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Speculation Indulged in With Little Knowledge of Material Facts.

Whether or not the Esquimalt & Nana!mo railway will cease to exist as an independent line and become the E. & N. div ision of the C. P. R. on Saturday next, or possibly a little later, is still an open question. And this, albeit plans for the ransfer of the line to the original trans transfer of the line to the original trans continental system of Canada were so thoroughly understood as complete that the papers were signed, sealed, and delivered; employees of the selling company received their release orders, to take effect on April 1; Mr. Goodfellow of Vancouver was formally appointed to the superintendency of the E. & N. division; stocktaking in the several departments prior to the change in ownership had been initiated; and the C. P. R. had actually put gangs of men at work in Wellington, tracklaying so that the operating company might be entirely independent of the Dunsmuir mining road at the upper end of the line as at present completed.

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Yesterday the first indication of a possible hitch presented itself to public view. The employees of the E. & N. received a second notification—this time to consider the original dismissal order as never promulgated, which means that the C. P. R. will not take over the road as soon as previously contemplated.

It is probable that the public, with little specific or dependable knowledge of the actual happenings, jumped to conclusions precipitately.

"The sale of the E. & N. is off," was the announcement of the Man in the Street. As usual the Man in the Street spoke im-

As usual the Man in the street spoke impulsively.

Mr. Dunsmuir was quoted in the evening paper as having acquiesced in the suggestion that the "deal was off," although he had declined to discuss the whys or wherefors. Mr. Dunsmuir when spoken to by the Colonist in the same regard declined to discuss the matter at all, but did not say the negotiations for the proposed sale had been terminated. Indeed there is every reason for believing that such is far from the fact. Officials of the C. P. R., while also as reticent as railway men usually are in such business affairs, assert that the deal is not off by any means.

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The common conjecture—for guesswork is to a large extent the total of public contributions to the subject—was that the possibility of the lands contained in the E. & N. rallway grant becoming taxable when allenated from the railway assett, had presented itself as a summoling block in the negotiations. The average layman falls to see wherein the legitimacy would exist of exempting the lands if was road continues to be operated by the E. & N. company, and of taxing them if the C. P. R. is the operating factor, and the road is made a vastly more important agency for the development of Vancouver Island. It was, however, urged by certain crities that the bill now before the Dominion railway committee for the ratification of the transfer, contained in the appended section a provision nullifying or reducing the taxation power of the province, which might otherwise be exercised:

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"Sec. 9.—Notwithstanding anything in this act contained, the Esquimait & Nanalmo Railway Company shall not for or by reason of entering into the said agreement, or selling its said tine of railway thereunder, he held or deemed, or taken to have waived or lost, or prejudiced, or affected in anywise howsoever, any of the franchises, rights, powers, anthorities, exemptions, grants and privileges held or possessed by the Esquimait & Nanalmo Railway Company at the time of entering into the said agreement and selling the said line of railway, but all such franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges small, notwithstanding the entering into of such agreement and the completion of such sale, remain, exist and continue in full force and effect, unprejudiced and unimpaired for the benefit, profit and advantage of the Esquimait & Nanalmo Company."

This section, it is urged, does not enlarge or extend the privileges originally granted to the projectors of the Island rail-

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

Timber Company" has this day hautonal Tamper Company" has this day been registered as an Extra - Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1891," to carry out or effect any or all 40 the objects of the Company to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columnus extends registative authority of the Company is situated at the City of Seattle, King County,

State of Washington.

The amount or the capital of the Company in this province is situate at Victoria, and C. A Holland, whose address is Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

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way, and it is difficult to see wherein the federal legislators could so construe it. It is indeed said to be a verbatim copy of a clause in the agreement between the two companies, and not intended in any way to affect the rights of the province, which are left as they were before, and this view, it is stated, is held by the Minister of Justice and other competent legal authorities. Whether the provincial House would interpret it as a duty, or in consonance with the wish of the public, to heavily penalize if it were technically possible a transaction that is everywhere admitted as greatly for the benefit of the Island and its development, is still another question.

