# PLAINTIFF'S CASE ALMOST COMPLETE

FURTHER EVIDENCE GIVEN BY RELATIVES

Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir Owing to Ill Health Will Give Testimony at Home.

## (From Friday's Daily.)

The interest at the Hopper vs. Duns-muir trial vesterday afternoon was inmuir trial yesterday afternoon was increased by the fact that Sir Charles Hibcreased by the fact that Sir Charles Hib-bert Tupper had intimated that he would was affecting his brain. call some of the Dunsmuir family as

Alexander seemed very weak, physically, but he appeared a keen, shrewd man, Francis who knew what he wanted. Alexander took a great deal of interest in the buildfrom Mr. Dunsmuir. They discussed the question of cost, and Mr. Dunsmuir Henry R. Burroughes met Alexand nbling in his talk.

about once a week.

He also, in answer to questions by Mr. Duff, said Alexander Dunsmuir was somewhat abrupt in his ways, and his

there from drink. From this on she noon. knew he did not discontinue drinking. In Geo. Fritch, wholesale coal and shipknew he did not discontinue drinking. In September, 1898, Alexander was at his mother's house in this city. He had be-come very bent and shaky, and he had not improved in his habits. She describ-not improved in his naptical transformed by the period prior to 1898, Dealing with the period prior to 1898,

specking terms. Sir C. H. Tupper wanted the willness from  $d_{1}$ . The conservation of the kink of the kink of the kink of the state of her regarding the relations with James Dunsmuir that he had put to the previous witness. The witness remained silent, and Mr. Davis did not press the

Sir Hibbert Tupper, however, insisted then on asking the reason why James Dunsmuir and his sisters were not on speaking terms, and recalled Mrs. Snowden, who stated that James Dunsmuir had coerced his mother into giving him the property, and then led her such a that the sisters would not speak to The court then adjourned till this

morning. This Morning's Proceedings.

The evidence for the plaintiff was completed this morning with the excep-tion of one or two witnesses, who may bly yet be examined. It was also decided to have Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir examined at her home, owing to her ill health.

Reginald Chaplin, son-in-law of Mrs. uir, saw Alex. Dunsn Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir's residence in 1898, and when introduced to him Alexander only muttered. Witness left the room, thinking it very odd his brother-in-law did not speak to him. He met Alexande once a little later on the street, and said good-bye to him, but could get no an-swer. He believed Alexander was sober on both occasions. In cross-examination witness said the

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Dunsmuir family have strong aversions. and at present are quarrelling. "Our side of the family are not quarrelling," he said, but he considered James Dunsnnir's family in "the other camp." Mrs. Henry Croft, the next witness, in

1892 saw Alexander Dunsmuir in San Francisco for a fortnight, at least cnce day. She thought him very peculiar She next saw him some time between then and 1895 several times, but not long at a time. She considered on these occasions that his brain was not as clear as it used to be To this last question Mr. Davis object-

She had conversations that made her

ficult to carry on conversation with him. He had said something cracked in his head and talked about it for some time. In 1900 minute the source of the sour

In cross-examination by Mr. Davis, witnesses. Before this, however, the defence had one witness called, who was anxious to get away to San Francisco. Harry D. W. Norton, of San Fran-cisco, contractor and builder, had been the carpentry contract for building the house at San Leandro. He was there

took a great deal of interest in the build-ing. The stables were built without ref-Dunsmuir at the club several years ago. ing. The stables were built without to erence to an architect. This stable cost \$9,000, and witness took his instructions muddled condition witness did not know showed he knew what he wanted. Wit-showed he knew what he wanted. Wit-ness had no trouble to understand Duns-muir, and detailed other conversations at the Union Club. Witness then was an agent for champagne. His object in muir, and detailed other conversations with him on business subjects. Alexan-der was very decided when he had made up his mind. His remarks at all times in dealing with witness were those of an intelligent, observing man. On the 8th when it was broached. It was impossi or 9th of December, 1899, a few days ble to talk it over with him. His speech before Alexander Dunsmuir weat east for the last time, witness had a business transaction with him. He did not find it true that Dunsmuir was disconnected or registrar, showing that the will had been mumbling in his talk. In cross-examination witness said he saw Alexander the worst for liquor for wilson & Wilson for probating it. The court then rose for lunch.

