# Dominion Estimates

## They Were Laid Before House of Commons Yesterday Afternoon.

## Some Items of Interest to the Province of British Columbia.

## Speech from the Throne Disposed of With Little Discussion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The estimates were presented to parliament this afternoon. British Columbia items include the following:

Kamloops building, $12,000.
Nelson building, $15,000.
Westminster buildings, $17,000.
Rossland building, $20,000.
Vancouver drill hall, $19,000.
William Head second disinfection chamber, $10,000.
Columbia river improvements, $5,000.
Fraser river improvements, $10,000.
Salmon river improvements, $2,500.
Skeena river improvements, $6,500.
Telegraph Lines—Re-poling Ashcroft-Barkerville lines, $14,500; Golden station to Windermere, $1,000; 154-Mile House to Quesnelle Forks line, $3,500; Quesnelle to Atlin line, construction $30,000, working expenses $40,000; Yukon line, working, $47,500; Dawson to Fort Egbert, $5,000.

British Columbia customs salaries are cut down $2,000.

Provision is made for two additional sorters in the Victoria post office, and one additional at Vancouver.

Dr. McDonald was appointed deputy speaker of the Commons to-day.

The address was disposed of, after brief speeches. Messrs. Guthrie (South Wellington) and Marcil, the mover and seconder, made creditable speeches. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, complimented them, and asked the Premier for information regarding pensions to those disabled in South Africa, the fast Atlantic service, the joint high commission, and the Alaska boundary.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the government would wait and see what pensions the Imperial government voted; if not sufficient, parliament would supplement them. He had no statement to make regarding the steamship service. He hoped the joint high commission would resume immediately after congress adjourned. The provisional boundary was a compromise to facilitate trade simply, and would not prejudice either side.

It is currently reported here that J. H. Ross, of the Northwest Territories' government, will succeed William Ogilvie as commissioner at Dawson.

It is said to be the intention of the federal authorities to place the issuing of liquor licenses absolutely in the hands of the new commissioner.

### ROYALTIES LEAVE.

Czarewitch of Russia and King of Portugal Leave.

London, Feb. 11.—King Charles of Portugal and his suite started for Lisbon this evening at 10 o'clock. King Edward accompanied the Portuguese monarch to the railway station.

Grand Duke Michael of Russia, the Czarewitch, left two hours earlier for St. Petersburg, Prince Charles of Denmark seeing him off. Extraordinary police precautions were taken at the station to protect him. He presented to Inspector Thorpe, of Scotland Yard, who was attached to his suite while in England, a magnificent diamond. The route of the Czarewitch is kept a secret.

The King of Greece will leave tomorrow.

### FRANCE IN CHINA.

M. Delcasse Wants an Alliance With Russia and United States.

Paris, Feb. 11.—During the discussion of the foreign office budget in the senate to-day, M. Delcasse called attention to the situation in China. He said it was pregnant with difficulties, and he feared the powers would impair the integrity of China. M. Delcasse said his initiatives had always been directed towards the restoration of the normal situation by the powers. The latter's adhesion to the French propositions showed the interests of each were thereby safeguarded. Some impatience at the slowness of the negotiations was displayed, but even this proved that the powers held the maintenance of the concert to be superior to everything else. The powers' conditions had been accepted, and it was necessary to have them carried out. The government desired the speedy recall of the French troops, but only when the normal situation was restored. M. Delcasse added: "If we are ready to defend tenaciously our interests and our rights, we profess the same respect for the rights of others. Chinese affairs have afforded the opportunity to prove the community of interests of France and the United States and the common action of France and Russia in China." The alliance was being strengthened by equal advantages which each of the powers drew therefrom. France desired that party spirit should end where the grave interests of country began. Hearty applause followed this statement.

### SICK SENATORS.

Messrs. Allen and McKindsey Are Both Dangerously Ill.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Senator Allen caught cold attending Sir Frank Smith's funeral, and has been ill ever since. Last Friday it was feared he would die. He is slightly better, but not out of danger.

Senator McKindsey passed the night well, but is very low, and all hope is practically abandoned.

### THE ROYAL VISIT.

It Will Be Occasion of a Great Naval Display.

