the face of the enemy. When ordered to

death. But the punishment of the cow-

ards was as unique as the incident re-

corded. They were marched to the rear

the services held in memory of their de-

parted chief besides having to submit to

various original Oriental humiliations

and degradations. That is the story,

obviously obtained from Russian sources.

News paying his respects to the Assess-

ment Commission of the McBride gov

ernment in the following terms:

of finance at the time of its passage.

ment we found that Messrs. White and

therefrom, given by this association.

several governments of the day.

"to support the crown.

traneous subject.

against it.

yours truly.

January 4th, 1905.

through its various committees, to the

Now the chairman, Hon. F. Carter

chairman, he should have at once stop-

the minister of finance to call the two

The minister is a member of the com

nission, have nothing to do with

as a document framed upon ex parte evi-

Although we have two members of our

executive attending the sittings of the

cause the government is wrong to intro-

us this, the chairman would be perfectly

as such. The only thing we regret is

two members of the executive protested

We are, however, content to leave th

ceeding of a commission dealing ex parte

scope, and beyond its jurisdiction. I am,

President Provincial Mining Ass'n.

British Columbia.

Previous governments of British Colum

bia were warned when they were reck-

lessly plunging into debt and distributing

with a matter altogether outside its

JOHN KEEN

ped this procedure; he did, in fact, stat

to in the act now

Mr. John Keen writes to the Nelson

The two per cent, tax is not referred

The development of the turbine wheel as a means of transferring energy from natural sources to the service of man has achievements of the past year. It is of so generally understood by the public. that the principle of the turbine has been applied to water power for years. The achievements of the times, and hence vention. The history of the development of the latest engineering marvel is of special interest to Canadians because ponderous hydraulic engine yet constructed and that ocean steamships of a Canadian line should be fitted with the man. But there is another river in Canada from which more potential encarrying water to as many turbine shaft turbine, direct-connected to a 3,giving a quarter-phase 2,200-volt 30-cycle Philadelphia. This turbine is the largest | much agitation we have gained. take, 10 feet in diameter. The dimensions of this vast machine are impresfeet wide over all, and 27 feet from center to center of the two shaft bearings. its total weight is 364,000 pounds. The shaft, which is of forged steel, is solid and weighs 10 tons, It is 32 feet 31/2 inches long, 22 inches in diameter at the centre, and tapers to 16 inches on the generator side and 10 inches diameter on the other side. The runner or wheel, which is the rotating part of the turbine, is of bronze, and weighs five tons. The quantity of water used when the turbine is operating under full load is enormous, no less than 400,000 gallons passing through per minute. Just what this e amounts to will be understood when we state that it represents a river 100 feet wide, 9 feet deep, and flowing at the rate of 60 feet per minute. In spite of its size, this huge machine was built in no less than five months, the contract being signed May 19th, 1904. The present output of power from the Shawinigan station is 22,500 horse-power, and of this about 10,000 horse-power is transmitted 84 miles over long-distance lines to the city of Montreal, where it is used for street railway electric lighting and general power purposes. The remainder is taken by local users for similar purposes and for electrolytic processes. The current is stepped up at Shawinigan from 2,200-volt quarter-phase to 50,000-volt three-phase. The transformers were so designed that they may, if desired, be operated at 56,-000 volts pressure. It is a fact worth noting that the wilderness of five years ago in the neighborhood of the falls has been transformed into the substantial of 5,000 inhabitants. The world of to-day is just beginning to realise the potential value of water power. How many possible centres of great industries are there distributed

SALMON FISHERY REGULATIONS

throughout British Columbia?

It is perhaps not astonishing, all things considered, that the business men of Victoria interested in the fishing industry are inclined to regard with some suspicion the extraordinary zeal now being displayed by the Puget Sound cannery owners and others in the passage by the Washington legislature and the Dominion government of regulations having for their object the preservation of the sockeye salmon fisheries of the coast. Our alien friends must be regarded as singularly unobservant creatures if they have not known for some years that the industry they are interested in is in need of protection. They had been appealed to constantly and unremittingly to take action; but they turned a deaf ear until | could any other government have purthe present year, when, by a singular coincidence, the canners of Victoria will ministration, we are told, has been

