THE MORTGAGE

Mr. Cotton's Condemnatory Resolution Falls to the Ground in the Legislature.

A Quiet Afternoon With the Advancement of Private Bills the Chief Business.

Yesterday was another dull day in the local house, the advancement of private bills being the chief business receiving consideration, although the principal debate arose in committee with Mr. Cotton's resolution condemnatory of the amendment thereto, repudiating that this tax constitutes double taxation. The amendment was finally adopted on a division of 17 to 12.

Mr. Speaker having taken the chair at

the usual hour, and prayers having been read by Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, Hon. Col. Baker presented a return containing all information in connection with an investigation held by Gold Com-missioner G. C. Tunstall into the conduct of Mr. Hugh Hunter, the constable and recorder at Granite Creek. This return had not been sought in the custom-ary way through the house, but Mr. Semlin had placed a notice of question on the paper stating his intention of ask-ing the attorney general: "Has there been a second investigation of Constable Hunter's conduct; if so, what was the charge, or were the charges enquired into, and before whom was the investi-

gation held?" 'The investigation referred to,' said Hon. Col. Baker, in presenting the return to the house, "was with regard to Mr. Hunter's duties as a mining recorder, and I present Merewith papers."

which contain the information desired."

The documents attached showed the complaint, laid by Mr. F. P. Cook of Granite Creek, to have been trivial in the extreme, and the recorder to have been in the premises undeserving of any

KOOTENAY PETITIONS. Mr. Hume laid before the house a petition from W. A. Skinner and other free

miners of Ainsworth mining division op-posing the three months' assessment Mork clause; also
A petition from Theo. Madsen and
other ratepayers of Kootenay, re auction

sales and licenses to transient traders. Mr. Rogers introduced a bill incorpor-ating the Skeena River & Eastern Railway Company, which passed its first reading and went to the railway com-

The petition of Charles V. Hosmer and others, re incorporation of the Red Mountain Tunnel Company was read

ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE. Resolutions were adopted without opposition or debate on the motion of Mr. Macpherson-For a return of ac counts in connection with the settlement

of Leamy & Kyle's assignment. Mr. Forster—For a return showing the cost in all details of the recent revision of the statutes.

Mr. Macpherson—For a return of all companies that have complied with the provisions of the Companies' cet of 1897; also any companies that have rendered themselves liable to the penalties of the act, with a statement of the steps taken against such companies.

Mr. Semlin—For a return showing (a)

Statement of all timber leases granted to the Sayward Mill and Timber Company, Limited, of Victoria, and names of parties by whom such leases are now held; (b) Statement of all sums now owing to the government by said company in regard to rent of limits, royalties on timber, or otherwise; (c) Stateprior claim of the government for un-paid dues) have yet been paid their wages; (d) Particulars of all unpaid claims for wages of which the govern-ment have cognizance.

Mr. Hume—For all correspondence

in regard to the application of A. F. Heinze for a record of water on Beaver Mr. Semlin-For all advertisements

calling for tenders for the furnishing of the Provincial Home at Kamloops; for the particulars of the amount of \$2,218 paid to M. P. Gordon and the amount of \$1,215 paid to Weiler—vide Public Accounts, 1894-95, page 103.

Mr. Sword—For the prospectuses of

the different provincial loans issued since Mr. Cotton-For copies of any corres

pondence between His Honor or His Honor's ministers and any person in re-gard to the regulations issued under the provisions of the Water Clauses Con-solidation act. Mr. Hunter, in connection with the last mentioned resolution, commented upon the pecularity of the wording em-ployed. Did the junior member for Vancouver wish to infer that His Honor

had acted without the advice of his responsible ministers? Was there any thing in the act in question empowering the Lieut.-Governor to act herein without the advice of his responsible ad-

Mr. Cotton explained that letters might have been written to His Honor individually, and hence the wording of the resolution.

Hon. Col. Baker observed that if any letters had, as intimated, been addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor, they would assuredly have been laid before the ex-ecutive council. He had, however, no objection to the resolution, no matter how the junior member for Vancouver might be pleased to word it.