### (From Saturday's Daily.)

The evidence for plaintiff being all in usiness conversations were short. Mrs. Snowden, daughter of Mrs. Joan with the exception of that of Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir, and sister of the late Alexander Dunsmuir, stated that in 1893 witnesses, the case for the defence in witnesses, the case for the defence in Brother was in a dangerous condition there from drink. From this on she noon.

not improved in his habits. She describ-ed one instance in particular. It was very difficult to carry on a conversation with him at that period, whether he was sober or intoxicated. He had be-was sober or intoxicated. He had bewas sober or intoxicated. He had be come worse and worse from year to year. It was impossible almost to speak with him. She had spoken to her brother him. She him. She had spoken to her brother him. She him.  $\begin{array}{c} come worse and worse from year to year.\\ It was impossible almost to speak with im. She had spoken to her brother james about it, and suggested that it was dangerous having Alexander look, ing from the Grand hotel, and visited him sear the saw him ill at his address the profits of the Calibrate for the business in San Francisco. Cross-examined by Mr. Davis, with a conversation. In 1899 he saw him from three to five times a month. Alexander social for the agreement in writing. It mass the agreement in writing. It answer to a question, witness said in answer to a question, witness said in answer to a question, witness said in answer to a question, witness for the dedition. In answer to a question, witness for the dedition in a sawer to a question, witness for the dedition in the same the agreement in writing. It was answer to a question, witness for the dedition of the dedition of the the dedition of the agreement in writing. It was any business and he did to the present to the difficulties for the agreement in writing. It was any business in the dedition the same the agreement in writing. It was any business in the dedition the same the agreement in writing. It was any business in the dedition the same the agreement in writing. It was any business in the dedition the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was a the world by the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the to the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and greet the agreement in writing. It was any and g$ Alexander's condition. In answer to a question, witness said she and James Dunsmuir were not on pacity was as good as formerly.



In 1895 witness saw Alexander for 1899. In October and November he muir

solicitors for the late Mrs. Dunsmuir, took the witness stand for the defence. In direct examination by Mr. Davis he said his firm received a request to nesses. before this, however, the defence had a wiress called, who was anxious to a way to San Francisco. Harry D. W. Norton, of San Fran-sco, contractor and builder, had been e carpentry contract for building house at San Leandro. He was there for such as after a few minutes the house at San Leandro. He was there for such as after a few minutes the hallucinations in his brain would show therewards. He saw Alexander Duns-therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander mas times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander times that Alexander was there therewards. He saw Alexander times that Alexander was that the same that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander times that Alexander was that the times that Alexander was there there there the times that Alexander was therewards. He saw Alexander times that Alexander was there the times that Alexander was there there there there the times that Alexander was there the tested the claim and won, establishing the fact that Mr. Dunsmuir was a resident of Victoria. Witness charged the estate \$5,000 for his services. There was nothing unusual about the fee. His firm got something like \$4,000 for services in connection with the R. Duns-muir estate, for which they had acted. The entire estate of Alexander Duns-discussion with Mrs. Dunsmuir, when muir was left to his brother, James.

Witness interviewed Mrs. Dunsmuir in Fobruary, 1900, and advised her in the event of her going north to sign nothing which would impair her rights. James Dunsmuir called on his firm in March,

witness suggested that the will might be lam aside, but Mrs. Dunsmuir would not consent to any litigation out of respect for her husband's memory, and for the sake of her reputation. It was considered at this interview that if the nsanity of Alexander Dunsmuir would Dunsmuir as to her rights in regard to nvalidate the will it would invalidate that will. Is that your idea of profesthe marriage. In that interview witness told Mrs.

