RIVER OF LAVA SPREADS TERROR

Death and Desolation Left in Path of Flow From Mount

LAVA HAS EXTENDED

Distressed Villagers Abandon

the fourth, showing a less scrious eruption.

Four streams emitted from these craters have united at the foot of Mount Castellano, and formed a great river of lava that is bringing death and desolation into the invaded districts. Plants, trees, whole vine-yards and orchards have been destroyed by the consuming flood. This morning the lava fiver had extended nine miles from its source.

Even in this city there was little sleep for any one last night. The greatest anxiety was felt for friends and relations and their property inferests in the threatened district by those who know well the possibilities of the disaster. In the path of the advancing flood the people are in great terror and thousands had abandoned their homes at daylight.

The roaring of Mount Etna continued without interruption today, with

ROME, March 25.—King Victor Emmanuel today expressed his intention to go into the territory threatened by the volcanic cruptions in the vicinity of Mount Etna to direct the work of succor and to encourage and share the danger of his subjects if the gravity of the eruption continues. Premier Hemnine, who is still acting pending the choice of his successor in office, today instructed the prefect of police of Catania to use all the means in his power to afford aid to the sufferers. At the same time the minister of war ordered froops sent to the scene to assist the mayors of the villages in maintaining order and saving property. This city is crowded unprecedentedly with visitors. More than 60,000 tourists are here for holy week. Today many of these started south to witness the eruption. The pope has received a report of the situation from Cardinal Francisca Nava, archbishop of Catania, who yesterday visited Nicolosi and the vicinity. The cardinal describes the Agaziant to go and the vicinity. The cardinal describes the Agaziant to go and the vicinity. The cardinal describes the Agaziant to go and the vicinity. The cardinal describes the Agaziant to go and the vicinity of Tawa. March 24.—The an-nouncement is expected within a few days that the government has ratified the waterways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the Willow and the waterways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the Willow and the waterways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the Willow and the waterways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the Willow and the waterways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the water ways treaty, which has been suspended by the United states senate providing that the experience of the waters should not be intered with. This was objected to by the United states sen archbishop of Catania, who yesterday visited Nicolosi and the vicinity. The cardinal describes the desolation of the stricken districts, the great fear of the population and the comfort received from the faith, as manifested in public prayers and processions.

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Later Report.

CATANIA, March 25.—Etna is still angry. From the top of the old crater volumes of white smoke are issuing tonight, while from the new craters that have formed lava is gushing and large incandescent masses are exploding with loud detonations and emissions of black smoke.

The streams of lava already have surpassed in volume those of the cruption of 1992, but changing their courses just as they reached Belpasso and Nicolosi they have invaded the main roads near these two villages, which seemed thereby now to have been saved from destruction. The people are still fearful, but in both villages soldiers are camped in the square to avert a pank, while the mayors and parish priests are ministering to the needy.

It has now been ascertained that the openings from which the lava is issuing number fourteen. The heat from the currents is so intense that it is impossible to approach nearer than 150 feet to them. The passage down the mountain of the lava now averages fifteen feet every seven minutes. Late tonight if was considered most probable that the streams would pass between Borello and Nicolosi without touching them. The people are pleading for assistance, especially for carts in which to remove their household effects from the volcanic region. The government has turied over to the prefect \$2,000 with which to assist needy people.

Automobile Prize

CINCINNATI March 25.—The con-

Automobile Prize CINCINNATI, March 25,—The com-mission issued a notice to all minor in league players giving the conditions in

under which a Detroit firm is to present in automobile to the champions of 1910. Players to be eligible to the prize must have been credited with 350 times to bat, catchers with 250 times and pitchers with 100. The official league batting average will be the only factor considered in awarding the prize.

ASK FOR PROTECTION

People of Maine Town in Fear Because of Rictous Conduct of Strikers

Etna—Four Craters Sending
Forth. Red Hot Streams

Forth Red Hot Streams

LIVERMORE FALLS, Maine, March 25—As a result of numerous riotous demonstrations by striking employees of the local mills of the International Paper Company, citizens have appealed to the town authorities for better police protection. High Sheriff Gilbert announced today that he will supply the protection, and if necessary the state militia will be called out. He did not think the latter means would be necessary, however.

