

Principle Negated

Only Four Voted for Hawthornthwaite's Trades Union Bill.

"Discretion Ostron by Enthusiasm" in the Cause of Labor.

First of Night Sittings Proves Short and Uneventful.

With somewhat animated debates upon Mr. Hawthornthwaite's motion for second reading of his bill to amend the Trades Union Act...

The Bills of Sale Act went through the committee stage. On the motion for the adoption of the report on the Settlers' Rights bill...

The British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley Railway bill and the Flathead Valley Railway bill had second readings...

The Premier presented the report of a recent mission to Ottawa, which is found extensively dealt with elsewhere in this issue...

The debate was still in progress when Mr. Speaker saw six o'clock. On the House rising at 8:30, Mr. Neill resumed the debate...

Excites Gravest Apprehension

...Mr. Dunsmuir's Proposition Stated.

Nanaimo, April 28.—The atmosphere at Cumberland is growing electrical, and the situation may be changed at a moment's notice...

CANON RICHARDSON DEAD.

THE KAISER'S COMPANY.

DISSATISFIED WORKMEN.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

THE CAUSE OF SMALLPOX.

Reputed to Have Been Discovered by Boston Pathologist.

Boston, Mass., April 28.—The announcement of the discovery of the cause of smallpox was made tonight by Dr. W. C. Cressman...

LADIES' DAY AT TUNIS.

Visit of President Loubet Will Be Memorable to Harum Favorites.

Tunis, April 28.—Celebrations in honor of the visit of President Loubet to Tunis were continued today.

OUTLOOK IS VERY BRIGHT

Canada's Industrial Prospect Was Never So Roseate Hued.

Washington, April 28.—In a report to the United States State Department, Consul-General Bittner, at Montreal, says that never before in the history of Canada has the industrial outlook been so bright as today...

CANADIAN-JAMAICA MAIL.

SITUATION AT CUMBERLAND

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EVERY SOUL WITHIN THEM.

Death Rode With the Dawn Unparalleled Disaster Results In The Obliteration of Frank FIFTY-SIX ARE NOW REPORTED DEAD.

Details Of Dread Disaster Told by Colonist Correspondent---Volcanic Eruption or Earthquake Disturbance By Some Held Primary Cause ---More Probable Theory Of Origin---Scientists State Opinions--- Governments Active In Relief---B. C.'s Ready Sympathy And Aid.

Either through volcanic eruption, earthquake disturbance, or what is more consistent with probabilities, the simultaneous occurrence of an explosion of gas in the higher workings of the coal mines in conjunction with a slide of unusual extent down the steep slope of Turtle mountain...

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THE DEAD ARE:

VALUABLE FOR ALL TIME.

THE NEWS IN VICTORIA

How Tidings Was Received in this City---The "Lay of the Land."

MEN RESCUED THEMSELVES.

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The valley, something over a mile wide, lies between Turtle mountain and the foothills of a rocky range of mountains to the north. The Old Man, flowing through the valley, follows close to the side of Turtle mountain...

As there is no geological expert on the ground, it is impossible to determine the true character of the force exerted. Many hold to the belief that it was the result of an earthquake which caused the mountain to fall away...

When the tale of horror was first told, it was stated that without the slightest warning, one of the great mountain peaks—Turtle Mountain—overlooking the little mining town, which lies just across Old Man's river, spouted a cloud of rock and debris...

upper workings; some were injured, but not seriously. The family of the two Grahams, whose homes were separated by a mile, and the employees of Poirer and McVeigh, whose cabin was a mile farther east, were buried fully a hundred feet deep...

What occurred in the belief of many is that the vast store of accumulated gases in the workings with which Turtle mountain was honeycombed, had expanded, and literally blown off the top of the mountain. It is well known that the mountain was tunneled vertically, the coal property being stowed out after the manner of a metalliferous mine...

Although, from the fact that no record of a seismic disturbance is recorded by the seismographic apparatus at the meteorological department in this city, which would have been the case had an earthquake occurred—the stories of eye witnesses telegraphed from Fernie, state that the whole valley below the town of Frank for a mile wide was shaken up, and immediately afterwards...

and debris, and in the early morning took place on the top of Turtle mountain. It was early in the morning, at 4:30 a. m., and the people in the embowered houses craved beneath the mass of debris, were doubtless killed in their sleep. In all 50 people, mostly women and children, were known to have been crushed to death beneath the rocks, which buried the houses, and 20 men of the night shift were buried beyond all hope of relief in the mine, whose air was bottled up beneath hundreds of feet of rock, and other less of life occurred in the mine buildings which were thus the known loss of life is almost three score.

The full fatality list is not yet at hand, but messages received in Victoria tell of some of the known dead. Steve Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, received a despatch from Frank that Jack McVeigh, who is engaged in the lumbering business, and had a small saw mill, is dead, with four men who worked with him, and they and their outfit have been buried beneath the accumulated earth. Pete McVeigh and Jim Poirer are missing. A. Leitch, wife and four children, and a small saw mill, is dead, with four men who worked with him, and they and their outfit have been buried beneath the accumulated earth...

The town of Frank, it may be explained, consists of perhaps a hundred houses and other buildings all told. These are stretched along a small strip rising on the north side of Old Man river, a mountain stream possibly thirty yards wide, over which rises Turtle mountain, unusually steep—at an angle of perhaps 45 degrees. This mountain is cut into by the seam of coal which furnishes the industry and maintenance of the town, not lying horizontally, as does the coal in the Fernie field, but an angle of perhaps 45 degrees. The operation of mining has consisted in driving (Continued on Page Eight.)