Insofar as the Dominion is concerned, the ratification bill is now before the railway committee, and is listed as the second order for that body at its sitting today. The member in whose hands the measure is, declares that there is no reason to expect a disposition toward variance of any of its provisions. And the fact that Mr. R. T. Elliott, who has been acting for Mr. Dunsmuir in the negotiations up to date, has left for Ottawa to watch the proceedings, does not necessarily bear upon any

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Gossip, newspaper or otherwise, with respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific's alleged desire to secure the road, does not seem to rest upon any very fixed foundation. Nor is 4t possible that the C, P. R. and the E. & N. management would carry their negotiations to the present stage, and then permit their abandonment on any but most substantial differences between the principals.

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THE UNLEASHED KESTREL.

Vancouver, March 28 .- (Special.)-The Dominion gunboat Kestrel starts from here Wednesday for the north, it is said, on a special trip to look for

Warsaw, March 27.—Baron Von Nolken, chief of police of Warsaw, who was injured by the explosion of a bomb yesterday, owes his life to the bad aim of his assailant, who threw the bomb behind instead of underneath the carriage. The body of Von Nolken is full of splinters of the bomb. His assailant has not yet been arrested.

The man who previously threw a bomb into the police station at Priga, a suburb of Warsaw, injuring six policemen, is believed to be dying. He refused to reveal his identity, but declared himself to be a Socialist. The greatest excitement prevails throughout the city. Baron Von Nolken is believed to be out of danger. He is suffering intensely. The man who threw the bomb was later identified as a locksmith named Stephen Okrjeia, 18 years old, and a resident of the Novinsk district.

Further investigation shows the carefulness with which the plans of the conspirators were laid. A number of persons of the poorer classes proceeding on different streets in the direction of the place just before the bomb was thrown were warned by persons, evidently posted for that purpose, to go in some other direction.

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"Companies Act, 1897."

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Empress Japan Is Due Today

White Liner Expected From the Far East-Rush of Freight to Japan.

Tees Brings News of Finding of Boat of Lightkeeper off Lawyer Island.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) (From Tuesday's Daily.)

Steamer Empress of Japan is due today from the Orient. The Empress is
bringing a fair complement of passengers and a good cargo of Chinese and
Japanese merchandise. Many new charters are being made at Puget Sound and
Pacific coast ports of tramp steamers to
carry the overflow freight of the lines,
each of which now carries a full carge
outward to Japan. Seven steamers are
under charter to. F. Waterhouse and two
additional steamers will be chartered by
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INDIGESTION AND HEADACHE.

Mr. Duncan McPherson, Content, Alta., writes: "I was for many years troubled with indigestion and headache, and derived no relief from the many remedies I used. A friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and after taking four boxes, the result is that I am once more in the full enjoyment of the blessings of good health."

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TEES RETURNS.

Brings News of Finding of Boat of Drowned Lightkeeper.

Steamer Tees, Capt. Hughes, reached port on Sunday from Naas and way port on Sunday from Naas and way port on Sunday from Naas and way ports after a stormy passage, bringing a lightkeeper. T. W. Harvey, had been found on Kanahan island, off the mouth of the News that the boat of the missing lightkeeper. T. W. Harvey, had been found on Kanahan island, off the mouth of the News that the boat was in good condition, only a small hole being made to the rocks where the craft drove ashore. The condition of the boat showed that it had not been capsized, the Justine of the News that it had not been capsized, the Justine of the boat. As will be remembered when the R. G. S. Kestrel went north to investigate, all that was found was the sail of the boat. Which was picked up on Finlaison island. Those who found the boat believe that the unfortunate man was washed from it on the boat swamping in a heavy sea; it was not capsized. The passengers of the steamer included Mr. Woolaston, a traveler; Rev. G. T. Robinson, a missionary from Kitamaat; G. Mitchell, a mail carrier from Hazleton; Geo. Cunningham, of Port Essing to the complete of the drowned lightkeeper, came to Vancouver to transfer her cargo to the Capilano. The Coquitlam struck a rock in northern waters and returned for repairs.

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Salvage Operations Proceeding at Scene of Wreck of Ferry Barge.

Capt. Bissett is in charge of the salvage operations at Hornby island, where the ferry barge Georgian was wrecked. It is not anticipated that the wrecked vessel will be saved, but the cars which were on board are expected to be recovered. The machinery destined for the Union mines will also be rescued by the salvage crew. The cars are badly broken, but the trucks are intact. The vessel is in an exposed position, one end submerged and the other dry at low water. A new vessel will be launched soon to replace the lost barge.