FRANKLIN, N. H., March 25.—With the exception of one small pulp mill, all the plants of the International Paper company was kept in operation today in spite of the strike of members of the pulp sulphite and paper mills workers union, which began last night.

Some Hopes that Worst, of LIVERMORE FALLS, Maine, March

Some Hopes that Worst, of Eruption Been Experienced

CATANIA, Sicily, March 25.—An official report upon the volcanic disturbances in the Mount Etna district, made public this forenoon, while confirming the gravity of the situation, holds out the hope that the worst is over. The craters that may be properly described as new appear to be only four in number. These have opened at the foot of Mount Castellanzo, four miles in an air line from the summit of Mt. Etna. One of these craters is at a spot called Tasca Albanelli. This is not throwing out much lava, but is the noisest of the four, and its loud detonations are chiefly responsible for the terror of the people for miles around.

A second crater is 600 feet above in a place called Voltasangirolame. This is 700 feet above the sea and the most active of the openings, emitting the greatest flood of Incandescent matter. At Tasco Arena is a third break, also very active, and near it is the fourth, showing a less scrious eruption.

Four streams emitted from these

IS CHARGE MADE

Accusations Offered Against Shipping Men of Taking IIlegitimate Means to Secure Ship Subsidy from Congress

WASHINGTON, March 25 - The judiciary committee of the House in its report, which will be filed tomordestruction. During the emission of lava, it is estimated, has amounted to ten million cubic yards. Prof. Ricco, director of the emission of lava, it is estimated, has amounted to ten million cubic yards. Prof. Ricco, director of the emission of lava, it is estimated, has amounted to ten million cubic yards. Prof. Ricco, director of the distressed.

After reaching the valley the lava flood widened out, but diminished in velocity, and this afternoon the hope that the eruptions were decreasing in volume was strengthened.

Relief Preparations.

Rome March 25 — King Victor Fm.

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Ratification by Canada—United States Removes Objectionable Feature

wan and Montana, they are to belo for power and irrigation purpos half to each country. There can no diversion of waters of intern tional streams in either country util sanctioned by the internation waterways commission.

Further Negotiations to Be Carried on For Purpose of Avoiding Tariff War Between Canada and States

WITH SIR WILFRID

Understanding at Ottawa that Some Concessions Will Re Some Concessions Will Be Made by This Country to

OTTAWA, March 24.—Hon. W. S. Fielding left this afternoon for Washington, where he will meet President Taft in another conference over the tariff difficulty which has arisen between the two countries.

Mr. Fielding refused to give out any information today as to the stage which the negotiations have reached, but the prevailing impression is that when he left Mr. Taft at Albany it was on the understanding that Canada, to save a tariff war, would grant concessions to the United States.

It is believed, therefore, that after conferring with the Premier Mr. Fielding is now empowered to say what concessions Canada will give.

Boston Pleased tariff difficulty which has arisen be-

ance Fielding had gone to Washington to confer with President Taft regarding the tariff. These organizations recently protested against the imposition of the maximum schedule.

CANADIAN BANKS

Victoria and Other Cities Show Large Increases in Clearings for Past Week

	NEW YORK, March 25-Followin
	are Bradstreet's weekly bank clea
	ings in the Dominion of Canada, Vi-
	toria's percentage of increase beir
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n	VICTORIA 1,800,000 inc. 85
	Montreal \$43,679,000 inc. 51
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e	Winnipeg 14,299,000inc. 33
14	Vancouver 8,671,000inc. 71
n	Ottawa 4,107,000 inc. 35
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Sealing Steamer Ashore Scaling Steamer Ashore.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 24.—Carrying a catch of 2,400 seals, the steamer Viking, with a crew of 158 men, is ashore off the French Island of St Pierre. The crew is safe, it is understood, but there is fear that the vessel will be a total loss. The steamer Prosper and a wrecking tug from St. Pierre have gone to the assistance of the Viking.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The \$500.—000 fund which the American Bible society has for more than a year past been seeking to raise an equal amount to the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, has been completed. Announcement of the completion of this fund, the securing of which will place a round million dollars in the hands of the society for its uses, was made at the society's office Bible Society's Funds uses, was made at the society's office

Damaged Building Collapses WINNIPEG, March 24.—A large portion of the remains of the big six-story Sterling block on Fort street, which was gutted by fire last December, collapsed early this morning, doing damage to adjoining buildings estimated at \$45,000. Three men who was working in a blacksmith shop were working in a blacksmith shop next door were injured and taken to the hospital. Four other men who were pulling down a portion of the building had a miraculous escape from death.

