JURISDICTION OVER COMPANIES

Government May Provide Legislation Compelling Them to Keep Their Agreements with Employees

OTTAWA, March 29 .- The Two Grand Trunk bills, one of which involves is sues of about \$30,000,000 of securities were talked out in the house tonight in the hour for private bills and the chief agent in this progress was the minister of labor. After the hour had passed Major Currie, who had the bills in hand asked what further chance they would have and was told that the private bills would be given a chance, either tomorpathized with them but pointed out the financial conditions involved.

"The time is not far distant," said Mr. Crothers, in the course of his speech When it will be the duty of parliament to provide the means whereby a quasipublic companies can be compelled to treat their employes decently and fairly and to keep their agreements.'

He suggested that the railway mission might properly be given juris-

HAZEL DOLLAR HAS TO DISCHARGE LUMBER

Damaged British Preighter Will no Enter Drydock for a Few Days -At Bullen's Wharf

The steamer Hazel Dollar did not go into the drydock at Esquimalt yesterday as was anticipated. It has been decided to remove part of the cargo of lumbe on board the vessel instead of docking her without discharging as had been planned. The Hazel Dollar has been moved to the wharf at the British Columbia Marine Railway company's yards for this purpose and has been placed under the big shearlegs. broken rudder is to be lifted out with the shearlegs, and it is not expected that the vessel will enter the dock fo

SURVIVORS OF FOXLEY AT VALPARAISO

Chilian Government Sends Vessel Assist Shipwrecked Men-Ves-sel Lost on Naborough

VALPARAISO, March 29 .- The regu lar boat from Punta Arenas, Magellan Straits, arrived here today, bringing Capt. Mathieson, the first mate and the first and second engineers of the British steamer Foxley, which left Iquique March 6 and was wrecked on March 18 on Narborough Island one of the Chonos group, off the coast of Chile. The Chilgovernment has sent a vessel to the assistance of the rest of the crew.

The Foxley is a steam freighter well known here, having brought a cargo of steel and general merchandise from New York to the outer wharf. The Fox ley was one of the steamers at Port Arthur harbor when the war began bctween Russia and Japan with a dash by a flotilla of torpado boats on the Rus sian squadron, and ran the risk of the gun fire when leaving.

FLOODS IN THE EAST

Train Services in Mebraska Are De-moralized—Situation in Mississipi Valley.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 29,-Train service in eastern and central Nebriska is demoralized on account of the flood in the Platte river; and its tributaries. Of the four lines of railroad: running between Lincoln and Omahe the tracks of only one, the Burlington, are in commission tonight.

Today saw the partial wrecking of two more railroad bridges across the Platte, that of the Northwestern and of the Burlington, both at Fremont Fetween Fremont and North Bend, 15 miles, west, two miles of main line of

the Union Pacific is washed away. The pounding of ice tonight loosened the piling at one end of the Burlington bridge at Grand Island, making it impassible.

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- The weather bureau tonight issued a special flood bulletin. Heavy rains of Thursday have intensified the gravity of the situation in the Mississippi river from the mouth of the Ohio southward and have started all rivers in the south Atlantic and Gulf states towards flood stage.

NORTH POLE IS A "WOBBLER"

That the vast outbound territories in the Arctic regions taken possession of and explored by Captain Bernier for Canada are not tracts of useless land, but abound in mineral wealth of inestimable value, including millions of tons of coal, was an announcement made by the famous Canadian explorer in his address in St. George's hall, Ottawa.

Captain Bernier spoke to an audience which filled all available space in the hall and overflowed into the corridors.

"I have been talking for an hour," said Captain Bernier when nearly through with his address "but in that time I have not begun to tell you of my experiences in the north and to describe the country I have been exploring and taking possession of for Canada."