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Nelson, B. C., March 28.—The bylaw submitted to the ratepayers of this city by the board of school trustees asking for \$40,000 for the erection of a new public school building, was turned down by the citizens today, the vote being: For the bylaw, 100; against, 161. To carry the bylaw, 100; against, 161. To carry the bylaw a majority of three-fifths of the vote cast was required.

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ENTERTAINING ROYALTY.

Lisbon, March 28.—Emperor William and King Charles this morning witnessed exercises by a cavalry regiment, a detachment of artillery and a company of sharpshooters. The Emperor was subsequently conducted over the Belem monastery. After luncheon at the Necessi-Dades palace, the Emperor, King Charles and Queen Amelia visited the public buildings of Lisbon.

FATED TO DESTRUCTION. Y. Griffin & Co.'s Factory, Near Winnipeg, Is Burning.

Winnipeg, Man., March 28.—Fire broke out at midnight in the big pork packing factory of J. Y. Griffin & Co., Louisa Bridge. The entire factory and sheds will be destroyed as the establishment is outside the Winnipeg fire limits and without protection. The factory had just been remodelled and the yards extended. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

AN OLD, OLD STORY.

Kerosene, as a Fire Lighter, Produces
Disastrous Results.

Winnipeg, March 28.—John Thompson, a C. P. R. machinist, aged 64, was suffocated at his home on Pacific avenue this afternoon. Mrs. Thompson attempted to start a fire with coal oil. There was an explosion and the house took fire. Thompson, who was asleep upstairs, was dead when found, and the woman was taken to the General hospital, badly burned. She will probably die.

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Some few cases of trivial importance were disposed of in the County court yesterday. Another session will be held on Monday of next week.

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Indigent Woman Is Known in Seattle-Was Robbed of Her Valuables.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

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To-night the steamer City of Puebla is due. She has on board a passenger who threatens to become a human "pingpong ball" to be sent to and fro between Victoria and San Francisco by immigration officials. Dr. E. L. Milne, the local immigration officer says he will again play the wearisome role of shuttlecock to the battledore of the immigration officials. She came to Victoria from San Francisco by the steamer Senator in search of a sister, she said. She was found wandering about the streets by the police and when Dr. Milne was notified he ordered her deported to San Francisco, whence she came. She claimed to have landed there clandestinely in a small boat from the ship May Queen; the shipping records do not show the the three was an explosion and the house took fire. Thompson, who was asleep upstairs, wis aged when found, and to be put the property of the

New York, March 28.—Commander Miss Eva. Booth presided at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Salvation Army in the United States, held tonight at Carnegie hall. Miss Booth told of the social work, the slum work and the rescue work of the Salvation Army. During the last year there were over 50,000 sinners who acknowledged God at Army meetings and there were held in the United States 7,555 meetings a week. The celebration ended with the marriage of Ensign Robert Kingston and Ensign Charlotte Bluher, the ceremony being performed by Miss Booth according to the ritual of the Salvation Army. Salvation Army.

Many Women Suffer Untold Agony From Kidney Trouble.

Very often they think it is from so-called "female disease." There is less emale trouble than they think. Women uffer from backache, sleeplessness, bervousness, irritability, and a dragging-own feeling in the loins. So do men, and they do not have "female trouble." Why, then, blame all your trouble to

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS at stated intervals.

Miss Nellie Clark, Lambeth, Ont., tells of her cure in the following words:—"It suffered for about two years with kidney trouble. I acked all ever, especially in the small of my back; not being able to sleep well, no appetite, menstruation tregular, nervous irritability, and brick-dust deposit is urine, were some of my ymptoms. I took Doan's Kidney Pills. The pain in my back gradually left me, my appetite returned, I sleep well, and m effectually cured. I can highly seconmend Doan's Kidney Pills to all sufferers from kidney trouble."

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POWDER MILLS EXPLODE.

Immigration Men

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—Four men are reported to be killed in an explosion of three powder mills owned by the Dupont Powder Company at Schaghticoke, near Troy, this afternoon. The bodies of the men were blown 300 feet from the wreck and the windows of every house in the vicinity were shattered.

BLIND TO FATE'S WRITING. Grand Duke Vladimir Shakes the Threatening Kneut.

Vienna, March 29.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Zeitung gives an interview with Grand Duke Vladimir, who is quoted as saying he doubted the existence of any revolution movement, but that the government is watching the situation closely, and if the people again raise their hands against the Emperor, fleey will receive greater punishment than before.