"Distinguished Canadian Official" BERLIN, March 24—The Press, in referring to the expected visit of W. T. R. Preston, Canadian trade commissioner in Holland, promises an enthusiastic reception to the distinguished Canadian official, who has been specially honored by his own government in filling responsible public positions. He will be personal grata with Germans, because, when he was immigration commissioner in Europe he was never known to violate the severe local immigration regulations.

Constable Shoots at Burglar. Constable Shoots at Burglar.

OTTAWA, March 25.—A sensational running fight between a constable and a burglar, in which the former used his revolver, startled the residents of Rideau street in the early hours of the morning. The burglar, who was discovered by Coustable Bunting in the yard to the rear of the T. W. Currier company's store, made good his escape after an exciting chase. Several shots were fired by the policeman without effect. A sack full of silver-ware was found at the back of the Currier building, the burglar being detected just in time to prevent a getaway with the booty.

victor Emmanuel to form a new cabinet, and Professor Luigi Luzzatti, former minister of the treasury, has been entrusted with the task.

Wants Canadian Trade
LONDON, March 24—Robert Kyffin Thomas, the well known Australian publisher, reporting to the South Australian government on fruit trade and other questions, advises the appointment of trade representatives in western Canada, with the object of developing such trades. He says he has been much impressed with the possibilities in that part of the Dominion.

Lacrosse in Nanaimo.

NANAIMO. March 25—The Nanimo Lacrosse club was organized. The service of the stain simulation should be to put a winning team in the field this season. There was a large and conductors of the New York, New Haven was the freence committee of the trainment and conductors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad by General Manager Higgins in any organization, officers being elected as were to the demands of the men for organization, officers being elected as were to the demands of the men for organization, officers being elected as were to the demands of the men for organization, officers being elected as were to the demands of the men for organization, president, A E. Plants; honorary vice-presidents, Dr. Pyskall, Rev. Mr. MoLeod and L. M. Richardion; president J. A. Macdonald; vice-president, Bert Horne; geometric the board. The decision was made known to President Mellen, and it is understood that he made two or three cancessions satisfactory to the men, and another meeting will be held next week, Lacrosse in Nanaimo.

Extended Peep Sights OTTAWA, March 24.—The Dominion Rifle Association has authorized the use of extended peep sights at this year's matches at Rockliffe.

Emissary From Italy WINNIPEG, March 24.—Count Ehrenfreund, who has been sent to Canada as a special emissary of the Italian government to investigate the conditions of his fellow countrymen who have emigrated to the Dominion, is in the city.

New Italian Cabinet. ROME, March 24.—It is considered very probable that Signor Marcora, president of the chamber of deputies, will be entrusted with the task of forming a new cabinet to replace the cabinet which resigned March 21.

Town Destroyed by Fire
CHARLESTON, W.Va., March 24—
Only four buildings are left standing in Mount Hope, 45 miles southwest of here, as a result of a fire which practically wiped out the town to-day. The flames consumed nearly four hundred structures. The loss is actimated at \$255,000

MR. REDMOND'S POSITION Settle the Difficulties Nationalist Leader Says Interviews With Chancellor Have Made No Change.

Boston Pleased BOSTON, March 24.—Officers of Boston trade organizations were much pleased to learn that Minister of Finance Fielding had gone to Washington to coffer with

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Nationalist Leader Says Interview

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OTTAWA, March 25.—Official information received here from Washington is to the effect that a satisfactory outcome of the tariff difficulty is certain.

It is understood that Hon. W. Fielding has notifed Sir Wilfrid Laurier that a happy outcome of the negotiations may be looked for. Almost all of the cabinet ministers

For Stealing Letters TORONTO. March 25—Peter Truss, a postman accused of steal letters belonging to the T. Eaton C was sentenced yesterday to thr years in the penitentiary.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfd., March 25 .- Furth ST. JOHN'S, Nfd., March 25.—Further advices by wireless from the sealing fleet in the Guif of St. Lawrence and on the Grand Banks indicate that the vessels are meeting with decided success. Already the sealers have begun the steamer Viking. to put into port, the steamer Viking having arrived at Port Aux Basques, and the Harlow at Codroy Harbor. The Viking brought 24,000 seals and the Harlow 13,000,

