

PEROR OPENED JAPANESE DIET

DIAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN POWERS

erations on Fiscal Measures of
importance--Brilliant Scene
in Tokio.

o, Dec. 28.—The 24th Diet was
opened at 10 o'clock to-day by
Imperial, who delivered the speech
the throne in the House of Peers.
Imperial laid stress on the increas-
ing cordial relations with foreign
powers, and the important bearing on
the Far East, of the entente
concluded with Russia, and
by Japan.

dwell on the importance of the
careful deliberation of fiscal
measures, and said he expected the
reference of the Diet in the budget
would be presented by the gov-
ernment.

opening scene in the Upper
house was a brilliant one. The 377
members, composing the House, were
in full regalia dress, while the
members of the diplomatic corps were
in uniforms.

Emperor was driven to and from
the Upper House in a closed carriage,
and from the throne will be short
replies will be presented to
the Upper House later in the
day, which the presidents of both
houses will report back to their
respective Houses the Emperor's ap-
proval and both Houses will adjourn
for the week, at which time the
business of the session will commence.

overwhelming majority of the mem-
bers in the Diet makes it impos-
sible that there will be any extended
debate, although there may be some
finance and emigration ques-
tions. It is generally understood, how-
ever, that all the leaders are practical-
ly in agreement on the government's policy,
toward the restriction of emi-

ALYZED, FAR FROM HUMAN AID

Anhungered, and Athirst
a Coola Settler Died Shortly
After Aid Arrived.

Coola, Dec. 18.—Suffering all the
of thirst and hunger, unable to
stand or to move, John Johnson, an
an settler, lay in his shack in a
Coola valley for six solid days
help came. A man past the al-
three score years, and ten, he
suddenly stricken by paralysis and
the floor.

he was assailed by cold, thirst,
hunger, condemned to die a ling-
ering death. His blankets lay within
feet of him; water stood in a pail
corner, and food on the table,
yet he could find no form of ex-
istence, even speech was beyond him,
man waited for death with joy,
the unfortunate settler. In a week
until the sixth day, in it died
like a dog. Then he was found
by a mail carrier, the latter
his weekly rounds, and shortly
the unfortunate man was
embraced the shadow he had
waited for.

y last he took up a homestead,
over 50 miles up the valley. He
a small patch of land, built a
small log cabin. His nearest
neighbors were two miles away,
and appearance for a few days did not
any surprise.

Shill, the mail carrier for the
dropped in and found the un-
fortunate settler still lingering in the
of the dread paralysis. Building
tried to bring back the glow
the frozen limbs. His attempts
a little success, but it was
rally before the end. Summon-
ed he prepared a little litter, and
while they were removing
to more comfortable quarters
died. The little group knelt
in the trail in the forest and
ad to the poor creature what
he could. In the last
the paralysis left him. He
to express his thanks by a
gesture of the hand, and then
over. His brother and sister
arrived the day after the old
d. They had journeyed up
son to join him on his land,
a him dead.

ELL HANG O'LEARY.

for Convicts Who Break Into
Prison Against Un-
popular Warden.

on, Ont., Dec. 27.—It has leak-
ed that there was a lively time all
ay night at the penitentiary.
The reason the convicts when
placed in the cells, began
about Deputy Warden O'Leary;
ang O'Leary on a sour apple

as kept up all night in face of
ined efforts of the guards to
d. The result was that twenty-
as were marked for the dun-
as there are only eleven
his department, the prison of
had to be reopened to receive
us violators of prison discip-

FIRE WIPED OUT THE BUILDINGS

AT THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS LAST NIGHT

The Cause of the Conflagration Is
a Mystery--Insurance Was
\$12,000.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Last evening the exhibition building,
together with a number of the access-
ory structures, were completely wiped
out of existence. The main building,
from the very character of it and the
style of architecture, lent itself an easy
prey to the flames once the fire got
headway. The scene was a grand one
and a spectacle, and the fire was at its height the
central part of the city was lit up as by
day. The fire broke out shortly after
8 o'clock in the southwestern section
of the main building, in the section
occupied at the last exhibition by
David Spencer, Ltd. In a short time
the fire was beyond control, and a
strong wind blowing from the south-
east. Very soon the flames had run up
the entire height of the building, and
there was one mass of flames. This did not
last long. With the main building broken
by the heat the wind played through
the structure and made short
work of the building. Then the burning
timbers fell, leaving the front
entrance as the last to be demolished
by the flames.