ness men in their efforts to avail themselves of the undoubted advantages they will possess over all competitors in the lift our representatives at Ottawa do not above petty vanities his head has always application of steam to the same that the two movements should be con- and his Conservative government. That necessity for the assistance of a staff as temporaneous. Nevertheless we trust is a very convenient and very easy manadvertised as one of the great the government at Ottawa will carefully weigh all considerations before joining the public has been strongly interest- in the programme that has been so uned in the practical progress of the in- selfishly and so disinterestedly prepared difficult situation has been a most lament- be not in evidence at the opening of the on the other side. It is an obvious fact that the declara-

tion of complete closed seasons during Canada possesses greater water power the years 1906 and 1908 will have an than any other country on earth, and be- adverse effect upon the development of cause she is destined to become one of the canning industry on Vancouver Islthe greatest of maritime nations. It is and. The enforcement of the proposed therefore eminently fitting that in this regulations will prove discouraging to

will create an impression of unsettlement, unrest and indefiniteness. Capital is timid. Only when there is a guarantee of security does it flow freely, as we first steam turbines. The popular idea know to our cost in British Columbia. is that the harnessing of the waters of If we are asked to accede to the request the renowned Niagara river is one of of the men of Puget Sound, we certainly the greatest feats ever performed by should insist upon some compensating concessions. Is there any proposition to the effect that the Sound canners shall he compelled by legal enactment to obergy is about to be extracted than Ni- serve rules similar to those in force in. agara contributes. Shawinigan Falls, in British Columbia waters, under which the province of Quebec, is the centre from provision is made for a certain number which the largest amount of energy radi- of salmon reaching the spawning ates. In a recent number the Scientific grounds? If we are to have reciprocal American refers in suitable terms to the regulations ,the reciprocity should commagnitude of the power of Shawinigan mence with the season of 1905, which, it and the wonderful machinery through is assumed, will be a big year and will which it is developed or utilized. At in a measure compensate the trap lipresent three penstocks are in position, censees of the Sound for the loss they will sustain in the close season of 1906. More wheels in the power house on the shore than that, before we agree to any barof the lower lake. Each penstock sup gain we should have some guarantee plies a 6,000 horse-power, horizontal- that the regulations will be strictly enforced by the state of Washington. It 750-kilowatt revolving-field generator, is permanent and effect, not sporadic and ineffectual, regulations that are necescurrent. The wheels run at 180 revolu- sary for the preservation of the valuable tions per minute, and provision is made salmon fisheries of these waters. Now for a 21/2 per cent. loss in the generators that we have been placed on an equality and a 15 per cent. overload. At the with our neighbors in the matter of takpresent time the capacity of the station ing the fish, care should be taken that is being enlarged by the addition of a we shall not be duped into an agreement fourth turbine, which is now being inthat will practically deprive us of all city of Nelson may be set down as one of
the commission with great care, but it
stalled by the I. P. Morris Company of that in the name of justice and after the most notable features of the late. stalled by the I. P. Morris Company, of that in the name of justice and after the most notable features of the late

a capacity of 10,500 horse-power. The a more substantial guarantee of bona water enters the turbine through the in- fides would be afforded by a general enactment of regulations providing for such sive. It is 30 feet from base to top: 22 sufficient number of fish reaching the by watch in hand counting the seconds. by a complete suspension of operations for any particular year. If thirty-six hours be not sufficient, make the time

The subject is one that should be conwill be fair to all, they will make provision for something more substantial, plete close seasons in any particular years. Their actions will be watched with interest on this side, and will have considerable effect in shaping the regulations we shall make and will enforce after they are made.

DIGGING ITS OWN GRAVE.

We are sure the public is weary of the subject of the McBride government and ifs peculiar works. The general sentisentence has already been decided upon. the ministry was constituted for the purthat has wrought incomputable harm to the business interests of the province. follow the assembling of the Legislature, the testimony of the witnesses has proved the industries which should be nourished with careful hand in order to establish business in British Columbia upon a sound and permanent basis. There is no dead journals, doubt about that fact whatever. It is But we have a charge to prefer against worth wherever it sees it." Industry is established by conditions as they exist the indomitable and unconquerable hero to be encumbered with such burdens as they exist the indomitable and unconquerable hero to be encumbered with such burdens as they exist the indomitable and unconquerable hero to be encumbered with such burdens as to-day and confirmed by the evidence the of British Columbia politics and journal must eventually drive it to other procommission sought to adduce in confirmation of the wisdom and necessity of

the government's course. It is argued that by no possibility sued a more salutary course. The ad-

ery conservation has no connection with can only be demonstrated by experiment. merely a coincidence, as we have said, sponsibility for the failure of McBride ably within his soft No. 8, and that the ner of evading responsibility. The peo- yet appeared. But even an intensely ple are not to be deceived by such ex- democratic public character should make cuses. They know that McBride's at- some trifling concessions to the weaktempt to grapple with an admittedly nesses of his admirers. If that "plug" able failure thus far, and they are con- coming session of the legislature we shall firmed in the opinion that the farther it be compelled to admit that the "doyen" goes the more deeply it will flounder in and the most highly favored of the the mires of incompetency.