Strange Story Unfolded at In-

LAWYER BUCKLEY'S GREAT INFLUENCE

Able to Decide Fate of Bills Objectionable to Companies -Also Able to Predict

Forces of President Madriz Capture Another Town.—Bluefields May Be Attacked.

political strength for the fray, but the best legal talent of three provinces is being retained to watch the interests of the various contestants, and it is said distinguished counsel from Ottawa and Chicago will hold "watching priefs" on behalf of the political and financial interests involved. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., the well-known Toronto counsel, will also be present as counsel on behalf, of the insurgents who have revolted against the Rutherford government.

TARIFF AFFAIRS

TO BE SETTIED

Forces of President Madriz Capture Another Town.—Bluefields May Be Attacked.

Washington, March 24—Telegrams from Bluefields, Nicaragua, show that there is still some military activity in that section.

A despatch from the United States that sunday a party of Madriz soldiers commanded by Enrique Espinosa, a captured the town of Prinza Pulsas, and made prisoner the provisional governor. This was done in the name of the Madriz faction.

The party also selzed two sea-going schooners belonging to Americans, but flying the Nicaraguan flag. It is thought that these vessels were intended for use in transportation of the corporation.

A further result of the present ments was the order of City Controller Morrow late today for the withdrawal of all city funds from the six banks and the nullification of the ordinance designating them as custodians of city funds. The deposits will be withdrawn gradually.

Immediately upon handing down the first twenty-five indictments, the grand jury reported six additional true bills against former councilmen, making a total of thirty-one indictments.

TASK OF STATESMEN

FANCE'S TARIFF

Bill for Revision Passed-Commission Recommends Adoption of Agree-ment With U. S.

PARIS, March 25.—The senate, by a vote of 281 to 5, today concurred with the chamber of deputies in the adoption of the bill revising the tariff. Baron D'Estournelles de Constant and others introduced a resolution requesting the government to collaborate with foreign nations in the creation of arbitral commissions empowered to settle international tariff disputes. putes.

In the chamber of deputies today the tariff commission to which it had been referred recommended the adoption of the French side of the Franco-American agreement. The measure will be taken up for action by the chamber next Tuesday

Dr. Edwards' Courage KINGSTON, March 24-Dr. wards, M.P. for Frontenac, was the hero in a sensational runaway here this morning. A horse belonging to Mrs. Moore, of Portsmouth, took fright at a train and was dashing along the street who was dashing along the street when the doctor pluckily rushed out and grabbed the runaway animal by the head. He

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WINDSOR, Ont., March 25.—Fire that started in the basement of the Unger-Williamson laundry at West Sandwich last midnight destroyed the of Edmonton, were sold for over \$10 and the pulpit, and he cannot preach his farewell sermon next Sunday.

WINDSOR, Ont., March 25.—Fire that was located, with a loss of \$250,000. The other firms the

Nicaraguan Seizure of Vessels
BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, March 25.

The American owned schooners Lark
and Extuerzoo have been seized by
Emigue Espinosa, a brother of Rodolfo
Esqinosa, former Nicaraguan minister
to the United States. They were
seized in the name of the constitutional government and taken to Greytown
and turned over to the troops of President Madriz, to be used as transports.
The owners of the vessels protested to Nicaraguan Seizure of Vessels trange Story Unfolded at Investigation by Superintendent Into Insurance Bribery Scandal in New York State

AWYER BUCKLEY'S

Ident Madriz, to be used as transports. The owners of the vessels protested to the United States consul, and he notified the commander of the gunboat Paducah, which called immediately for Greytown. The Paducah, however, returned here today without the schooners, having received instructions from Rear Admiral Kimball that if they were flying a foreign flag they were not to be interfered with This decision of Rear Admiral Kimball it is said, will entirely stop commerce between Bluefields and Prinzapulca. The case has been referred to Washington.

SEARCH ABANDONED

REVIEW OF TRADE

Canadian Business Shows Much Activity, Especially in Building Material Line

NEW YORK, March 25.—Dun's weekly trade review tomorrow will

Madriz troops to Bluefields or other points on the Atlantic coast. The crews of the two vessels were compelled to serve their new comrades at the point of guns.