Hol. Col. Baker presented a voluminous return of correspondence with reference to the employment of Chinese and Japanese underground in metallurgical

THE YUKON RAILWAY PETITION. Mr. Hunter presented in behalf of the private bills committee the following re-

That your committee has considered That your committee has considered petition No. 23, being the petition of William McKenzie, Donald D. Mann and John Herbert Hoar, and your committee begs to recommend that the order of the house for the reception of the said petitien and its reference to this committee be rescinded.

The committee chairman, in passing, explained that the petition in this instance had been irregular, inasmuch as

original signatures were lacking.

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied to this that such a technical objection was very often overlooked by the committee of which the member for Comox is chairman, as for example the petition of the Arrow-head & Kootenay Railway company just presented by the private bills commit-tee, in which all the petitioners were represented by C. A. Magrath. It was hardly fair to hold strictly to May and the house rules in this instance, thereby embarrassing the company interested, and in other cases to permit the usual practice and accept signatures by attorney or other authorized agent.

Mr. Hunter assured the house that no

favoritism was intended. The committee had no animus against the company in question, and now that the attorney-general had drawn attention to a most ton's resolution condemnatory of the pernicious practice in connection with personal property tax and Major Mutter's applications for private bills the committee would see that it was stopped at

The point at issue in connection with the desirability or otherwise of adopting the report was debated by the Attorney-General, Mr. Booth, Mr. Cotton and Mr. Forster—the member for West Lillooet pointing out that if any improperly signed petitions had passed the commit-

again present their requests—in such a way as to conform with the rules.

Mr. Forster moved the adjournment of the debate, on the motion to adopt the report.

COMPLETE WITH AMENDMENTS. The railway committee, through Mr. Booth, chairman, reported the incorporation bill of the Kitimat Railway Company complete with amendments. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Pursuant to notice the following questions were asked of and answered by the

the said commissioners know of or ac-knowledge this claim?

knowledge this claim?
Hon. Mr. Martin replied—In payment
of their proportion of the inspecting engineer's salary to that date. They were
aware that such salary was being advanced by the government, and was properly chargeable to them.

Mr. Kennedy asked—1. By what rule are logs cut on leases or on logger's li-

censes computed for revenue? 2. By what rule is the rebate which is allowed on lumber exported computed? 3. Is it the intention of the government to abolish said rebate, or to reduce the dues to

Hon. Mr. Martin replied—1. By the British Columbia log scale. 2. By the actual measurement of the lumber export-

Mr. Semlin asked-Have you received a petition this year in reference to the construction of a road from Princeton to Keremeos, in the Similkameen valley? Hon. Mr. Martin replied—No.

THE REVISED STATUTES. After consideration in house commit-tee, with Mr. Huff as chairman, the bill for bringing into force the revised statutes of the province was reported complete with amendments, the report to be dealt with on Tuesday.

THE MORTGAGE TAX.

On the resuming of the debate on Mr. Cotton's resolution condemnatory of the mortgage tax and Major Mutter's amendment thereto, Messrs. Kidd, Williams, Mutter, Col. Baker, Sword, Macpherson, Cotton, Kennedy and Eberts were heard from, the opposition speakers endeavoring to prove the mortgage tax dual taxation, and the attorney-general refuting the arguments advanced. He noted that the opposition members would not go to the reasonable liery districts—had as long as two years ago taken the necessary steps to vindicate the authority of the house to enact such legislation as would effectually protect the coal miners. The member for South Nanaimo was proceeding to sketch in outline the history of the employment of Chinese and Japanese "down below" when called to order by Mr. Speaker, and by the question of Mr. Williams:

"What do you mean by 'down below'"?

"Well," said Dr. Walkem, "I don't want to scare you by anticipating."