We have never entertained the hope bia is lacking in some of the qualities inthat the majority of the members of the dispensable to a statesman. present Legislature will perform a duty that becomes more obvious every day Premier McBride remains in power. land there should be installed the most the investment of capital inasmuch as it They are well aware of the state of public opinion. But they have in the past been conciliated with favors and advantages and induced to perpetuate a government that in their better judgment they know to be unworthy of their support. The facts in regard to this assertion will be brought out in due time. Under the circumstances which have been created for their special benefit they doubtless feel that they can afford to ignore the fact that while the discrimnatory taxation falls upon the just and the unjust, there are some imperfect politicians and wire-pullers who evade their just share of the burdens. We have not the least doubt that the opposition to the government and the members of the Liberal party in British Columbia as politicians view this state of affairs with perfect equanimity. The longer McBride continues to blunder and to the commission, and was purposely omit-flounder the better for them as party ted from its operation until a committee "Hundreds flounder the better for the Liberal party from either a local or a federal point of view. But as men interested in the welpresent deplorable state of affairs as soon as possible. Liberals will do their duty.

PEERLESS JOHN.

The triumph of John Houston in the municipal campaign in British Columbia. Cavanaugh, both high grade ore mine provide a clue has been the women of sec which has ever been constructed. It has The consensus of opinion here is that John's opponents in the provincial governments, should have been permitted to ernment and in other quarters a few make statements and opinions, and months ago thought they had him down and figures, and the logical deductions a close season as would permit of a and all but out. Referee McBride stood spawning beds every year rather than Before he could say ten the redoubtable gladiator from Nelson was on his feet Cotton, knew perfectly well, that as announcing his determination to stay in two or three days. Such a course would the ring against all comers. And he that they were not considering this tax, be fair to all-to the canners and to stayed. He re-established his paper for yet he allowed one of the com the individual fishermen who would the third or fourth time, he appeared in either have to depart from their usual the municipal arena for the purpose of his own view of a case not actually be methods of gaining a livelihood or go in convincing his enemies that he still possessed a spark or two of the old-time sidered very carefully. The preserva- vitality, and he defeated a popular op- mission, yet he calls witnesses without considered and agreed to later if possible. tion of the fisheries is of course the mat- ponent by a small majority. Now John any notice to any of the committees we ter of paramount importance. If the Washington logislators are sincere if Washington legislators are sincere, if as provincial representative of the riding per cent. tax, a matter they, as a compromise. The strikers were not eager to of Nelson. He lives politically to give expression to his original views in the the effect of such action, and the report their spirits. Therefore the feeling has and likely to be more effective in the old incisive style. Mr. Houston's col- will doubtless be received by the House object they have in view, than mere com- leagues in journalistic tribulation in all parts of the province have watched his ers on behalf of the crown, on an excourse with sympathy and rejoice with him in his triumphs irrespective of the party virus that dilutes the blood in their veins. Furthermore we opine that the we have no right to attend the comm latest news from the scene of John's many victories will cause just a tinge of envy to mingle with a brotherly sense of selves in an equally false position to say: Into the grounds of the strike and supply with the gift of a seat in the legislature | question of a two per cent. tax, and hence as an expression of appreciation of our you may go home again," and in telling judgment thereon, so that he may be able efforts in the public behalf. To add the ment is in favor of letting it alone to honors and emoluments of a mayoralty right, and would only be doing his duty the strike. work out its final condemnation. The to the benefaction would surely be considered as a crowning blessing from the as chairman when the minister called All that is lacking is the opportunity to gods. The hero of Nelson has been these two witnesses, especially as our ronounce judgment. The Assessment favored to the foregoing extent and more also. His friends in meeting assembled Commission which has finished the taking have presented him with five hundred of such evidence as suited the temper of dollars in gold, which will be duly appreciated, not necessarily on account of pose of justifying the system of taxation its intrinsic value—editors have been educated and elevated up to the point from which such trifles can be viewed from their true perspective, we trust-Instead of achieving the object desired, but because of the feelings which instead of averting the criticism that will prompted its bestowal. We are satisfied that that five hundred will go the way of many thousands-into the newspaper business-and it will stay there. beyond peradventure that the Assess- We say for the benefit of the unsophisment Act was conceived in ignorance and | ticated who may feel impelled to emuis being enforced with partiality. It has late the career of John Houston as an provincial assets with prodigal hand proved demoralizing in its effects upon easy path to the legislature, to mayor that a day of reckoning would come. It