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According to Captain Bernier there are vast coal fields on the Barry and other islands in the Arctic, containing millions of tons of the very best of coal, which will provide an unending source of supply for Canada and other countries in the future. The captain showed slides portraying men shoveling coal right on the surface of one of the hlands. Specimens of the coal were brought back to Canada and will be put on exhibition in the museum here. The speaker declared that it would probably be to the interest of tae Canadian government to aid the inhabitants of the north country to size this reserve.

Mineral Wealth.

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The north land, Captain Bernier stated, also rich in copper iron and gold which some future date would be mined by anadians.
Another statement receives with interest that is his orbital there is a vast land.

a continent in fact, to the northwest that has never been touched on by whiteman.

"I have watched closely the animal life in the north," said Captain Bernier, "and have always found it a most reliable source of assistance in my work. It has never failed. I have seen in the north that the birds and animals in summer go northwest to rear their young in a land that white men has never invaded. They come from that direction again in the fail so there must be something there. That gate is alar and if I am aided I intend to discover and take possession of this land for Canada, as well as much more in the Arctic to the north."

on his expedition Captain Bernier has found records of perhaps every explorer who has braved the dangers and hardships of the polar regions. On an island in Erebus Bay were found the tombstones which marked the last resting places of the many of members of the crew of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated expedition. The yacht Mary abandoned on an island in the same bay aliled with provisions by Sir John Ross was also discovered. Provisions left by Captain Parry and records of McClure and a number of others were also found and will be put on exhibition. In some instances nothing but rope in one case the ruins of a small boat abandoned in 1854 told silently a tale of hardships and suffering that had ended in death far from civilization.

"The real credit for work in the north

"The real credit for work in the north must be given to these pioneer explorers," declared the explorer.

Pele Shifts.

Pole Shifts.

Captain Bernier declared that in his opinion the earth wobbles and the pole is not in the same position all the time. This is caused in part by the action of millions of tons of ice at the north and south poles. On all islands landed on, the Captain had erected cairns and planted the Canadian flag. All bays and harbors gone into had been made navigable. In July, 1911, the Arctic archipelago was taken posession of while on Deminion day of the same year a flag given Captain Bernier before he left on his last trip by the St. George's society was placed on a cape called St. George. A duplicate which went on the trip was brought back and presented to the society by Captain Bernier last night. The flags were duplicates of the one given by Lady Gray to Lieutenant Shackleton before his expedition to the South Pole.

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In speaking of the dangers on the trip. Captain Bernier spoke in glowing terms of the government ship "Arctic" which has gone through four polar expeditions unharmed. He had traveled 40,000 miles in it.

"The Arctic, although slow, is one of the finest ships in the world today. It is built on the same plans as the Fram. It is not an ice breaker but the lee cannot break it."

The speaker declared that only a ship that was made to withstand ice should go into Hudson Bay, whose waters, he continued, abound in splendid fish but few whales. He declared that many rivers of the north teem with salmon.

Took Precautions.

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In speaking of the dangers of the trip Captain Bernier asserted that he had built coaches all along the route taken so that if the ship had been lost it would be possible for he and his 35 men to make a return trip. He could possibly have made the northwest passage had he had instructions to do so but when he had not he could not take such chances, as would be necessary.

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"A man who takes chances in the ice never comes out alive," he said.

Captain Bernier referred only in a general way to Dr. Cook, Peary and Amundsen. Expeditions to the North have gained many thousand square miles for Canada, he announced.

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Captain Bernier stated that Captain Nansen will conquer the north pole if he has all the necessaries of life and a good ship to take on the trip. To reach the pole by the floating method which has proved there is land at the pole, a ship should set sail with five years' provisions and a crew with strong constitutions are temperate habits. All the necessaries of life must be taken along.

Captain Bernier has written St. George's Society informing it that the two silk Union Jacks given him by two past presidents of the society, Messrs. Fred. Cook and E. S. Leetham, were placed in a cairn on a headland which he called St. George's Cape.