Thousands of citizens made their way
to the scene by tramcar, by carriages,
automobiles and on foot.
How the fire started is a mystery. J.
Bothwell, the caretaker at the grounds,
who lives in a small house near the
grounds, said he was about the
grounds just before dark. He saw no
one about of a suspicious character.
The building was all locked up, and
nothing indicated that there was any-
thing wrong. He says that about 7
o'clock he noticed the fire. Evidently
Bothwell was wrong in fixing the hour
at 7, as it was more likely 8 o'clock.
He unlocked the front door and entered
the place to find that the fire located
in the southeast section, and flames
also in the central part. Bothwell
thinks the fire started at the first
mentioned spot and had spread to the
central part by tattered remains of
drapings. He is not sure, however, that
the order may have been reversed, and
the fire started in the central portion.
At that time, he says, he could have
put it out had he had hose to attach
to the hydrant, located quite close to
the front entrance. No hose, however,
was kept there, and this precaution
resulted in the loss of the building.

W. McIntosh, superintendent of the
Old Men's Home, had the same time, and
at once notified the fire department of the
fact. He then made as fast time
possible to the building. During the
past few months Mr. McIntosh has been
constructing a launch during his odd
moments. He had permission to use
the machinery hall, which is east of the
main building, and detached from it.
The launch was nearing completion,
and it was with difficulty that Superin-
tendent McIntosh was able to get it
out of the building before the flames
spread to it. As it was he lost some
of his tools.

On receiving the alarm at the central
station, Chief Ward left for the scene
in his buggy. He reached the scene in
about fifteen minutes, but was unable
to do anything when he got there. The
distance was too great to hope to ac-
complish anything when the hose ar-
rived.

The hose cart drawn by the greys
made a fast run, but the whole place
was in flames when it reached the spot.
The remainder of the apparatus
never got to the scene. The chemi-
cal engine from Yates street did get
across the culvert which spans the
small stream flowing back of the Wil-
lows, on the road leading to the
grounds. There the wheels sunk in the
mud which covered the water main lead-
ing to the grounds. The engine was
completely put out of business, the
wheels on one side sinking to the axles.
In the meantime the John Grant en-
gine was being hauled to the scene by
one of the big teams. The immense
weight and the condition of the streets
along the route made the task a severe
one, and the building had fallen long
before the Willows was reached. Pro-
ceeding along the same street leading
to the grounds, the water main was
engine likewise got on the line of the
water main laid last summer, and went
down to the exiles, putting it out of
commission. It was not until 11 o'clock
that the engines were got out and
taken back to the stations.

With the main building burned to the
machinery hall, the building used as a
restaurant, the poultry house and ad-
joining structures all burned to the
ground, the flames ran along the horse
sheds, threatening to wipe them all
out.

The few firemen not engaged in the
work of saving the apparatus turned
their attention to putting out the fire
there. A body of firemen, with the en-
gine likewise got on the line of the
portion of the sheds so as to give a
fighting chance. The fire was put out,
however, before it reached the gap
created.

The main building was erected in
1881 by the Agricultural Society at an
initial cost of \$25,000. Since that time
it has been improved by the putting
of cement foundations and strengthen-
ing of the central part, so that with
the auxiliary buildings the cost repre-
sents a very considerable increase over
the \$25,000.

The insurance was made up of \$8,000
on the main building, \$2,500 on the sheds
and horse stalls, \$1,000 on the poultry
house, \$500 on the machinery hall and
\$200 on the office, making a total of
\$12,500.

The sheds were only partially de-
stroyed, so that in all probability the
loss collectively will be about \$10,000.
Mayor Morley says this morning in
regard to the fire, said he did not know

whether or not there was any hose at the building. He thought the care- taker should have known, and if there was not any he should have notified the executive. He did not know who was responsible, if there was not any there.