> of which overhaul the files of numerous of the day sees no way out of the dilemma except by "taxing a dollar's ism. We observe that in acknowledging | vinces. Population is to be subjected to in his usually and characteristically the same treatment. This is to go on laden with gifts. The aforesaid benefac- vince, sees fit to come to the assistance tions, it is admitted; took the forms of of the spendthrift and shoulders its obli-

the methods that have built up an enor- by its predecessors. Stern necessity has upon the dissemination of the truth-is note that opposition to the claims of mous industry on the other side of the demanded the extreme exactions of the what has become of that silk tile and other provinces asking for more favorwater. It is possible, of course, that our Assessment Act, it is contended with that staff, No one in this neighborhood able terms has been withdrawn. A short neighbors' zeal in the good cause of fish- vehemence. These are things that to concede the point that may be urged were given larger subsidies the relative any desire to embarrass Victoria busi-It is held that there is only one way of escape from the burdens that so heavily that Mr. Houston as a plain, practical purposes by opposing increased grants to and sorely beset the people. The federal man, objects to purely ornamental per- Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, etc. The government must come to our assistance. sonal appendages, that as a man far advocates of the cause of the McBride taking of the king of food fishes. It is do their duty, on them will rest the re-

> During the contract trials of the new British battleship Dominion, the latest acquisition to the King Edward VII. class, a speed of 191/2 knots was attained. This is the highest speed that has ever been realized by a vessel designed by the Admiralty when running over a measured course. For this trial the engine room was closed down, all bulkhead journalistic profession in British Columdoors were closed, the staff in charge was limited to ordinary battleship complement, and every condition was exactly the same as if the ship were actually in A Japanese regiment is accused by correspondent of displaying cowardice in

None of the Russian fleets is now on charge it is alleged that this unique its way to the Pacific. The question Oriental body-for it is a unique thing arises, how will Kouropatkin reach Tokio to read of a Japanese regiment being to dictate terms of peace after he has afraid to follow whithersoever its officers forced his way to the seaboard? It will chose to lead-stolidly stood it's ground be a big job to raise any of the ships and watched its colonel being shot to sunk at Port Arthur. Russia is moving in her usual way her

tricks to perform. By creating complications she hopes to escape the humiliaand compelled to participate for days in tion of begging terms of peace from Ja-NOT FOUND YET.

covery of Children's Bodies.

council of the Coal City has offered a reward of \$250 for the recovery of the bodies of the two little children of Mrs. D. Jones

"Hundreds of people have been out in had inquired into its incidence, and the that vicinity every day searching and it is House was so informed by the minister | not too much to say that every inch of ter ritory on which the children might be The Provincial Mining Association of found has been searched and researched fare of British Columbia it is the duty British Columbia, through its president, without the discovery of even a clue to of all Liberals to bring to an end the wrote the minister of finance some their presence. They have disappeared a months ago, offering its assistance with completely as if they had been taken up and disappeared into thin air, and this i facts and figures, as soon as he was ready, and willing to receive them. The explicable mystery has caused among the letter was acknowledged with the state people of Nanaimo a feeling somewhat akin ment that those itnerested would be conto consternation, and all sorts of theories have been advanced, reasonable and un-We are watching the proceedings of reasonable, to provide some explanation for

> "Among other sources of information that have been laid under contribution to ond sight, of whom there are a number in Nanaimo. Several definite statements have been received from such quarters and been horoughly investigated, but without a shadow of success, and the decision of the city council to offer a reward has but reflected the feeling of the people.