London, Feb. 11.—The departure of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York for Australia will be the occasion of a great naval display, at which the King and Queen will be present. The British Channel squadron will escort the heir apparent as far as Gibraltar. The continued speculation as to the visit of Their Majesties to Germany has brought out an official utterance that it is not even certain that any visit will be made.

### HOCKEY TEAM HOME.

Victorious Winnipegers Welcomed Back From Montreal—Captain Fall Arrives.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—(Special)—The Victoria hockey team, of Winnipeg, holders of the Stanley Cup, returned from the East to-day and were accorded a very warm welcome home. They were met by a large number of enthusiastic friends and accompanied to the city hall, where speeches of welcome were made by the acting mayor and others. The party were then escorted to the Clarendon hotel, where a large crowd had assembled, and more speeches were made.

Capt. Fall arrived this morning from Ottawa, to arrange for recruiting for Baden-Powell's constabulary in South Africa.

### THE CHALLENGER.

Work Being Pushed on Sir Thomas Lipton's New Yacht.

Glasgow, Feb. 11.—Owing to a serious protest upon the part of Mr. George L. Watson at the delay in the construction of Shamrock II., the Dennys have put all their available workmen on the job, and the building of the America cup challenger will be pushed there night and day, without pause. Mr. Watson insists that she must be launched during the last week in March, so that his elaborate plans for trial races can be carried out. Great quantities of materials have already been shaped and fitted in readiness to be put in their places. There is considerable doubt, however, in some quarters as to whether the shell can be ready for launching at the time mentioned. A dredger is working in the river Leven, preparing a launching berth and a channel to a fairway on the Clyde.

# Sulzer and Boer Widows

## Mr. Mahon of Pennsylvania Rouses the New York Senator's Ire.

## And He Retaliates by Using Anonymous Letter Against an Opponent.

Washington, Feb. 11.—During the consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill in the Senate today, an impassioned pro-Boer speech by Mr. Sulzer, of New York, drew from Mr. Mahone, of Pennsylvania, a recital of the raising of a fund of about $1,200 for the benefit of the widows of Boer soldiers at a meeting held in this city, at which Mr. Sulzer presided. He declared that after the terrapin and cold bottles got in their work, only $18 was left for the Boer widows.

This stung Sulzer to reply at length. He said he had no connection with the expenditure of the fund, to which he had contributed $175, and a very lively row followed, the climax of which was reached when Sulzer had read an anonymous letter, which made a sensational personal attack upon Mr. Perry S. Heath, late postmaster-general, who was secretary of the Republican nomination committee during the recent campaign, charging him with being Neely's sponsor, and then denying it after the arrest of Neely, and also making allegations against Mr. Heath in connection with the government deposits in a New York bank. Mr. Sulzer charged Heath with being responsible for the circulation of stories about his connection with the fund for the Boer widows.

Mr. Knox, of Massachusetts, declared that it was contemptible to attack a gentleman who could not reply, through the medium of an anonymous letter, and moved that the infraction of the rules be reported to the house and stricken from the record.

In the course of the debate upon this motion, Sulzer declared that although the communication was anonymous, he fathered every word of it, and would be responsible for it as a member of the house and an individual. The Democrats filibustered against the motion to expunge the letter from the congressional record, and finally forced an adjournment, the effect being to permit publication of the letter in the record.

# DROWNED IN HAYWARD LAKE

## A Little Child Loses His Life, Three Companions Narrowly Escape.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Feb. 11.—William Hamilton, aged four years, was drowned in Upper Hayward lake at Extension this afternoon. He was playing with three companions. All were immersed, and the other three were resuscitated with difficulty.

The waterworks company announced to-day their intention of extending a system of mains over the whole city, giving double the present supply.

The Miners' Union have elected the following officers for the year: President, William Stocker; vice-president, James Bradley; secretary and agent, Ralph Smith, M. P.; assistant secretary, Neil McCuish; treasurer, William Smith; auditors, J. C. Waters and George Johnston; executive committee, Richard Booth, Moses Woodburn, William MacAllen, John Aitken, George Johnston, William Neave, S. Woodcock and W. Parkin; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, J. C. Waters and W. Jones.

### MISSOURI ELECTIONS.

People of St. Louis Enjoy Themselves in Their Own Way.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—More than 150 shots were fired, a sergeant of police and two negroes were wounded and a ballot box was stolen in the course of a riot about the second district polling place of the fourth ward, at 12th and Linden streets, this evening. It was only after a riot call had brought a police captain and forty policemen with riot guns to the scene that a semblance of quiet was restored.