LOCAL CLEARINGS SHOW INCREASE

March Returns Constitute a Monthly Record for City, Indicative of the Industrial Growth of Victoria

March, according to the local clearing returns, returns which are conceded to be the barometer of trade and financial conditions and indicate the progress or otherwise of industrial and commercial conditions, constitutes a record month in the history of the local clearing house. Aggregate clearings for the month were \$13,246,571, as compared with \$12,610,627 for the preceding month. For the first three months of the year the aggregate clearings were \$37,759,723, as compared with \$31,-350,917 for the corresponding period one

The returns by months for the year to date compared with the same months in the two previous years, are as fol lows:

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COAL CRISIS IN U. S. A. Anthracite Miners Likely to Quit Work

on Sunday

CLEVELAND, O., March 28-Admitting they appeared to be far from an agreement as they were a week ago, the operators and miners of the bituminous coalfields who are endeavoring to fix a two year wage scale to take effect on April 1, in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois today referred the dispute back to the subcommittee. The sub-committee will meet tomorrow in a final effort to prevent a suspension in the mines beginning next Sunday at midnight.

The anthracite mines, according to officials of the United Mine Workers of America, have no alternative but to quit on Sunday midnight as the present wage scale will expire then. The operators today repeated their refusal to grant any of the miners' demands.

Illinois operators representing mines in which 76,000 men are employed held a separate meeting tonight to consider wage advance asked in their dis trict. ? They assert that Illinois miners will want from 6 to 10 or 20 cents more than the miners in other states It was decided that this dispute should go over until after the full conference reports.

Australian Diamond Theft

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29, Hector Jewell, alias Henry Johnson, was arrested here today and charged with the theft of \$10,000 worth of diamonds in Sydney, Australia, in August, 1908. Jewell is said to have confessed to the local police. Jewell, according to the

local police, robbed Sutton and Co. at Sydney and fled to San Francisco. He was apprehended on board ship and was apprehended on board ship and placed in irons, but escaped while the steamer was docked at this port. The diamonds were recovered. Jewell re-cently worked as a farm hand at Sacramento, California.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Pankhurst, Leader of the Violent

LONDON, March 29.—Bail was refused yesterday to Mrs. Pankhurst, leaders of the militant suffragettes, who, with Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, joint editors of Votes for Wo-men, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey sessions by the police magis-trate at the Bow street court.

Mrs. Maude Luke was discharged Mrs. Lawrence was released on \$20,000 and her husband on \$15,000 bail. The charge is in connection with th

recent window smashing raids in Lon-Mr and Mrs. Lawrence undertook to abstain from any further violen pending their trial at the Old Bailey Mrs. Tuke, who is in illhealth, fainted during the hearing Mrs. Pankhurst was sent back to Holloway jail to complete the sentence of two months passed on March 2.

Olympic Games

TORONTO, Ont., March 28 .- The an nouncement was made today that Mel Brock, the varsity half-mile champion and member of the Festival of Empire team at London last June, would not go to the Swedish carnival in July or any account. This makes the fifth athlete who has won local and foreign fields who has declared his intention of remaining at even should he be select ... The others are: Harry Tressider, the miler; Arnold Knox, half-mile; Tait, one mile, and Frank Halbhaus, sprinter. All these boys stood a splen did chance of winning a place on the Canadian team. It is also declared that Walter Andrews, the Canadian bi cycle champion, may be compelled to obligations; while Fred McCarthy may also refrain from making the trip.

COMPOSITION OF

Members of Republican Government Have Had Military and Diplomatic Experience in the Past

PEKING, Mar. 29 .- Every member of Premier Tang Shao Yai's cabinet is a The foreign minister, Lu Cheng Hsiang, formerly was minister to the Netherlands and was a delegate to the peace conference at the Hague

Hsung Hsi Lung, the finance minis ter, is a native of the province of Hu Nan, and formerly was acting commissioner of Foreign Affairs in the prov-

· Tuan Shi Jai, secretary of the army, is a native of Ngan Hwei. He was acting viceroy of the provinces of Hu Nan and Hu Peh in 1911 and also will be commander of the troops. He gave great assistance to the republican forces during the revolution.