THE GERMAN MINERS. Strike Will Probably Be Avoided by Mine Owners Granting Part of Men's

Essen, Germany, Jan. 16 .- The coal strike gentlemen named, to endeavor to prove will probably be settled by the mine owners conceding a small part of the workmen's victory, with the understanding that the The prospect of a general prolonged The chairman is perfectly aware of cold throughout Germany having affected become general that it is better to accept a moral victory with some small materia dence, called by one of the commission- gains than to persist with the accompany ing privation. The strike is by no means actually settled yet, but the mine owners and the strike leaders are appreciably near a provisional agreement.

commission, as members of the public, are closed by police order at 6 o'clock in All the liquor stores in the strike districts the evening. sioners, to take up this question, and be-

sioners under the chairmanship of Herr Von Velsen, inspector of mines, to inquire "We are not appointed to consider the Herr Moe industry, with complete material for passing if necessary, to authoritatively interpose in

Favor a Strike.

Essen, Germany, Jan. 16.-Delegates repesenting a large part of the disaffected miners decided at a meeting here this afternoon on a general strike, regardless of the essions offered by the mine matter in the hands of tht House to deal whom the report was circulated, that the with, as it is, at present, out of our Emperor and the government, who were the remarkable and extraordinary proanxious to settle the strike, were not afcan only be settled by justice. The Socialists control the miners' actions.

> Demands Rejected. Essen, Germany, Jan. 16.-The Association of Mine Owners, notwithstanding the efforts of an important minority, rejected the demands of the strikers this afternoon Emperor Intervenes.

Berlin, Jan. 16.-Emperor William has in tervened personally in the coal strike ommerce Minister Muller intimated to few of the most influential owners that it alties and to five hundred dollar purses, has come, with the annual charges upon settled, and certain mine owners on Sunthat money sunk in newspapers seldom debt amounting to as much as the total day afternoon opened up negotiations with comes to the surface again. For proof expenditure should be. The government the strike leaders, and to-day all over the coal districts conferences between the employers and the miners are going on, but eemingly without favorable results, ar late telegrams from Essen indicate that a gen

An Inquiry. Berlin, Jan. 16,-Minister Muller to-day graceful fashion the trifle of five hundred until the Dominion, which set us going manship of Herr Von Velsen, chief inspectdollars in gold, John admitted that he free from debt and with more abundant or of mines, to inquire into the grounds of had previously been called to the bar and taxable resources than any other pro- the strike and supply the minister with material for basing a judgment thereon, so that he may be able, if necessary, to auth-"plug" hat and walking cane. What we gations. It is consoling to think that sociation of Mine Owners, atthough reject oritatively interpose in the strike. The Asministration, we are told, has been want to know—and we believe all Briteconomical to a degree never dreamt of ish Columbia will join us in insisting pend upon. It is also satisfactory to ment to investigate the matters in dispute.

Red Riding Hood.

CHARACTERS. (Can be taken by boy or girl.) Dame Trot. Red Riding-Hood (her daughter.) The Wolf.

Two Woodcutters. Scene.-Anywhere in the country. ACT 1.

Prologue. "Red Riding Hood!" I hear my listener

say. 'It's somewhat stale as subject for a play. But give us just a hearing do, and wait: "Red Riding-Hood" is this time up to date. Once more you'll thrill to hear the oft-told

And to applaud our actors will not fail; They'll do their best your suffrages to win, So ring the curtain up, and let's begin!

Scene.-Kitchen. Enter Dame Trot and Red Riding-Hood. Dame Trot .- Now, come my child, it's time you went to school. The inspector's vexed if once we break

the rule: You know we can't afford to pay the fine. Riding-Hood.—Oh, have no fear of that,

dear mother mine,
I'll learn my natural history lesson, too (As'de.) I'd like to see the beasts within the Zoo! Dame Trot.-Just leave these at your

granny's humble cot, New rolls, quite indigestible, but hot, And careful be that you upon the way Don't loiter, or to talk to strangers stay. (She packs rolls in a basket, gives it to Red Riding-Hood, who kisses her mother and goes out.)

> Curtain. ACT II.

Scene.-A Wood. On one side a board with the words, "Trespassers will be prose cuted. Children and Wolves not allowed. Enter Red Riding-Hood reading aloud from a school book: Red Riding-Hood.—"Well, now we come to wolves: their instincts wild

Are known of course to every studious (Breaks off suddenly and looks fearfully I thought I heard a growling in the

glade? Wolf enters from R. of Stage, comes o her, and puts out a paw. maid?"

from the song— Oh, dear! I hope I haven't got it wrong— Red Riding-Hood.—But singing's not in your line, (looking at book) surely

My natural history book suggests or Besides, your proper place is in the

You look so grim and "nibblish"-go back, do! Wolf.-Remember, child, now higher education Is ours, I cease to ply my old vocation. Red Riding-Hood .- Oh, dear! Oh, dear!