# Plague at Capetown

## Government Decides to Inform Foreign Nations That the City Is Infected,

## Three Additional Cases Are Reported and Fifty Persons Are Isolated.

## Sir Edward Clarke Objects to Dealing Firmly With the Boers.

London, Feb. 12.—The Capetown correspondent of the Standard says reports have been received there from Delagoa Bay, asserting that the natives of the Northern Transvaal have risen against the Boers.

Capetown, Feb. 11.—The government has decided to notify foreign nations of the fact that Capetown is infected with the bubonic plague. There is no longer any doubt as to the nature of the disease. Another native has died of the disorder; three additional cases are announced, and fifty persons who have been in contact with plague victims have been isolated.

A temporary military hospital has been erected.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has addressed a communication to Sir Alfred Milner, approving the remarks made by Sir Alfred in his reply to the Afrikander deputation sent to him by the Afrikander congress at Worcester, with resolutions addressed to Queen Victoria.

"The government has no intention," says the Colonial Secretary, "of changing the policy which it has repeatedly declared, and which has been approved overwhelmingly by the Empire."

Wilston, Cape Colony, Feb. 11.—Col. Delisle's column has arrived here. The Boers moved in three columns towards Vanwyksvleit. The Dutch here say the Boers have decided, if Christian Dewet's incursion into Cape Colony is not successful, they will treat with a view to surrender, being tired of war.

London, Feb. 11.—Sir Edward Clarke, the former solicitor-general, following up his speech of February 7, before the Holborn Conservative Association, has written a letter to a friend, citing Lord Roberts' rejection of the opportunity to propose peace terms in June, 1900. When Gen. Buller had prepared the way by conference with Christian Botha, who asked what was offered, Lord Roberts replied: "Unconditional surrender"; the privates to be allowed to go to their farms and no promises to the commanders or to any who had taken an active part in bringing on the war.

This, said Sir Edward Clarke, put an end to all negotiations. So the war has gone on. The losses since have been 124 officers and 1,454 men killed in action and died of wounds; 63 officers and 3,826 men died of disease, and 959 officers and 22,637 men invalided home. We have spent from sixty to seventy millions devastating a country over which we desire to rule. We do not seem a day nearer "unconditional surrender" than seven months ago. Sir Edward Clarke then says he earnestly hopes terms acceptable without dishonor will be offered to the Boers.

### COMING HOME.

Premier and Attorney-General Now on Their Way West.

Montreal, Feb. 11—Premier Dunsmuir and Attorney-General Eberts left for home this morning.

### N. K. CONNOLLY DEAD.

He Was Formerly a Member of the Firm of Larkin & Connolly.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—(N. K. Connolly, formerly a contractor of the Quebec harbor works, died on Saturday morning at Boonston, New Jersey.

### THE DELPIT CASE.

Plaintiff Seeks to Have the Hearing Postponed.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The trial of the Delpit case, in which E. Delpit seeks to have the civil courts affirm the decision of the ecclesiastical courts annulling his marriage, on the ground that, both parties being Catholics, could not be married by a Protestant minister, opened this morning. Counsel for Delpit asked for a postponement, and counsel for defendant accused him of seeking to have the trial come before Judge Mathieu, who has already given one decision in the case favorable to plaintiff, instead of having the trial take place before Judge Archibald, who is a Protestant. The judge gave plaintiff's counsel till to-morrow to show why the trial should not at once proceed.

### AT MANILA.

A Large Amount to Be Spent in Improving the Harbor.

Manila, Feb. 11.—Bids will be advertised for in a few days for harbor improvements at Manila for which $1,000,000 of insular funds have been appropriated. The improvements will consist chiefly in an extension of the breakwater which the Spaniards had nearly completed, and dredging inside to a depth of 30 feet. Major Craighill is in charge of the work planned. Government wharves will eliminate the use of cascoes between the shore and the distant anchorages of ships.

The United States forces have captured, since September, 18 cannon, 1,800 rifles, thousands of bolos, and 90,000 cartridges. Besides this, 700 rifles have been surrendered. The orders of insurgent officials will no longer be considered to mitigate crimes.