Wang Chun Hu, minister of justice was minister of foreign affairs in the provisional cabinet formed by Dr. Sun. Lang Ju Hao, minister of communica-tions is a native of Kwang Tung and was secretary to the board of foreign affairs in March 1908 and vice-president of the board of communications in the cabinet formed by Yuan Shi Kai Chou Ping Hsun, minister of the interior, is a native of Hu Non

OPENING UP THE NITINAT DISTRICT

Boad, Trail and Bailway Construc to Make Accessible One of the Picturesque Sections

Considerable activity is being exhibit ed in the Nitinat lake district in the way of road construction, A trail is being cut from the lake to Clo-cose for the immediate provision of transit between the two places. This trail will eventually be converted into an up-todate highway, the government having given assurances that the work will be undertaken at an early date.

It is not generally known that the Nitinat lake section of the Island is in the fair weather belt, and meteorologi-cal observations show that the climatic conditions there are similar to those in Victoria. Large portions of the land there are in timber limits, but in addition many favorable locations can be had for settlement, some even with considerable acreage naturally cleared or partly so.

The fishing season in the lake has opened up well and a good catch of hallbut was landed by the Indians during the past week. Hitherto lack of transportation has kept this district from becoming more widely known, but with the advent of roads, a rapid change is in progress and it is anticipated that when the railroad brings Victoria within a few hours distance by train jour-ney, boarding houses and hotels will be established and the district will command the attention of the sportsmer and the tourists. The scenery is described by visitors who have been there as of a most romantic character, resembling in many respects that of Devonshire in the old land.

A branch of the Development League was recently formed at Nitinat, its secretary being Mr. Louis C. J. Doerr, whose headquarters are at Clo-oose.

William Constable, a Kelowna team ster, last week received injuries which resulted in his death a few hours later, through falling from his loaded wagon, the wheels of which passed over his

Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race Called Owing to Unfavorable Conditions Takes Place Monday

PUTNEY, Eng., Mar. 30 .- After both shells had become waterlogged the annual eight-cared rowing contest between crews representing Oxford and Cam-bridge universities, which started this morning at Putney bridge, was declared race. It will take place on Monday. At an early hour the towing paths and other vantage points along the river-side were filled with tens of thousands of spectators who annually attend the

of spectators who annually attend the aquatic struggle.

Oxford was robbed of what would have been an easy victory by rough water. The Cambridge shell was the first to get under water, a little over a mile from the start. The boat commenced to ship water soon after the content of the conten signal was given to start. The Oxford eight managed to go as far as Chis-wick Eyot, about three-quarters of the distance, when the boat swamped. Undark blues after towing their boat shore and emptying out the water re-embarked and finished the course.

The public was somewhat influenced in favor of the Oxford crew, due to the fact that R. C. Bourne has stroked the crew to victory in the three preceding races, and it expected him to establish a record by winning a fourth successive

When the shells were carried down the slips by the crews and placed in the water, the Oxford men were seen to be much heavier than their oppon Their average weight was 175 pounds, against the 166 pounds for the

The toss for position was won by Oxford, and the crews then paddled off to the boats moored just above Putney bridge, from which they were to start. Oxford chose the Surrey side.

At 11.48 the pistol shot was fired fo the start. Both crews were soon in dif-ficulties owing to the rough water created by the strong headwinds. Their progress was very slow, and both shells were soon more or less waterlogged. As they turned the bend off Craven Cottage matters became worse, and the Cambridge crew eventually abandoned the race before half the distance had been covered.

The Oxford crew continued, but could make little headway. The boat covered nearly three-quarters of the course when it capsized. The men succeeded in righting it and clambering in again. They then paddled clong the the course to Mortlake and completed the course, but the judges, after considering it, deolared the contest no race.