Negotiations at Washington Will Be Successful — Concessions from Canada

The United States Consul suggests that if the local authorities are not able to afford protection to American property, the United States naval commander be given authority to act.

FANCE'S TARIFF

BOSTON. Mass., March 25.—That the task which confronted Washington and Hamilton in the construction days following 1784 was not unlike the which now confronts the states men of the British Empire, was the statement made by Robert Laird Border, leader of the Conservative party of Canada and member of Parliament for Halifax. Mr. Borden was speak-ing before the Boston Canadian Club. Mr. Borden reminded his hearers that the British Empire, as at present constituted, is of very recent developthat the Eritish Empire, as at present constituted, is of very recent development. If was not until after 1840, he said, that real development began in its constitutional relations.

In concluding his address, Mr. Borden advocated an adequate celebration in a few years of a century of peace between Great Britain and the United States. He declared that Canada is firmly united to the great Empire which owes a proud allegiance to King Edward the Peacemaker, but is also in many ways closely associated

King Edward the Peacemaker, but is also in many ways closely associated with "this glorious republic."

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Borden, a number of state officials, presidents of several Canadian Clubs of Canada, and former British citizens were guests of the Club, in addition to Governor Weeks, of Connecticut and Governor Quimby, of New Hampshire.

Dr. Neil McPhatter, president of the Canadian Club of New York, welcomed Mr. Borden in behalf of the Canadian Clubs of the United States, and Lieut-Governor Frothingham, of Massachusetts, also expressed his pleasure that Mr. Borden had been able to visit the city.

Harvard Professor Dead CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 25.— Henry Augustus Torrey, assistant professor of chemistry at Harvard, university, died at his home today at the age of 38 years of heart trouble.

NEW YORK, March 25-The Rev. his right leg.

TORONTO, March 25.—The Baptist foreign mission board at its semi-annual meeting today in McMaster_university appointed a number of missionaries. About twenty members were present. Miss Ruth Philipott

CAUGHT BY FIRE IN HIGH BUILDING

BECAUSE OF DANGER

Fire Caused by Spark From Cigar Lighter Igniting Benzine-List of Victims Who

ers, and told me to go to the fluishing room on the fourth floor and fill them with benzine. I had filled two of the lighters out of the five gallon can and was working on the third when there was an explosion. A sheet of flame almost blinded me. I did not fully re-gain my senses until I had reached the street. The lighters contained a contrivance to make a spark, but whether I ignited one of them or not I don't know. I either dropped the can of benzine when the flames shot up in front of me or it was blown out of my hands."

List of Dead

Following is a list of the identified Harry Darlington, aged 40, painter. Ethel Anderson, aged 18 steno

grapher.
Miner W. Bell, advertising manager Rosie Brucke, aged 18, stenographer Mrs. Hannah Burden, aged 30 widow, foreman folding department, Lillian Suilivan aged 16, folder.
Wm. Green, aged 24, clerk.
Ethel Lichenstein, aged 18, steno-

Harry M. Mitchell, auditor of company, member of firm, brother-of Simon Fish. Veronica McGrath, aged 17, stenographer.

Gertrude Quinn, aged 20, folder, The missing—Mary Wargo, aged 20, folder. Bert St. Clair, aged 28, confidential clerk. Three others whose names could not be learned are also reported among the missing.

One of the bodies was identified by her sister. Florence, who is 18 years old, a switchboard operator, was to have gone to work for the furniture company at noon, taking the place of another girl. Alexander Bush, a street he was to have married on Easter

Sunday.

Emma Lichtenstein was killed by Poor Fire Escapes

Marshall Horan declared that single fire escape was of the ladder variety, and expressed the opinion that had this been a modern stair escape no lives would have been lost. Firemen poured water on the building for two hours and a half before

the flames were sufficiently subducd to make a search for bodies. The heat made the work of removing the wreck-age difficult.

