the answer is always the same—la grippe. It was pretty hard luck for Mr. Earle to arrive here and be designated to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne and then the villinious little microbes get hold of him and keep him in his room at the Russell for eight days. Other members have been caught precisely in the same way, among them Tim Coughlin, one of the members from Middlesex. Mr. Earle was out for the first time yesterday and attended the party caucus. This being the first time that he had met most of his fellow-members he was formally introduced to the gathering and gives a cordial reception. Mr. Earle acknowledged the rather unusual compliment by a brief speech, in which he expressed his thanks to his fellow-members for their kindness towards him.

B. C. AFFAIRS.

A few subjects of interest to British Columbia were before the House this week. Col. Prior has lost no time in drawing attention to the neglect of the Canadian Pacific steamers to call at Victoria, and his motion for correspondence will clearly show what steps have been taken to carry out the wishes of the people of Victoria. It will be remembered that Sir Charles Tupper was instructed last year to call the attention of the Imperial authorities to the subject, but seemingly nothing has resulted from his action.

Another topic which is bound to come up, that is if Mr. Gordon continues to be pertinacious, is the Chinese immigration question. Yesterday Mr. Gordon moved for a voluminous return on this subject. One phase of the returns had reference to the removal from office of Mr. Vrooman, asks Mr. Gordon, by Chinese interpreter Ah Ye, the post of Victoria. Mr. Bowell, referring to the motion said that parts of the return asked for could not be given. For instance the number of