Oxford took the lead in the race al-

most from the start. The light blues appeared nervous, and besides taking in a miniature sea owing to the choppy water, they slipped more water from their oars. In the first minute Cambridge was striking 38 to the minute and Oxford

36. At Craven Steps Oxford led by nearly a length, and at the Crabtree by four and a half lengths, rowing 28 to the minute, Cantabs 31. By the time they reached Harrod's stores, a little over a mile from start, they were compelled to abandon their boat. The majority of the crew swam ashore and the remainder were

picked up by the umpire's boat. The Oxford crew by hugging the shore kept out of the roughest water until they reached Chiswick Evot. There their coach ordered them to bail their shell, but they were either unable to do so or misunderstood the order. Instead of a bailing they ashore, which is a clear breach of the rules of the race, and the umpire's decision that the contest was "no race"

was a foregone conclusion.

The official time for the whole course from Putney to Mortlake is given at 25 minutes 38 seconds, but the Oxford crew had already occupied 18 minutes when their boat was

The Oxford crew, which had been favorites in the betting for some time strengthened its position at the last moment. Guy Wickalls and other fa-mous old blues and other experts were, however, of the opinion that although they considered the dark blue the better crew, the great odds offered on them were unjustified.

MANHATTAN IS BEING REPAIRED

New England Pish Company's Vesse Overhauling at Esquimalt—Other

The fishing steamer Manhattan, of the New England Fishing company, is being overhauled at Esquimalt readiness for the summer's work on the northern fishing grounds. Quite a fleet of vessels are at the Esquimalt shipyards undergoing repairs and improvements. The work of placing tanks and the Dahl system of oil burning apparatus in the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert is well under way, and i' is expected the steamer will be completed in about three weeks. The work of repairing the steamer Prince Albert, on which some rivets are being tightened and the propeller repaired, will be completed in a few days, and the G. T. P. freighter will be brought back to the inner harbor to reload the lumber discharged at the company' wharf.

MOTOR CAR TRAGEDY

Bandit Pires At Occupants Patally In juring Two Persons and Wound-ing a Third

PORTLAND, hearch 29,-Angered when his command to hait was not comwhen his command to hait was not com-plied with, a robber fired several shots into a motor car party at Elk Rock, on the Oregon City-Portland road, fatelly injuring two of the occupants and

One of the injured, George Hastings, a traveling salesman, died after being taken to the hospital. Donald Stewart, a youth employed by a grain elevator company, who received three wounds in his head is reported to be dying. The third, Irving Lupton, a high school stuany, who received three wounds in dent, was slightly injured in the arm.

Doctor Dies of Hookworm

SEATTLE, March 29 .- Dr. John Tieleman, aged 48 years, a well known physician, died today at his home in this city of the hookworm, contracted, it is believed, while doing laboratory work in San Francisco in 1909. In that year Dr. Tiedeman was engaged in making tests for the detection of hookworm disease in soldiers returning from the Philippine islands. Dr. Tiedeman himself toward the end diagnosed his illness as due to the hookworm, and the certificate of death issued by Dr. Benjamin Paschall assigns this cause. Dr. Tiedeman practiced medicine in San Francisco five years.

Sent in 22 Palse Alarms

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29 .- Albert Muntzwa, a youth, was arrested today charged with having turned in 22 false fire alarms since last Saturday night. He admitted his guilt. "I had a fuss with a firemen at the corner of Twenty-fourth street and Maple avenue and I decided to make him all the trouble I could by turning in false alarms, he stated. Police Judge Williams said he would look up the young man's re-

HINDU VOTER

Hasseim Rahim Under Arrest For Taking Part in Provincial

VANCOUVER, March 29.-A war rant has been issued for the arrest of Hasseln Rahim, a Hindu for voting in the provincial elections yesterday Rahim's name is alleged to have been placed on the electoral list following his declaration that he was a qualified elector. An investigation is held by the attorney-general into the circumstances. Rahim has evaded deportation from Canada after fighting

LOSSES IN SIX DAYS' FIGHT

Rebel Leader Estimates Federal Casualties at 450 Killed Wounded and Taken Prisoners

JIMENEZ, March 29 .- The rumo that General Trucy Aubert was killed in yesterday's battle between federals whom he commanded and rebels under Generals Salazar and Fernandsez, was unfounded.