I'm trembling with sheer fright-Wolf.-You silly goose, my bark's worse You needn't think my tastes are really gory,

Though I admit our name is bad Besides, your natural history at first hand

You study may, while I beside you stand. (Red Riding-Hood screams. Enter Two Woodcutters; they have "London County uncil" marked in large letters on their Woodcutters.-What ho! A frespasser!

We'll prosecute! Here is a good excuse for a law-suit. ook at that board put by the "L. C. C.". "Wolves will be prosecuted"; don't you

And you, Red Riding-Hood, you'd best Or you into the county court we'll run (They brandish their axes.) Wolf.-Make your minds easy quite, I beg

you, Sirs, I stand in awe of County Councillors: Ta-ta, Red Riding-Hood. (Aside) They daren't touch me, For "Cruelty to animals" 'twould be

Red Riding-Hood .- And I the County Council must obey, So now no more I'll loiter on my way Curtain. ACT. III.

Scene.-The Grandmother's cottage. The Wolf in bed, with the old lady's cap and spectacles on, looks at door.

Wolf .- She'll soon be here now, so I'll play my trick, Pretend I'm granny, that I'm very sick. I know I gave the poor old soul a fright, Silly old lady, and it served her right. A friendly beast that meant no mortal

I put my paw into her trembling palm, But no, she wouldn't with a wolf be friends. And ran away: I couldn't make amends Dear me, I thought I heard the electric bell.

(An electric bell ringe.) And someone at the speaking tube as (Puts his ear to speaking tube at side of bed.) Wolf (through the tube) .- May you come up to see your granny?-yes!

But wipe your boots, or else they'll make a mess. (A pause, during which the Wolf adjusts his cap and spectacles.) Red Riding-Hood.-May I come up to you, Granny dear?

Wolf .- Why, yes, indeed, there's nothing, child, to fear! Red Riding-Hood. But, Grandmother, your voice sounds very hoarse: Wolf.-Does it, my dear? Why, it's the "Flu." of course.

(Aside.) A lucky thought! (Aloud.) Dear child, what have you there? (Aside.) I feel so nibblish in this frosty Red Riding-Hood (coming nearer).-Why, Granny, you have altered, it's quite

Wolf .- Don't trust appearances, they're always vain. Red Riding-Hood. And your false teeth, so large they look and white. Wolf.-Don't be so sure they're false, for

they can bite.

So let me taste your home-made bread and butter.

Red Riding-Hood .- Oh, dear! oh, dear! my heart is in a flutter. (Runs to window.)

Help, Woodcutters! Of course, my whistle clear Not only cabs will call, but succor near (Blows cab-whistle loudly.) Woodcutters (running in) .- A hansom four wheeler? Red Riding-Hood (with dignity) .- Neith

See (pointing to Wolf) Arrest the culprit promptly. Our axes are but sham on s-for the

(I'd rather live to fight another day econd Woodcutter.-Well, I won't tack him, I vow, alone. Wolf .- I'll save the trouble then, for I'l

Red Riding-Hood has not got any nervo So after all, my joke no purpose serves (With plaintive tone.) Once I struc terror in the good old times,

And all I'm good for now is "Nurser Rhymes." (To the Woodcutters.)—And you, I see, are anxious not to kill A harmless wolf who has done you no ill (To Red Riding-Hood.)-Farewell, Re-

And better I'll behave another day And tell your grandmother I'm sorr I gave her, poor old lady, such a fright

Riding-Hood, forgive me, pray,

We'll meet again some day, perhaps for you Will look me up, when able, at the Zoo. Meantime, I've left my motor-car be

(Aside) I'll soon be out of this (Goes to window). (Aloud) What, Chauffeur. (Wolf disappears out of window.)

Riding-Hood.-Why, I declare he's safely reached the ground, And waiting there his motor-car has found.

And Granny's step I hear upon the (To audience) And now you've had the play entire, so there!