### WORK OF CRANKS.

London, Feb. 11.—The Daily Mail makes the following statement. "A notice declaring Edward VII. a usurper and Mary IV. the rightful Queen was posted on the gates of St. James' Palace and at the Guildhall on the night Queen Victoria died. It was not signed, and no one saw it posted at either place, but it is known to have been the work of some member of the Jacobite league.

"No action will be taken, but the incident explains why the Legitimatists were not allowed to place a wreath on the statue of Charles I. on January 30."


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### MILAN DEAD.

Former King of Servia Has Ended His Days in Vienna.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Former King Milan of Servia is dead. He expired at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Milan of Servia was born at Jassy, on August 10, 1854. He was adopted by his cousin, Prince Michael, and educated at Paris. On the assassination of Michael in 1868 he became Prince, but the government was in the hands of a regency until 1872, when the Prince attained his majority and assumed control of state affairs. He married in 1875 the Princess of Staurdza, from whom he was divorced. In 1876 he became involved in war with Turkey, and two years later secured the recognition of Servia as an independent state by the Treaty of Berlin. On the establishment of Servia as a kingdom (1882) he took the title of Milan I. An attempt to assassinate him in October of that year failed.

Troubles with the Queen led to his abdication in favor of his son Alexander on March 6, 1889.

Belgrade, Servia, Feb. 11.—King Alexander, who was at Nish when he received the news of the death of his father, immediately summoned the members of the cabinet to meet at Konak, where he communicated the information to them officially. The King and Queen left Nish this evening for Belgrade, not going to Vienna. The remains will be brought here.

In the norodna skupshlina, or national assembly, the premier, M. Yovanovitch, announcing the death of the former king, eulogized his services in obtaining more complete independence and territorial extension for Servia.

"Although political circumstances of late caused his absence from the country," said the Premier, "these services will not be forgotten."

During the speech, the entire chamber remained standing. A resolution was adopted that members of the house attend the obsequies in a body at Belgrade. The sitting was then closed by royal decree.

### MAXIMO GOMEZ.

A Likelihood of His Being First President of Cuba.

Havana, Feb. 11.—The followers of Gen. Maximo Gomez triumphed to-day in the Cuban constitutional convention, where the clause making him eligible to the presidency of the republic was adopted by a vote of 15 to 14. There was no discussion.

### DISTRESS IN RUSSIA.

Crops a Failure in Vast Territories—Help Asked For.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The minister of the interior at last admits that widespread distress exists in large sections of the country owing to the failure of the crops. An official announcement issued to-day says there has been a complete failure of the crops in the governments of Kherson and Tomsk, and the territory of Smolenski, while similar conditions exist in numbers of districts of Bessarabia, Kieff, Tobolsk, Taurida, Podolia and the Trans-Bikalia territories. The government has sent a million and a half roubles for the relief of the sufferers, and considers that five and a half millions will be necessary to meet the requirements, of which 5,000,000 will be contributed by the government. The minister of the interior appeals to private charity in aid of the government.

### INTERNATIONAL COURTESY.

King Edward Expresses Thanks to the Governor of New York.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—King Edward VII. has taken official recognition of the action of the financial and commercial exchanges of New York in suspending business on the day of the funeral of Queen Victoria. Governor Odell to-day received the following letter from Washington:

"Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that His Majesty King Edward VII. has instructed his ambassador here to express the grateful sense entertained by His Majesty of the sympathy and respect shown to the memory of the late Queen by the closing of the financial and commercial exchanges of New York on the day of Her Majesty's funeral. Lord Pauncefote writes under date of the 5th instant, requesting that you will have the kindness to bring the King's expression of appreciation to the notice of the proper public bodies. David J. Hill, Acting Secretary."

### RIVALS.

Russia Trying to Offset Cordiality of Britain and Germany.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The Bourse Gazette, in advocating a French-Russian-American-Japanese alliance, to offset the Anglo-German alliance which a portion of the press persists in believing, says the other three powers should accept Russia's leadership and make peace with China without delay, regardless of the Anglo-Germans."

### RECOMMEND DISMISSAL.

Chatham's Fire Chief Gets Into Hot Water.

Chatham, Feb. 11.—A committee of the city council has reported, recommending Alex. Jaques, chief of the fire department, be dismissed from the employ of the city.