Dunsmuir that Jas. Dunsmuir was a was satisfied from conversations with powerful man in this country, and wills Mrs. Dunsmuir that Alexander Dunsuld not be set aside as easily as in muir was perfectly sane. California. The subject was thoroughly tiscussed, and Mrs. Hopper instructed in regard to his conversation with Mile Creek, east of Spences Bridge. No. and the recital. witness to make the best settlement he Mrs. Dunsmuir, laying particular stress one was to blame for the accident. could. Mrs. Dunsmuir was receiving on Wilson's statement that James Duns-\$2,000 a month. They (his firm) induced James Dunsmuir to increase this amount to \$25,000 a year. They also attempted to get him to give her a lump sum of \$40,000 or \$50,000, but Mr. Dunsmuir to receive none of the principal of Alex-

James Dunsmuir in the latter's official capacity as executor. Are number. Mr. Dunsmuir told him that—he couldn't remember. In getting male teachers, which were badly needed on the staff. It wanted to the hem of the skirt of Hudson's Bay

capacity as executor. Mr. Bodwell closely pressed the witt-ness as to why he should fear that Mr. Dunsmuir would refuse to sign the document, and several little tilts between witness and counsel ensued. Witness in isted that he had been dealing with Mr. Dunsmuir for a considerable time. and had much difficulty in getting him Ts to sign the agreement. He did not in-sinuate that Hr. Dunsmuir was dishon-

would not necessarily follow any sugges-tion made by them. He never attempted

ccept the best that he could get for her, ritness said she instructed his firm to gation. oring about a settlement. He did not

know Alexander was not in his right Alexander's illness in 1899, and when ture, and that she wouldn't be able to Mr. Bodwell was not slow to take advan- reached a crisis when it was evident game which provides sport for those know Alexander was not in his right mind. Here there were more objections by Mr. Davis, and Mr. Duff, on the other hand, maintained that they were the same kind of questions as Mr. Davis jut yesterday. La 1890 avitage are an October and November, and three times in December, that Solution the action to the subject first came up for the Solution to the subject first came up for the solution to the

that the doctors had said her mother wouldn't live for more than two years. James Dunsmuir voluntarily gave Mrs. Dunsmuir \$24,000 a year, of which she was assured for four or five years in his opinion. The lump sum of \$40,000 or \$50,000, which they sought was in addi-tion to this allowance. James Duns-muir increased the allowance to \$25,000.

they considered the advisability of at-tacking the will, was not calculated to which would impair her rights. Janes Dunsmuir called on his firm in March, 1900, to see about the probate of the Dunsmuir's request, James Dunsmuir that witness's firm would give In the following June Mrs. Dunsmuir and Mrs. Hopper came to witness's their best services to Mrs. Dunsmuir, office several times. In the discussion whose rights they were protecting.

"Yes, but you had accepted a re-tainer from Mr. Dunsmuir," pursued counsel "We only acted for him in his official

capacity," replied the witness. Counsel: "And yet you advised Mrs. sional conduct?" Continuing, the witness said that he

introduced into this conversation.

Dunsmit in his official capacity you were pumping him for information which troubling eastern boards, as a number Davidge has rented for a year, and here you could use in an attack on the will? Is that another of your ideas of pro-fessional conduct?" Witness: "I didn't cided to call a special meeting of the base special m to sign the agreement. He du not hi-simuate that Hr. Dunsmuir was dishon-from everybody. I was protecting the interests of my client, as I always do." Witness could see no reason for post-poning the signing of the document. Mrs. Dunsmuir considered witness and nas brother as firm personal friends, but defined to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness: "I didn't 'pump' him. I tried to get information from everybody. I was protecting the interests of my client, as I always do." Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he method with the matter. Witness admitted that when he ferred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he for the possibility of the will be additional to the possibility of the will be addited to the possibility of the will be addited to the poss

He first heard of the will in February, ould not answer in that way. Mr. Bodwer insisted, and Mr. Davis bioted delaming that the there are considering all these. She made bijected, claiming that the witness had stated under oath that he would not answer the question as it was propound-ed. Asked if he advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to She always showed an aversion to con-