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With reference to the war, the Grand
Duke is reported to have said that the
Russian troops have been unlucky, but
Russia is able to send many armies into
Manchuria, and never would entertain
propositions for a dishonorable termination of the war.

Warsaw, March 28.—The police are
prosecuting a strict search of factories
and workshops here for Socialist workmen, with the purpose of destroying the
conspirators concerned with recent
bomb throwing. A number of students
as uspected of complicity in the affair of
last Sunday were arrested today. Baron
Von Nolken, the chief of police, who
was wounded by the explosion of a
bomb on Sunday, is improving.

Yalta, Russia, March 28.—A meeting
held today, attended by thousands of
laws limiting civil rights; second, for
free speech; third, for freedom of the
press; fourth, the right to strike; fifth,
liberty of conscience; sixth, equal rights
of all nationalities; seventh, immediate conclusion of peace with Japan;
and eighth, popular representation in
the constituent assembly.

Toops are arriving here from Simperfol.

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Lord Salisbury concerning the latter's letter to the Times relative to the late Lord Salisbury's attitude toward protection and Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal tection and Joseph Chamberlam's ascal policy, which letter has created a great sensation in the lobbies of parliament, It is understood that Lord Salisbury wrote the letter without consulting the premier, and that he, a member of the government, should so bluntly repudiate government, should so bluntly repudiate.

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Gerald Lodger has been appointed junior lord of the treasury and government whip in succession to Allwyn Fellowes, recently appointed minister of agriculture.

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Russia Buys Colliers

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The Times this morning states that Russia has bought ten Hamburg-American steamers for delivery at Libau with cargoes of coal. It is supposed they are designed for employment as colliers to the Baltic squadron.

The Daily Telegraph this morning says that it is understood that the principal French banking houses which opposed the Russian loan have now yielded and that the loan will be concluded. Chas. M. Schwab, on his arrival at Plymouth, was served with a high court writ at the instance of Dayid Rothschild of London claiming damages for breach of contract. The writ was served on board the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm and the interesting question arises whether the liner could be regarded as German soil, in which case the services would be illegal. It is stated that the matter will have to be decided by the courts.

EDITING A PAPER IN OKLAHOMA.

Apropos of our editorial difficulties last week, the following appreciation, which, of course, could only originate in the brain of an inventive "American." may not be out of place: "All a fellow has to do to be an editor in Oklahoma," says the editor of the Centre News, "is to be able to write poems, discuss the tariff and money questions, sumpire a basebail game, report a wedding, saw wood, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, madeone dollar do the work of ten, shine at a dance, measure calico, abuse the liquor habit, test whiskey, subscribe to charities, go without meals, attack free silver, defend bimetallism, sneer at snobbery, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, overlook scandal, appraise babies, delight pumpkin raiser, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgrunted, fight to a finish, set type, mould opinious, sweep the office, speak at prayer meetings, and stand in with everybody and everything."—Bx.

AGAINST A CONSTITUTION. Nobility of Moscow and Other Districts Pronounce Against Change.

Unique Will On Birch Bark

strange Testament of Prospector Who Died Near Headwaters of Stewart River.

Scrawled Statement to Loved Ones on Bark in the Far North.

Troops are arriving here from Simperfol.

Lord Salisbury's

Great Indiscretion

Youthful Peer Writes to the Times and Embarrasses Mr.

Religour.

weather was extremely cold and there was mot radii.

"I met the party camped in the snow. It was only a few hours before McNelli died. I had met him before and he asked me to hunt up his nieces. We had no paper, so the sick man wrote out his will on a piece of bark and we each signed it as witnesses.

"McNelli died that night and we buried him in the snow. I came to Dawson and Rice and McCollogan turned back to their claims."

Hoss departed yesterday for Portland for a brief visit. He will return to Alaska in a few weeks. While in Seattle he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Delpha, of 417½ Fifth avenue.

HINTS FOR THE FRONT LAWN.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

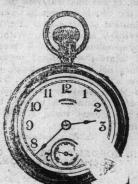
As the snowdrifts subside the careful gardener will notice that they wil! 'ea re a thin, sticky coat of black soon on the grass plot. This must be removed at once. o. it will destroy the turf. Every morning wash the lawn with castile soap, cleansing thoroughly. Do not shampoo the grass, as it will cause it to split at the case and fail out. Dry carefully with a palm leaf fan. A good lawn is worth all the care you can bestow upon it.

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