The Last Trek.

tator publishes a fine poem, "The Last Trek," from E. F. Garrett, treating sympathetically of the funeral progress through Capetown on December 16th of the former President. The allusion in the third verse up is to the funeral of Cecil Rhodes, which passed through the same street on April off.-"Where are you going to, my pretty 30th, 1902. The writer of the verses, may be added, is a former editor of the (Aside) Is that line right? I'm quoting Cape Times and friend of Cecil Rhodes. The verses are as follows:

THE LAST TREK. Who comes, to sob of slow-breathed guns In solemn pageant? This is he that threw Challenge to England. From the veld he

strength that bade her sea-strength pause aghast, Before the bastions vast And infinite redoubts of the Karoo.

drew

"Pass, friend!" who living were so stout foe, . Unquelled, unwon, not uncommiserate! The British sentry at Van Riebeck's gate

Salutes you, and as once three years ago The crowd moves hushed and slow, And silence holds the city desolate. The long last trek begins. Now something

Our English hearts, that, unconfessed and dim, Drew Dutch hearts north, that April day

with him Whose grave is hewn in the eternal hills. The war of these two wills Was as the warring of the Anakim.

What might have been, had these two been Taught strength to mate with freedom

and beget The true republic, nor, till sands had run, Gripped close as Bible and gun The keys of power, like some fond amulet?

He called to God for storm; and on his head-'Alas! not his alone-the thunders fell. But not by his own text, who ill could

Nor in our shallow scales shall he be weighed, Whose dust, lapped round with lead, To shrill debate lies inaccessible.

Bred up to beard the lion, youth and man He towered the great chief of a little folk: Till, once, the scarred old hunter missed

his stroke, And by the blue Mediterranean Pined for some brackish pan Far south, self-exiled, till the tired heart

broke.

So ends the feud. Death gives for those cold lips Our password. Home, then! by the north-

He trod with heroes of the trek, when they On seas of desert launched their wagon

ships. The dream new worlds eclipse Yet shed a glory through their narrower

Bear home your dead; nor from our wreaths

Sad Boers; like some rough foster-sire Be honored by our sons, co-heirs made

Of Africa, like yours, by blood and toil. And proud that British soil. Which bore, received him back in ob sequy.

> - . -F. Edmund Garrett. RESISTED OFFICERS.

Two Brothers Shot-Sheriff, Deputy and City Marshal Stabbed

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 17 .- While attempt-

ing to arrest Robert and James McBride here last night, Sheriff T. F. Connor was perhaps fatally stabbed. were both shot to death. Deputy Sheriff George Tamar was dangerously stabbed about the body and legs and City Marshal G. Y. Taylor was cut on the arms. The cause of the tragedy was an attempt

of the present sheriff and city marshal to arrest the McBride brothers, who resisted with knives, and were shot by the officers.

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Col. F. Warren ver, appeared bef behalf of the sm ince. The system sufficient. There tem of assessme ince. Assessors dependence, and own knowledge or making assessmer lands were not as long as 10 v would take it for ments had been n cent. higher. The rate of 1 pe value of land was

be paid if the co The delegation Board of Trade gave way to them sisted of R. Alex Wm. McCraney, Stone and A. B. Chairman Car that the commis that it could not it done so; howev

son for not leav all the documents R. Alexander. gates, read a res board of trade. that taxation pr objection was that the plant of a ma at the same rate The resolution fa facturers being as rate of stock. It being free from t ed that in the as of taxes a large am

In support of the Alexander said that the plant wh should be assess the stock produshould either be f the rate of the st classification the ed as real estate Chairman Car was classified as

this province the Mr. Alexander down to the fine possible to decid what was movabl sult was that m as personal prop further exempted real estate. Mr. Alexander

merchant who l hand. He was of these. A m and produced a h to pay on the lab machinery which then be paid on manufacturing. this carried to its nearly everything Mr. Alexander came to the star

could not be le the only way to Referring to t coming into the each, he said th chinery and go would pay \$1,00 letting his mone an income of \$6 empted the man \$5,000, or \$75 eminently unfair couragement to in the province.

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Hon. R. G. the land on w made also paid Mr. Alexander did not pay the Referring to Alexander said taken idea wit very heavily to firm paid \$45.00 royalties, taxes, 205 was paid it land was \$9,329 erty tax was \$2 day the compa \$155 to the gove to a charge of profits, after were about \$2 ernment collect 331/3 per cent. Hon. Mr.

Carter-Cotton land and roval as from this th of timber. Mr. Alexand meant to show lumber industr company only the cost of pro public in the w per cent. It w matter not to I

ndustry. With refer lebts, he show credit, B sold