# Transvaal Veterans

## Many Have Accepted the Government's Invitation to Act As Guard of Honor.

## Men Will Receive Hospitable Treatment As Guests of the Province.

The publicity given by the Colonist on Friday last to the assembling in Victoria of all the returned South African volunteers, to act as a guard of honor to His Honor Sir Henri Joly, on the occasion of the opening of the legislature, is already bearing fruit. The provincial secretary, Hon. J. D. Prentice, is in receipt of several acceptances of the government's invitation, and present indications are that the affair will prove a gratifying success.

The government wishes it distinctly understood that the men will be the guests of the province from the time they leave their homes till their return. All their travelling expenses will be paid by the government, and they will be fully reimbursed for their loss of time in making the trip.

Arrangements have been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company to carry the men to and from their homes, and provide meals to them en route. Application to any agent of the C. P. R. or C. P. N. will secure the necessary transportation, etc.

The veterans are asked to time their journey so that they may arrive here on the evening of Tuesday, 19th inst. They will be met at the wharf by comrades resident in the city, and a reception committee, and will be escorted to the Driard, which will be their headquarters from Tuesday to Thursday evening.

It is earnestly requested that the men should bring their original field service uniforms with them, so as to present a uniform appearance on parade. Deficiencies in accoutrements will be supplied from the military stores. The dress for the guard of honor will be review order with field service caps.

During their stay in Victoria their comrades in Victoria will dine with them at the Driard, creating a pleasant incident of their visit, which cannot fail to prove enjoyable. It is confidently anticipated that the people of Victoria will manifest their interest in the visit of the gallant Soldiers of the Queen, by turning out en masse to welcome them and by making February 21, 1901, a red letter day in their lives.

Up to date the following have accepted the invitation of the government:

Sergt. Northcott.
Corp. O'Dell.
Pte. Beech.
Pte. Leeman.
Pte. Gamble.
Pte. Cornwall.
Pte. Finch-Smiles.
Pte. Stebbings.
Pte. Anderton.
Pte. Neill.
Pte. Wood.—Victoria.
Corpl. Bonner.
Pte. Niebergall.
Pte. Allen.
Pte. Livingstone.
Pte. McCalmont.
Pte. Hutchings.
Pte. Greaves.
Pte. Mackie.
Pte. Nye.
Pte. Harrison.
Pte. Sinclair.
Pte. Thomson.—Vancouver.
Trooper Huckell, Canadian Mounted Rifles.

It has been suggested that Rev. R. Blyth, the new pastor of the Congregational church, who served as corporal in the first contingent, should be invited to act as chaplain to the guard of honor.

### THE MOLLY GIBSON.

Negotiations Now Under Way Which Will Relieve Financial Stringency.

From Nelson Miner.

"The shut-down at the Molly Gibson mine was not occasioned through any failure of the property to come up to expectations, and negotiations are now under way which will result in the resumption of work at once, possibly today," is the statement issued by Manager Bruce White, who returned yesterday (Thursday) from a business trip to the Slocan. According to Mr. White's explanation, an unfortunate succession of circumstances has led to the existing condition of affairs, and the mine itself is not in any way responsible.

In the first place, a grave error was made in sorting ore for shipment to the smelter last fall. Instead of selecting the high-grade product of the mine, which will net $25 after meeting all charges, including that of mining and transportation, 5,000 sacks of inferior ore, excellent for concentration purposes but not up to the mark of clean shipping ore, were made up while the tramway was under way, and were brought down on the completion of the tramway. The returns from this ore were naturally most disappointing, and the standing of the mine in the eyes of the bank which had been furnishing funds to finance the proposition was seriously affected, nor was this wholly counterbalanced by the very much better returns secured from higher grade ore shipped after the error was discovered. The management being thus crippled for ready funds, was compelled to shut down the property. The outstanding obligations total about $35,000, of which from $6,000 to $7,000 represents unpaid wages. There is every reason to believe that the shut-down is only temporary in nature. Mr. White states that his directors have wired him that negotiations are under way whereby the financial stringency will be straightened out and the situation relieved. He anticipated further particulars to-day, and may receive the funds to enable him to resume work at once.