Benjamin Vasquex, correspondent of El Correo, a daily newspaper of Chihuahua City, lost his life as he was about to enter an adobe house. Four federals were hidden incide and all were reported to have been killed when the rebels came up and demolished the place. To all appearances, General Pascual Orozco, as the rebel command er in chief, has issued an order to Gen eral Campa to occupy Parral. There may be fighting at that place, as it is rumored that General Pancho Villa now holds the town.

General Orozco estimated that the federal loss in the six days was 450 killed, wounded and taken prisoners. is own loss was about half of that Preparations to march on the government military base at Torreon are proceeding deliberately. General Orozco is calm and wary in the midst of victory, and will not move until he feels assured that success is certain. He said tonight that, additional recruits from Durango and Coahulla were on their way to this city.

MERRY SQUABBLE **OVER OPERA HOUSE**

BERLIN, March 29.-There is merry squabble between the Prussian government, which means the Kaiser in this case, and the municipality of Berlin, over the new royal opera house which is to be built in the Konigs platz at a cost of \$2,750,000. Prussia wants Berlin to buy the present ramshackle structure in Unter den Linden, which is to be abandoned, but on condition that the crown shall still have a measure of control over the premises. Prussia is also "willing" that the municipality shan concribute to the cost of the new opera on condition that there will be no attempt to interfere with the Crown's management. It is manifest that the Prussian government has a keen eye to busi-ness, but a woefully dull sense of humor, for the municipality's democratized council, with whom the decision rests, does not dream of entering into one-sided bargains of the sort proposed. The city, if it buys the old opera, intends to convert it into a large hall for great civic festivals. The crown, it is said, does not contemplate with equanimity the prospect of functions for the masses on premises hallowed by such exclusive memories and seeks to place itself in the position of being able to decide the purpose for which it may be desired to place the building from time to time.

Robbery the Motive PARIS, March 30 .- When a train

from Dijon drew up at the station of Chalons-sur-Saone about nine o'clock the other night a young man was seen to spring lightly from a first-class carriage, hurry to the station exit, and disappear. A minute or two later a passenger, opening the door of the compartment which the young man had just quitted, found the dead body of a man lying in a pool of blood on the or. The victim was identified as a butcher named Andre Martz, in bust-ness at Chalons-sur-Saone, who fre-could, went to Power, to be was

meat purveyor to a cavelry regiment there. Robbery was evidently the mo-tive of the crime, for the man's pocketbook containing between \$600 and \$800 was missing. The murderer also reliev ed him of his railway ticket, which with rare audacity, he gave up on leav ing the station at Chalons. The ticket stained with blood, has been found among those taken by the ticket col-The murderer donned his victim's fur coat to cover up his garments cult, and the coat was found by the police in a street at Chalons in the morning.

Trowel as Memento

MALTA March 30 -The silver trow el used by Queen Adelaide in laying the foundation-tone of St. Paul's church in 1838 was handed to the officials of that church by the governor, acting under the instructions of King George. The trowel was accompanied by a letter t the governor, stating: "His Majesty would be obliged if you would hand over this trowel to the responsible church official, as the King would wish it kept in the church." The interesting little ceremony of giving the trowel into the oustody of the officers of the church took place at the palece, last Sunday morning.