He was glad, he said, to see that the de-THE MORTGAGE TAX. ment whether the men employed by said company (whose claims for wages the liquidator was unable to pay out of the funds in his hands on account of the mental that the opposition members would not go to the reasonable end of their arguments and say their constituents favored the withdrawal of the funds in his hands on account of the members for Vancouver as the wise and the taxation as suggested by the senior member for Vancouver as the wise and proper course, viz., tax the mortgage on the amount of the mortgage and the mortgagor on the value of the property minus the amount of mortgage. Should this advice be acted upon not a city in the province would be able to meet its indebtedness. The entire argument of the opposition on this question was designed not to find relief from the objections said to be entailed by the present system, but to appeal by fine-sounding theorizing to those of the electors who did not take the trouble to go deeply into the question. The "poor farmers" were the question, but that it held to be especially oppressed, yet the opposition never thought to mention that the taxes on farmers in British Columbia were lower than anywhere else on the Coast—about one quarter what is paid in California. Dual taxation was

not created by the operation of this personal property tax, nor could any amount of assertion on the part of the opposition make this a fact.
On the vote being called, Major Mutter's amendment was adopted on a division of 17 to 11, as follows:

Yea.—Huff, Mutter, Smith, Helmcken, Baker, Turner, Martin, Rithet, Booth, Adams, Stoddart, Pooley, Eberts, Bry-den, Rogers, Hunter and McGregor.—17. Nays—Sword, Kennedy, Hume, Forster, Macpherson, Kidd, Vedder, Wiliams, Semlin, Cotton, Graham and

Kellie-12. PRIVATE BILLS.

The report of the private bills committee in connection having been adopted, Mr. Huff introduced a bill to enlarge the powers of the C. P. N. Co. Mr. Cotton introduced a bill to incorporate the North Star and Arrow Lake Railway Company; Mr. McGregor, a bill to enlarge the powers of the Nanaimo Electric Light, Power and Heating Company, and Mr. Booth, a bill incorporat-

mittee.

Fur sleeping bags. Extra heavy blankets. B. Wiliams

After An Uneventful Afternoon the Legislature Adjourns Until Thursday.

The Revised Statutes Pass Their Final Reading in the House.

be announced to the house on the resumption of business. The twelfth working day of the session, yesterday, was introduced with prayers by Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, after which

Mr. Braden (Victoria City), speaking to a question of privilege, expressed regret that the country's flag was not a country in the country's flag was not a country in the country in the kootenay and the content of the session and the committee, and Mr. Hunter, for the private bills committee, having suggested that if the house were to adjourn over a day or two it would greatly facilitate the work of the committees.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved the content of the upper Yuking, as they were yester their permits and away.

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presented a petition from certain residents of Cowichan-Alberni, endorsing the peti-tion of the Cowichan Lumber Co. for per-mission to make certain improvements. FINALLY PASSED.

On the report of the Statutes Revision Mr. Vedder asked—What was the \$422.50 for entered in the account of the Matsqui dyking commissioners? Do the Matsqui dyking commissioners? Do the said commissioners know of or account of the matsqui dyking commissioners. The report was then adopted and the bill read a third time and finally

ASIATICS IN UNDERGROUND WORKINGS.

power thus to legislate rested with the house in the event of it being demonstrated that the safety of white miners was jeopardized by the employment of Asiatics. This had been clearly shown, and hence the section referred to in the revised statutes would be found to be good law. He had gone thus minutely into the matter as he follows: found to be good law. He had gone thus minutely into the matter as he fully expected that at the coming elections the opposition would endeavor to take credit for having forced the government to the action taken in the premises. This, it would be well to remember, would be claiming undue credit, for the government—after consultation with the members from the colliery districts—had as long as two years ago taken the necessary steps to vindicate

to scare you by anticipating."

He was glad, he said, to see that the desired legislation was now law of the prov-

ince.
The order was discharged.

ing that the Private Bills committee had no objection to the petition, but that it must be brought before the committee and the house in proper form.

The report was adopted on a division of 22 to 3. Messrs. Forster, Kennedy and Hume being recorded in the negative.

Mr. Hunter then presented the tenth report of the Private Bills committee, which was received as follows:

"That your committee have considered petition No. 20, the petition of Downie Creek railway, and find that the petition has not complied with the standing orders, inasmuch as the petition exceeds the notice dated 17th November, 1897, and first published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 26th day of November, 1897, in so far as lished in the British Columbia Gazette on the 26th day of November, 1897, in so far as the petition asks for the construction of that part of the line down the Columbia river to Revelstoke, and your committee recommend that leave be granted to introduce a bill in conformity with the said notice first published.