The Molly Gibson mine, as it stands at the present time, represents an investment of more than $100,000. Manager White states that he has no reason to alter his estimate that the ore in sight in the property is worth half a million dollars. He believes, however, that the concentrator, which has always been a feature of the plans for working the property, must now be gone into as the next step in the development of the mine. A large amount of the ore available is just below the quality which will pay to ship over the 12-mile haul to the lake, but when concentrated would be a very valuable product, and place the Molly Gibson on a basis equal to other big Slocan producers.

### ANOTHER SMELTER.

More Nickel Works Likely to Go Up in Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Arthur White says there is a possibility of large nickel works and smelter being established this year at Burks Falls, Ontario. New nickel mines are just opened there.

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

The King Suggests a Committee Being Formed to Consider It.

London, Feb. 11.—King Edward, responding to the inquiries of the Lord Mayor, Mr. Frank Green, respecting a national memorial to Queen Victoria, suggests that a small committee should be formed of members of the present and former governments to consider the matter.

### C. P. R. DIVIDEND.

Directors Declare Two and a Half Per Cent. on Common Stock.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—(Special)—At a meeting of the directors of the C. P. R. to-day, the usual dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock for the half year ended December last, was declared, and a dividend of two and one-half per cent. for the period was declared on the common stock.

### FOUR INJURED.

Train of Chesapeake & Ohio Thrown Down Embankment.

Charlestown, W. Va., Feb. 11.—The Chesapeake & Ohio fast passenger train, east bound, was wrecked to-night six miles east of here and four people were slightly injured. Every car was derailed. The baggage car and day coaches were thrown down a 40-foot embankment.

### BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

Proposes an Imperial Conference Should Be Held in England.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The executive of the British Empire League, which meets in Ottawa on February 13, in the annual report just issued dealing with South Africa, expresses the strong conviction that an Imperial conference of representatives of all self-governing colonies and the Mother Country should be held during the present year in England to consider many questions affecting the safety and welfare of the Empire. They consider the time was never so opportune. The committee also favors a combination of the military and naval defensive powers of the Empire, urges the Canadian parliament to reorganize the Canadian militia force upon broader lines, and in accordance with the spirit of modern warfare. It also favors the formation of a Royal naval reserve in Canada, the passing of an insolvency bill, together with the nationalization of the telegraph and cable systems.

### WILL FOLLOW MARTIN.

Mr. Macpherson Now Quite in Accord With Him.

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—(Special)—Mr. Macpherson agreed to Mr. Martin's platform at a joint meeting of the Labor and Opposition parties to-night. Geo. Bartley was appointed chairman of the central committee.

A 30-ton logging engine is side-tracked near the C. P. R. station awaiting shipment to Victoria. It is for the Victoria Lumber Co. It has four driving wheels and is the largest lumber engine seen in British Columbia.

Detective McAllister was recently suspended by Chief Stewart for exceeding his instructions regarding Dupont street gambling. The police commissioners investigated the matter to-day and sustained the chief in his action.

H. Kent, manager of the B. I. & F. R. Telephone Company, stated this morning that he had no idea when the company would start operations on the Vancouver-Victoria telephone cable. In fact, since Prof. Pupin's discoveries in marine telephone construction, it would pay any company contemplating such construction work to await the result of practical tests with the Pupin system, as the cost of installing a plant under the Pupin system would be less expensive in a marked degree, than the installation of a plant under the present system.

### QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

It Will Open on Thursday—The New Speaker.

Quebec, Feb. 12.—The provincial legislature will be open on Thursday afternoon next. Owing to the illness of Lieutenant-Governor Jette, Sir Louis Casault, chief justice, will preside. Mr. Rainville, M. P. P., of Montreal, will be the new Speaker.

### SATISFIED.

Canadian Champion Pugilist Will Retire on His Laurels.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—John L. Scholes, of this city, amateur champion featherweight of the world, announces his permanent retirement from the roped arena. His performance of defeating all-comers at Pittsburg will close his public ring career.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12.—The memory of Abraham Lincoln was honored today in this city with appropriate ceremonies, school children, college students, and civic, social and political organizations participating. The exchanges and other business institutions observed the day as a legal holiday.