The Primrose Path

SEATTLE. March 30.-Frank H. ompson, aged 21 years, in whose pocket letters were found showing that he is a son of L. T. Thompson, cashier of the Home Savings Bank of Los An geles, was arrested today changed with passing a worthless cheque on a hotel keeper. Letters from the young man's father showed that he had spent thousands of dollars in endeavoring to reclaim his son. The youth had written to his father that he had borken his leg; that he had married and that his baby

A ROMANCE OF THE LONG AGO

After Very Many Years, Relatives the Late George E. Holmes Will Recover Memorial Souvenir Since the publication last Sunday by

the Colonist of the little story dealing with the finding of a memorial ring making an excavation at the grounds of the Government house a short time ago, much interest has been aroused as to the history attaching to the keepsake, which bore the inscription

"George Robert Holmes, died July 25, 1842, aged 17.

A number of readers who believed that they could throw some light upon the identity of the owner very kindly communicated with the Colonist. Among these was Mr. R. T. Williams, of th government printing office, who vouch safed the information that an inspectio of the government accounts shows that in the early "70's" there was a Robert Holmes employed on road work and that he may have been a relative of the erson who lost the ring

Probably the correct theory respecting the owner is advanced by Mrs. King, of 852 Courtney street. This lady is a distant relative of a Mrs. (Capt.) King, who was a Miss Holmes. The latter lived for some time closely adjacent to the old government house which was destroyed by fire twelve or thirteen years ago, and the suggestion is that the ring was worn in memory of her brother who died in England prior to Mrs. King's

coming to this country.

The ring itself is now in possessi "The Colonist," and will be turned over to any person who may be to hand it to some relative of the forstill highly prized by the family. Originally the ring was enamelled in black, with a thin line of gold in the centre. Where the stone in an ordinary ring would be, was a little curl of hair. this has long since disappeared. The inscription is inside the ring, and is an distinct as the day upon which it was engraved.

CANADIAN MILLS WILL GET AUSTRALIA'S TRADE

Beciprocal Arrangement between Dom minion and Commonwealth to Benefit Local Timber Industry

PORTLAND, March 30 -- Private cable advices have been received from Australia to the effect that the com missioners appointed some time ago by the Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia to propose plans and consider means to promote and develop trade relations has resulted in a tacit agreement, subject to the approval of the respective parliaments, to place a duty equal to that now in force in this country, which is \$2 a thousand feet, on all American manufactured lumber taken into Australia or Canada. There are many other subjects of similar nature to be considered, any one of which may result in a disagreement or delay. However, if the plan of imposing a tariff on American lumber in Australia is effected it will serve to divert from 50 to 65 per cent, of the off-shere trade in timber now enjoyed by Oregon and Washington mills, t British Columbia. Already several large mills are being built on Fraser River and the coast of southwesterr Canada to take advantage of the new market. More than half of the lumber exported by the northern states on the Pacific coast is marketed in Australia. The margin of profit is now too small even remotely to consider American mills attempting to compete against a discrimination of \$2 in favor of the Canadian mills, where both labor and raw material is considerably cheaper than on this side of the bound-If the plan goes through on the line

proposed and the hopes of British Col-umbian mill owners are realized as to the effect the Panama Canal will have on their trade, the American mills will lose a great volume of business. The Canadians say they can utilize cheap foreign steamship tonnage, ship lumber into Atlantic coast state markets, pay the American duty and successfully compete with the Pacific coast state mills, provided, however, that there is no discrimination in canal dues in fav-or of United States ships.

IS ARRANGED

C. P. R. Will Run Steamer Iroquois Between Victoria and Tacoma Six Days a Week with Seattle Stopover

terday by Captain J. W. Troup, manage of the C. P. R. steamship company, of the establishment about the beginning of May, of a service six days a week between Victoria and Tacoma, via Seattle, with the steamer Iroquois. The schedule for the new service was ar ranged at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma with Captain Troup, H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., and Joshua Green at Tacoma. It has been arranged so that a double service will be provided be tween Victoria and Seattle every day except Sunday. The Iroquois will leave Victoria at \$:30 a. m. for Seattle and Tacoma, reaching the latter port at 3.00 p. m. and will leave Tacoma at 8:30 m. on her return voyage, reaching Victoria at 6 a. m. Connection made at Seattle and Victoria with the steamers bound to Vancouver from those ports.