Speaking of the loss sustained, he
thought it was probably a blessing in
disguise, as the association could now
put up modern buildings and so ar-
range them that the whole lay out of
the grounds could be improved. The
big building was always, he thought,
a sort of a white elephant, as the cost
of repairing it was so great. It cost
almost as much to put up a scaffold
on it as it did to do the work.
In order to discuss the situation and
make arrangements for the future, the
Mayor has decided to call a meeting of
the Agricultural Association for Fri-
day next. They will be able to tell
just how they stand by that time, and
preliminary arrangements can be made
for reconstruction.

DISCLAIMS KNOWLEDGE.

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tor of the Montreal Star, this week
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DEVELOPMENT OF NANAIMO FISHERIES

Capitalist May Erect Herring Curing
Plant and Use Steam Trawlers
in Straits.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"J. C. W. Stanley, a well known
Englishman, is in Nanaimo this week
on a visit. Mr. Stanley has promoted
many large industries throughout the
country and is on the island looking
over opportunities here. He says the Na-
naimo Free Press. 'He is directly in-
terested in the fishing and it is to in-
vestigate primarily the Nanaimo fish-
eries that he is here.'

"It is his intention to enter
the herring business here, putting up
an experimental plant, to demonstrate
its possibilities and then to enter into
it on a large scale, using English capi-
tal. It would be the purpose of the
Nanaimo plant to cure the best fish by
Mr. Stanley's own processes for the
markets he already has, by
drying and salting the fish, and to
put up herring sardine.
"In the event of entering the busi-
ness here a plant would be put up, and
business conducted on the principles of
the herring fisheries of England and
Scotland. They would own their own
boats, employing crews on the share
system. They would build these boats
and also use one or more steam drift-
ers on the principle of those employed
in England. These drifters are 100
feet long, 25 foot beam and 8 foot
draft, with powerful engines, making
12 knots an hour.

"A small net weaving plant would
also be established in connection with
the herringery.
"If present plans mature, Mr. Stan-
ley hopes to start work on the local
plant at a very early date. He is
enthusiastic of the possibilities of the
industry here, and being a man who
has handled many big things and has
made a success of them, he would not
doubt do much towards the develop-
ment of the herringery here.
"Mr. Stanley recently organized the
British Canadian Wood & Pulp Com-
pany at Vancouver for the utilization
of waste products."

MICA DEALER'S CLOSED DOWN.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Owing to the
failure of several large numbers of
United States, which formerly bought
their supplies of mica from Gattineau
Valley dealers, the latter in some cases
have been forced to close their doors
and in other cases their stocks are be-
ing sold by auction.

PHYSICIAN COULD
NOT CURE HIMSELF

Dr. J. F. Peasden Succumbs to
Lockjaw--Beggad That End be
Put to His Life.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 27.—Dr. J. F. Peas-
den, employed by the Chicago pack-
ing firm, died last night of lockjaw,
resulting from a fracture of the nose
which occurred a week ago.
Dr. Peasden fell down a stairway
in the laboratory of the packing plant,
the vein over the nose was broken and
the wound became infected with tetanus
germs.

Dr. Peasden was the physician was
suddenly stricken with lockjaw. He
diagnosed his own case and with the
aid of pencil and paper directed his
family to set him to a hospital. He
then sent for his lawyer and made his
will.

During his illness he constantly
joined with hospital physicians in their
consultations and gave it as his opinion
several days ago that he could not re-
cover, and asked the surgeons to put
an end to his life. The immediate
cause of death was said to be heart
failure following a convulsion.

COUSINS' TRAGIC QUARREL.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—A special to
the Constitution from Elliday, Ga., says: "In
shooting at a John Southern's store,
in the town of Gilmore county yester-
day, R. M. Reese was shot and in-
stantly killed by his cousin, Floyd Reese,
who was also fatally wounded. After
being shot six times, it is said Robert shot
and fatally wounded his cousin."

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Last night's
hockey games resulted as follows: At
Kenora, Strathcona 14, Kenora Thistles
1. At Winnipeg, Portage 15, Prairie 2.
Wanderers, Montreal, 1.