# The Boer Raiders

## Capture Some Colonials and Another Party of Imperial Yeomanry.

## British Occupy Ficksburg With Little Opposition and Release Prisoners.

## Fever Season at Lorenzo Marques Is Causing Great Many Deaths.

Capetown, Feb. 12.—Twenty-seven Australians, Cape Police and Dragoons were captured by Krutzinger's commando, eight miles from Ballaspruit, on February 6, after a fight, in which three British and five Boers were killed. The British were afterwards released.

Two hundred Boers are raiding the Prince Albert district, looting stores and destroying orchards and gardens. Several were killed and wounded.

Seven British Yeomanry, while skirmishing, were captured by a commando near Vryburg, which was forced to retire.

Piet Dewet has arrived in Capetown to engage the Afrikanders in the peace movement.

Large bodies of Boers have been seen near Donkerspoort station, north of Nooitgedacht. Shots were exchanged.

The British have occupied Ficksburg with little opposition, and have released the prisoners, who were in the jail.

The Boers are moving in the direction of Fouriesburg, where they have most of their supplies.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 12.—The fever season is exceptionally disastrous. Many deaths of prominent British subjects have occurred. The majority of patients belong to the Imperial Railway administration staff, and have been moved to a hospital ship in batches.

Patients from Komatipoort are arriving daily. The hospital ship is now filled to its capacity.

The mortality among the Boer refugees is heavy.

### VANCOUVER POLICE.

An Investigation to Be Held Into the Workings of the Force.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—(Special)—There is lots of trouble brewing for the Vancouver police. The men freely discuss and criticize the conduct of their chief with newspaper reporters, or any one who cares to talk over the matter with them. This is considered by the council not as it should be. Detective McAllister was dismissed because he took independent action in certain police work without consulting the Chief, and as this was the second offence, the city council upheld the Chief. There are, however, many rumors of incompetency against the Chief and the council has decided to have these rumors investigated before a Supreme Court judge. Detective McAllister, whose suspension has been turned into dismissal, expresses an earnest wish that the investigation be brought on, and promises disclosures. In the meantime there is a persistent rumor being circulated this morning to the effect that the Chief will resign. One of the chief complaints against the police is that they have made no headway towards capturing the burglars who have been making periodical raids on stores and private houses in Vancouver for months.

Last night F. R. Stewart's watchman found the door of the building open, and hurriedly entering saw a man going up-stairs. Instead of following the man, he telephoned for Mr. Stewart and his partner, Mr. Black, and two policemen. All arrived together with half a dozen citizens; the building was searched, but the man was not located.

Mr. Garden is being strongly urged to contest Vancouver against R. Macpherson in the coming by-election for the local house. Mr. Garden has not declined to stand, but is very reluctant to take upon himself the burden and expense of another campaign. It is very likely, in the opinion of those who have requested Mr. Garden to run, that he will eventually consent to do so.

The following cable was sent last evening by Charlie Yip Yen, president of the Chinese Reform Association, to Count von Waldersee, commander of the allied forces at Pekin:

"Boxer troubles originated owing to the Emperor Kwang Seu being powerless, and the Empress Dowager and her conservative officers in power. On concluding treaty, we beg Your Lordship to assist him (Emperor—as a favor to us, in recovering his power, thus removing future confusion and securing international peace."

### A FAMILY SENTENCED.

Father, Mother and Sons Given Terms of Imprisonment.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—A novel feature in the Court of Special Sessions this morning was the sentencing by Judge Desnoyers of an entire family to the penitentiary, reform school and jail. Ludger Dastous, the eldest son of the family in question, was arrested for stealing some $1,600 worth of goods from a drygoods store; the other members of the family assisted in disposing of the goods. Ludger Dastous was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. His father and two brothers received two years each in the penitentiary. The mother was sentenced to 23 months in the common jail, and the youngest son will spend three years in the reformatory school.

### C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Receipts Show Increase Over Corresponding Period of Last Year.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending February 7, were $480,000; same week last year, $486,000.

### CANNERS' COUNCIL.

Atlantic Tin Goods Men Meet in New York State.

Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 12—The eleventh annual session of the Atlantic Canned Goods Packers' Association opened jointly with the annual convention of the Canning Machinery and Supply Association this morning, in Powers' hotel, for a four days' meeting. There are 800 members in attendance, including the Western Indiana and Canadian associations, who are guests of the Atlantic Association. The appointment of the customary committees constituted the business of to-day's session.