Mrs. Dunsmuir did not come to San Fran-

Alex. Dunsmuir being attacked that he one week. All, reaser was a man dur meant more than that which ordinarily was understood in a will being open to To the Editor:-I, wrote a letter last widow, three daughters and a son. It wastone week ago on Friday that Q. "Was she as hard to deal with as James Dunsmuir?" A. "Mr. Dunsmuir was a hard man to deal with—the hard-est I believe I ever did business with." Mrs. Dunsmuir was always willing to the body have been unsuccessful. The mechanics, laborers, etc. I myself have solution and the government, and yet it surely would have seven as a temporary expedi-to the advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to ac-cept this agreement, the witness caid he could not anywer in thet wave. who was with the unfortunate youth at the time of the accident. tween with many of them. Now the MINISTERS WITHDRAW. are generally dependent for their sport on the kindness of property owners, from on the kindness of property owners, from whom they have (or ought to have) ob-tained leave, and of course upon a fair stock of game being maintained. Un-less some change is made in the state of the following: "The credit the C. P. R. enjoys in Lon-"The credit the C. P. R. enjoys in Lon-Decline to Remain at Belgrade and Meet Murderers of King and Queen. affairs here, they need not count much don was illustrated to-longer upon either of these conditions, Shaughnessy announce Berlin, Dec. 12 .- The reason Germany cided to break off diplomatic relations e Mrs. Dunsmuir not to accept \$24,- cisco to the best of his knowledge deter- with the Servian government, for the The farmers find feed and harborage for advise Mrs. Dunsmur not to accept \$25,000. Mrs. 000 a year, or to accept \$25,000. Mrs. Dunsmur accepted it herself. Witness gave her the fullest possible informa-the extensive library which were willed to the extensive library which were will the present at least, is that the social sea-son is about to begin at Belgrade, and King Peter has issued invitations to the extensive library which were will the present at least is that the social sea-son is about to begin at Belgrade, and the extensive library which were willed to the extensive library which were will the present at least is that the social sea-son is about to begin at Belgrade, and invitations to ence for leave to enter on their land. gave her the rulest possible informal the con of the witness, Mr. Wilson saw that the balls, official receptions and other fes-tivities, as usual at all capitals. It is very fluction the legal protection which it receives—in the enforcement of close of the extensive norary which were which to King reter has issued invitations to ence for leave to enter on then land, the son of the witness, Mr. Wilson saw that balls, official receptions and other fesa very stiff gauntlet of cross-examination as to whether he advised Mrs. Dunsmuir to signi that agreement. The witness, however, continued to insist that he had not done so. He denied that he told Mrs. Dunsmuir was the King's representative in this province, that he controlled the legisla-

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pany, in which Mrs. Dunsmuir was inter-

Mr. Bodwell, reading the clause, proceed-

that all the rights closed with her death.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

striction.

Fatal Accident on the C. P. R.-Scarcity of Male Teachers.

Some exciting elections have just been minion, the various branches being en-

### Another Report.

after which hn adjournment was taken until Monday. (From Monday's Daily.) The cross-examination of Montford Wilson, the Galifornia attorney, by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., was resumed when the

sign anything when she came north. In probating the will he acted for James Dunsmuir in the latter are morth at the document as drawn was not bus framed as to the latter are continued at the death. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven (in the absence sider the vantage. sign anything when she taked for James probating the will he acted for James Dunsmuir in the latter's capacity as executor. Had the will been contested witness would not have appeared in the case for Mrs. Dunsmuir in having the will probated. ber, being the first organ duet that has ed to question witness as to whether the ever been played in this church. In the jons, document was so drawn up that the pay- hands of two such capable organists it as freedy as I would defend my or ment of \$25,000 a year would be suggested as ceasing with the life of Mrs. Dunsmuir, but that the half interest in the San Fran-wind supply of the organ to the utmost. that the han interest in the san Find which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which which supply of the organ to the denoted which we denoted which we denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which we denote the denoted which we denoted which w Witness replied that the clause meant and Fair" in a very effective manner. Miss E. Schi's pure soprano voice was The court then adjourned until this after-noon. "Song of Ruth," of which she gave a Word has been received of the death this favorite solo. Another selection, unsound system of taxation. The singular of a German, named Ernest Witt, an "Abide With Me," by S. Liddel, was employee of the C. P. R., who was in- given in a most artistic manner by J. G. no one appears to be responsible for it, stantly killed by the fall of a huge Brown. Jesse Longfield gave a viola