G. T. R. AND TWO CENT RATE.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The railway com-
mission has given until March 1st to
the Grand Trunk to appeal to the privy
council against the two cent rate.

NOSSE IS NOT IN "ROYAL RAGE"

JAPANESE CONSUL ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS

Characterized Winnipeg Dispatch as
Fabrication--Said "An Revolt,
But Not Good Bye"

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Before leaving
last night for his native land the
attention of Japanese Consul-General
Nosse was called to a dispatch which
appeared in the Winnipeg papers of
Monday alleging that he had charged
the Dominion government with a breach
of faith in the immigration question,
and that he is in a "royal rage" with
the authorities at Ottawa.

Mr. Nosse characterized the dispatch
as fabrication from start to finish. He
remarked: "I have never said to a
living soul that the Canadian govern-
ment has been guilty of any breach of
faith. My relations with the authori-
ties at Ottawa at all times have been of
a most friendly character. I am not in
a 'royal rage.' On the contrary, at
this joyous season of the year I have
nothing but feelings of good will to-
wards all men. I am leaving Ottawa
to-night for a visit to my native coun-
try and in doing so shall carry with
me the kindest feeling for the people
and the government of Canada, real-
izing at the same time that I have made
many friends in the Dominion during
my many years' residence. I hope in
future as in the past to continue my
efforts to promote close relations be-
tween Japan and Canada, commercial-
ly and otherwise. To all my Canadian
friends I offer the Japanese farewell,
'Sayonara,' which may be interpreted
as 'Au Revoir, but not good-bye.'"

GRANBY SMELTER IN FULL BLAST

Satisfactory Agreement Between
Company and Employees--Rejoic-
ing in Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, Dec. 26.—A satisfactory
agreement has to-day been made be-
tween the Granby Company and its
employees, and the smelter will re-
sume operations to-morrow.

About two hundred men went to work
at the Phoenix mines to-day.
There is much rejoicing to-day in
Grand Forks over this final termina-
tion of the labor trouble. It is under-
stood that the full blast of eight fur-
naces will be in operation at once. Both
the C. P. R. and the Grand Forks Ore
are getting their ore trains in shape
for the Phoenix run, and everything
now looks prosperous.

IN AID OF HOME.
Orphanage Will Receive the Proceeds
From Disposition of Two Well
Bred Dogs.

C. H. Wilson, a dog fancier of repute,
who lives at the corner of Hillside
avenue and Cook street, has two Eng-
lish dogs of good stock that he intends
to donate to the Protestant Orphan-
home. Mr. Wilson does not propose to
hand the dogs over to the institution
literally but has arranged for the print-
ing and circulation of 150 draw-tickets
which are to be disposed of at \$1 each
and may be purchased at the Hub
cigar store, Government street.

On Friday night two tickets will be
drawn and the holder of the first num-
ber will have first choice of the two
valuable dogs, the second holder tak-
ing the remaining setter. Both of the
dogs are worth over \$25 and come of
English stock. All the proceeds will
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CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Mr. J. A. Brewster and Miss Ellen
White Were United in Matrimony.

On Christmas night a quiet wedding
was solemnized at the residence of
Mr. Samuel Verge, Third street, the
contracting parties being Mr. James
Archibald Brewster, of Victoria, and
Miss Mary Ellen White, of Cumber-
land. The Rev. Mr. Tapscott officiated
at the ceremony.
The bride was dressed in pink silk
and looked very charming. The brides-
maid wore cream silk. The brother
and sister of the groom were present
at the ceremony.
After the wedding feast the evening
was passed with songs and music.
Among those who contributed to the
programme were Mrs. M. Leary, who
gave a sweet rendering of "Sing Me to
Sleep," and also "Life's Dream is
Over." Mrs. Lenn also sang several
songs in all of which she was heartily
and to advantage. Miss White added to
the enjoyment of the evening.
The happy couple were the recipients
of numerous presents. They will take
up their residence of 110 Hillside ave-
nue.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

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\$1,000,000 IN ROLLING STOCK.