Simon Fish, a member of the furniture company, declares the firemen were slow in responding to the alarma and were tardy in raising ladders to the upper stories. He says that fire-men interfered with employees of the firm who were attempting to mal rescues, and declares he will prefe charges against the fire department. Fire Marshall Horan says his men responded without the loss of a second, and believes Mr. Fish will withdraw

Details of Ex

How the Large Sums Voted

With the advent of April of

With the advent of April there he inaugurated throughout the land breadth of British Columbia an era of activity and accomment as the province has never fore experienced, in road and loconstruction, trail cutting, wharf tion, dyke improvement and go betterment of the facilities of munication which are a prime etial, in the colonization and settle up of the land. The order has gone forth from the departme public works that the appropria contained in the estimates for 19 are available from and after the April next, and road superinten April next, and road oremen and all oth to use all possible diligence ergency in advancing the works under their supervise arliest completion compatifiest quality work that will test of time. Extra-programmer to the companion of the first quality work that will stand the test of time. Extra-progressive methods are to be adopted in this year's road work, no less a sum than \$40,000 being invested by the department over which Hon. Mr. Taylor presides in up-to-date road-making machinery. Included are numerous powerful rock crushers; while, experience having demonstrated the wisdom of this course, the very general use of donkey engines has been adopted in connection with road construction through heavily timbered country. Last year experiments were made in this connection under some of the best experts in the provincial service, and the favorable reports that were made at the Seattle Good Roads congress during the summer, as to the service ability of the donkey engine in public road construction, were found to rest upon a good foundation in the economy both of time and money. It is the intention of the Provincial Minister also, particularly with respect to trunk lines, to endeavour to carry forward hereafter whatever road work is undertaken, upon a permanent system, the workmen crowning up and me ndertaken, upon a pe the workmen crown cadamizing all princi progress upon them is m the province may have in

roads which shall be at once a credit to and a most favorable advertisement for British Columbia—as the roads left as a legacy of Crown Colony days by the men of the Royal Engineers may certainly be regarded.

Double Last Year.

In road work proper and in bridge building, the department proposes to spend this year approximately double last year's estimate, there having been provided in the current year's estimates \$1,720,150 as contrasted with \$89,758 for 1909-10, and held-over appropriations bringing the available funds at command for the current year up to very considerable more than two millions of money. It is undoubtedly wisdom to inaugurate the public works of the season as speedily as possible, not only that full advantage may be taken of the good weather of spring and summer, but in view of the fact that labor promises to be an exceptionally scarce commodity in the provincial market during the approaching summer, in consequence, of course, of the executional demands upon it of the

summer, in consequence, of course, the exceptional demands upon it of t railway builders. railway builders.

As illustrating the rapidity of British Columbia's growth not only in the necessities of roads, bridges, wharves, etc., but also in the ability to provide for these necessities as they develop, the following comparative statement of the Public Works estimates for the present, year and that immediately resent year and that im preceding is here presented attesting as it does in figures eloquent how this westernmost of the confederated provinces is forging steadily forward:

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70,000 45,000 Ymir 50,000 75,000 25,000 Totals ...\$897,585 1,720,105 822,520 e For bridge construction and repair work throughout the Province the expenditure during the present fiscal rear of no less a sum than \$834,000 is contemplated, taking into account the \$250,000 appropriated for the new bridge over Burrard Inlet at the Secbridge over Burrard Inlet at the Sec-ond Narrows as well as an equal amount in unexhausted appropria-tions of 1909-10 in connection with works now approaching completion. In addition to this record amount for oridge work, between \$55,000 and \$60. is to be expended in the protection river banks from erosion work legitimately devolving upon the federal government) and \$65,800 for the erection of wharves, with a further total of \$21,500 for ferry sub sidies and bridge-tenders — a grand total of considerably over three-quar-ters of a million dollars in this year's votes alone for bridges, wharves, river bank protection, etc. To particularize: Bridge construction in Alberni district this season will involve expenditures of \$11.135; in Allin, \$2,000; in Cariboo. \$2,125; in Chilliwack, \$1,500; in Columbia, \$22,-000; in Comox, \$2,1504 in Cowichan, \$7,525; and in Cranbrook \$17,250—this being the new carrenties.

being the new appropriation, and additional to the \$10,000 representing the cost of the new bridge over the St. the Mary's river at Wycliffe, and the \$20,- th ono invested in the just-completed gra bridge at Wardner. The Delta rescives \$12,500 for miscellaneous bridge work, exclusive of \$7.500 required for bia the new bridge over the Nicomekl; and tofo Dewdney \$37,037, included in which through the new bridge over the Upper Co-road quittam bridge on the Dewdney Tunk the quittam bridge on the Dewdney Trunk the road, \$6,000 for the bridge over Nicomen, Slough, and \$7,500 for bridging the Upper Lillooet on the North Lil-subject road.