About the beginning of May, the C. P. R. will arrange its summer services, giving three trips each day both ways between Victoria and Vancouver. Princess Victoria, which is being overhauled and converted into an oil-burner alongside the C. P. R. wharf, and the Princess Charlotte, will run on the triangular route on a similar schedule to that of last year, and the Princess Adelaide and Princess Alice will run alternately between Victoria and Vancouver. one vessel leaving either city at midnight each day.

On May 1 the new steamer Princes Patricia the first turbine vessel to run in the coastwise service of British Co-lumbia, will start service between Nanaimo and Vancouver, and the schedule will be announced shortly.

Plans for the Victoria-Tacoma service of the C. P. R. with the steamer Iroquois have been under way for the past three months and several conferences have been held by the steamship officials and the Chamber of Commerce and Com-mercial club. The arrangements were completed at a meeting held on Thursday and the steamship officials were entertained by the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. The Tacoma people are greatly pleased with the arrangements which will bring Victoria and the Sound city into much closer relationship. A stop of thirty minutes will be made at Seattle each way bonn to last the

DEAL WITH TAXES ON LAND IMPROVEMENTS

TORONTO, March 28.-Whether or to tax land improvements at different rates, was the chief subject under dis cussion in the legislature this after noon. Two bills were before the house. one introduced by the Liberal leader, Mr. Rowell, and the other by J. A. Ellis, the Conservative member for West Ottawa. Mr. Rowell's proposal was that on a favorable vote of two-thirds of the number of ratepayers or by a twothirds vote of the council, the munici pality might impose a lower rate of taxation on improvements than it does on land. Mr. Ellis' proposal was that while land should be assessed at its actual value, improvements might, upon a vote of the ratepayers, be assessed at bills were referred to the committee.

NEED OF HIGHER TARIFF ON STEEL

Dumping of American Surplus Means That Low Prices Are Secured for Canadian Product

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., March 28.-At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company today President Harris stated that the prices had been the lowest in the history of the Canadian steel trade, due to the dumping of surplus American products on this market at prices below the cost, made possible by the inadequate Canadian steel tariff. In 1897, he said. quoting pig iron as an example, Can adian makers had protection by the duty and bounty combined of 30 per cent., but this had now decreased

less than 10 per cent.

When the bountles expired readjustment of the tariff was expected, and the delay in this had wrought great and lasting injury to the Canadian industry. He did not think it was credto Canadians that nearly onehalf of the iron and steel used in Can ada was imported from other countries, while it could, and should, with proper tariff conditions, be manufactured

Maval Court Martial

SEATTLE, March 28.-Lieut, C. L. McReynolds concluded his testimony to day at the court martial at the Puge Sound navy yard of Lieut. Chandler I Jones, U.S.N., accused by Lieut. Mc-Reynolds of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Lieut, MoRe nolds testified that the principal cause for his separation from his wife was her refusal to consider his protests against her frequent visits unattended to the quarters of brother officers. Lieut McReynolds admitted that he did no know of his wife ever having visited alone the quarters of Lieut. Jones, and said that after the first separation las summer he and Lieut. Jones continue

Hold-Up in Nelson

NELSON, B. C., March 28.—Daniel Dodds and E. Nelson appeared before magistrativiny yesterday morning and were charged with a hold-up and robbery. They were committed for trial. Dodds was recently released from the provincial jail here after scribe committed from the provincial jail here after scribe common and the provincial jail here after scribe common statements. The provincial jail here after scribe from months for a hold-up of Kamleogs. Last night John S. Darrous was stopped and robbed at the point of a revolver by two men. He believes the mer won hold him up. This is the first hold-up in Nelson in teatrescent.

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