# MARRIED IN TORONTO.

the Toronto Star describes the wedding: "At 2 o'clock this afternoon at St. Witness disclaimed making a suggestion of this kind. In their negotiations were carried, though the vote (80 in all) this firm did nothing which could be consistered unprofessional. They were only acting for Mr. Dunsmuir in his official capacity as executor of the will. Counsel: "Well then, what is Mr. Dominion fruit in bis personal capacity like?" Witness: "Oh, you know him better than the set of the socianel capacity like?" Witness: "Oh, you know that I do. I." Since S did not advise Mr. Dunsmuir in bester than asking you." Witness did not advise Mr. Dunsmuir in better than the set of the fully area asking you." Witness did not advise Mr. Dunsmuir in the set of the set of

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### GAME LAWS.

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He had said someting cracke in ins head and talked about it for some time, In 1898 witness saw Alexander again in Victoria. He was not connected in his needs of thousands of dolars in boxes, the was not delirous, the would tark quite intelligenty and the would tark gometing. To-Day's Proceedings. He would tark quite intelligenty and the would tark quite intelligenty and the would tark gometing very stupid or the would tark gometing of Wison, the Gainford Wilson, of the legal firm the would tark quite intelligenty and the would tark quite intelligenty and the would tark gometing of Wison, the Gainford Wilson, of the legal firm the would tark quite intelligenty and the tark andere was not in a co

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# Victoria, Dec. 12th, 1903.

# THE GOVERNMENT BILL.

To the Editor :- There is no difference of opinion as to the necessity of some legisla. tion being provided so as to increase the revenue. It suited the aims of the people ine interpretation. She also took part who have controlled affairs in this prov-in a duet with Miss D. Sehl, their voices ince during the last decade or so to sow themding well together, and showing signs of careful training and practice. Mr. Gibson sang "The Better Land," the wind, and it logically follows that we must reap the whirlwind. Unsound prin-ciples of finance have prevailed, and there the wind, and it logically follows that we and being the possessor of a good fenor voice, gave a very good interpretation of applied to the conditions thus created an thing about the new assessment bill is that that is, no one accepts it as his creation boulder. The unfortunate man, was solo in a manner that brought out the and attempts to explain and justify its full tones of this seldom heard instru- provisions. The public understand that the boulder. The unfortunate man, was full tones of this seldom heard instru-foreman of a masonry gang on an em-ment. The church was again crowded bill as introduced was drawn up by one of Counsel pressed the witness closely bankment being constructed at Eight- to its utmost capacity both at the service | the permanent officials. The official is to be complimented upon his industry, but the astonishing feature of the case is that a measure of this far-reaching importance was left to such an official to determine, Two Well Known Victorians United in the Bonds of Matrimony. The marriage of Mr. F. C. Davidge without the ministers really knowing what be taken. But the bill introduced, and

provisions and suggest changes.

Neither of these things was done. The measure was brought down hastly and railroaded through the House, although amendments were accepted, and in some cases proposed by the government itself, the full effect of which could not possibly be ascertained in the hasty discussion necessary under the circumstances. The consequence is that the new law will be an extremely burdensome one to the business community, and no one pretends to know what it will accomplish in the way of producing a revenue.

I commend the government for appreciating the necessity of getting more revenue, but they are open to severe condemnation for the manner in which they have gone about it. They ask why some one does not propose an alternative. My recollection of the debate in the House is that an alterna-

### A COMPARISON

Shaughnessy announced that the issue \$12,000,000 four per cent. debentures, an orized at the last annual meeting, would be underwritten at 106 within the next few days. Half of the money is to be utilized in paying for the Atlantic steamships ac-quired last spring, and the remainder in the building or acquiring of 471 miles of new railwar." The C. P. R., it is true, is a great and



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