Amount Spent During Past Year In
North America--Orders For 1908
Show Falling Off.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 27.—Railroads of
the United States and Canada have
spent approximately a million dollars
for rolling stock this year. This cov-
ers only the cost of the products of
car building concerns and does not in-
clude cars and locomotives construct-
ed in the railroad shops.

According to the Railroad Gazette the
effect of the financial slump will be
felt by the car builders next year. Or-
ders for new equipment to be deliv-
ered during 1908 have fallen off greatly.
The total number of cars built in the
United States and Canada this year is
268,845 against 248,905 in 1906. Of those
built this year, 248,132 were freight
cars and 5,667 passenger coaches, the
output of locomotives was 7,082 against
6,925 in 1906.

HALIFAX MEMBER.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—A petition
has been presented to the return of
John Stanfield, Conservative, in Col-
chester.

ENTIRE FAMILY WAS CREMATED

FIVE LIVES LOST IN BOSTON HOLOCAUST

House Razed to Ground When Fire-
men Arrived on Scene--
Bodies Recovered

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Five persons
were burned to death in a fire which
destroyed a house in the south suburb
early to-day. Every member of the
Clark family met death in the flames.
The dead are: Clark, his wife and
three children, 70, aged 11, Philip
aged 9 and Doris aged 2.

The cause of the fire will never be
known as the flames had made great
headway when first discovered by
neighbors shortly after 1 o'clock. The
house was two miles off the centre of
the town and by the time the firemen
had reached the scene the house had
been burned almost to the ground.

The firemen were able to locate the
bodies of the father and two boys, but
the mother and little girl were not
found until the ruins of the house had
cooled off sufficiently to permit a more
thorough search. Mr. Clark was a
salesman in a seed store on Fanuel
square, Boston. The house was valued
at about \$5,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A conference will be
held at Barbados on January 14th, when
the question of better trade relations be-
tween Canada and the West Indies will
be considered. All the West Indies col-
onies will be represented.

Canada will be represented by Ed.
Jones, a prominent merchant of Halifax,
and C. H. Farnes, deputy minister of
trade and commerce.

MAY BE CHAIRMAN.

E. A. James Said to Be Slated for Im-
portant position in Western Sec-
tion of Railway Commission.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—E. A. James, late
manager of the Canadian Northern,
who has been in Victoria for the past
two weeks, is expected to return to
Winnipeg this week. His health has
been much improved by his stay at the
coast, and it is expected that he soon
will be in harness again.

There is a rumor in local railway
circles that Mr. James is slated for an
important position on the western sec-
tion of the Canadian railway com-
mission, which is to be created with head-
quarters in Winnipeg. It is stated that
if he is selected as a member of this
branch of commission he will be made
chairman.

"LYNCH HIM."

Binghamton, N.Y., Dec. 26.—Joseph
Frank, who has been employed as a
strikebreaker in the Erie shops at Sus-
quehanna, was arrested late this after-
noon charged with the murder of John
Sullivan at that place at noon to-day.
It was with difficulty that the officers
succeeded in getting the prisoner to
the jail through the large crowd that
had gathered, and from which several
heard cries of "lynch him," "string him
up." Coroner Merrill empaneled a
jury and began an inquest into the
shootings.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY CREDI-
TORS.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—Newton
Baum to-day filed a voluntary petition in
bankruptcy. The liabilities amount to
\$200,000, with assets of \$50,000. Two hun-
dred and sixty creditors were involved.
In 1906 the total arrivals for the year
were 13,588, an increase of 1,074. There
were 9,088 immigrants by ocean ports,
and 4,500 by land. In November the
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ON FIVE CHARGES.

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SUCCESS TO HEART DISEASE.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—Rev. Robert
McCosh, rector of Christ Church in
this city for the past fourteen years,
dropped dead from heart failure short-
ly after partaking supper last night.
He was about 58 years of age.

ONE OF THE SUBMERGED.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Gustav Hoberacker, a
for dealer, committed suicide by shoot-
ing to-night. He left a letter saying he could
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der. He failed in business a year ago.

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DEADLY RACE WAR FEARED

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