"Your committee beg further to report that the prayers of the following petitions, viz.: No. 24a—Fort Simpson, Glenora and Klondike Railway; No. 25a—Teslin Lake Electric Lighting Company: No. 26a—Tes

Electric Lighting Company; No. 26A—Tes-lin Lake and Victoria Telegraph and Cable Company, be not granted."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Mr. Kennedy inquired whether or not the Mr. Kennedy inquired whether or not the chief Commissioner had given a reply to the third part of his question, on the order paper for some time past and answered at monday's sitting of the house, with reference to the revenue arising out of log-cutting and loggers' licenses. The question, as he asked it, reads: "I. By what rule are logs cut on leases or on loggers' licenses computed for revenue? 2. By what rule is the rebate which is allowed on lumber is the relation of Misseminister district, all the institute destinated was organized on Saturday last at Port Haney with W. J. Harris as president and J. M. Webster as secretary-treasurer. The institute begins with a membership of fifty-one, including seven ladies, the largest membership of any institute yet organized. With the exception of Misseminter district, all the institute divisions of Westminster district have either organized.

joint stock companies as 'personal property'?

Hon. Mr. Turner replied: "All joint stock companies are assessed on their capital. This includes shares owned by share-holders."

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Hon. Mr. Eberts laid before the house Hon. Mr. Eberts laid before the house a return of all correspondence with reference to the death of William Thomson and the inquest subsequent thereto.

In consequence of the absence from the city of the member for Cassiar [Captain John Irving], he was replaced on the printing committee of the house by Mr. McGregor [Nanaimo city], the Premier nominating and the house concurring in the motion.

of the halls of legislation. He emphasized the importance of keeping the nation's banner floating, especially during the continuance of the session, and hoped that those in authority would take action upon his suggestion.

PETITIONS DEALT WITH.

The petition of Thomas Madsen and other residents of Kootenay, in reference to the amendment of the Municipal Clauses act, and that of Mr. Skinner and other free miners of]he Ainsworth mining division of the same district, re proposed amendments to the Mining act, were read, and on motion of Mr. Hume received. Major Mutter presented a petition from certain residents

On the other side, who, as in former years attacked the government for not being tready to proceed with the government for not being attacked the government for not being tready to proceed with the government as as free miner and get aboard his ship just as quickly as he possibly could.

As a result the prospective gold-wintering that instead of finding fault with the opposition for delaying the business of the country by protracted and useless debate on the speech from the throne, the government should thank the gentlement of the miner and get aboard his ship just as quickly as he possibly could.

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government have been in this regard had the debate on the speech been less extended.

Hon. Mr. Turner replied that had the speech not been discussed at the length it was, the estimates would ere this have been before the bouse.

day, if an adjournment was found necessary for more than the day.

In deference to the views thus expressed, the Premier amended his motion, and the house was adjourned until to-morrow, at

Hon. Colonel Baker, on the order being reached for the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation bill, asked that this order be discharged explaining that the point at issue—providing a penalty—would be found to be fully met in the revised statutes just made law, and which contained a section reading word for word as the bill whose necessity was thus removed.

Dr. Walkem, speaking to the question of the amen of joint stock companies whose stock is assessed as personal property, and the order be discharged," endeavored to review the entire history of legislation as effecting the employment of Chinese and Japanese in underground workings, explaining how the point had arisen as to the right of the legislature to enact laws of this reharder. The government had finally stated the case to the Supreme court for decision, and had been assured that the power thus to legislate rested with the house are not contained a section reading word for word as the bill whose necessity was thus removed.

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Well Done Home Work.

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THE customs returns for the month of February are as follows: Duties collected..... Other receipts. IMPORTS. Dutiable ... \$375,952 pilot. EXPORTS. Produce of Canada......

THE Maple Ridge Farmers' Institute was organized on Saturday last at Port Haney with W. J. Harris as president The Premier gives notice, that the speech of His Honor will be taken into consideration at to-morrow's sitting of the house; while Mr. Braden is moving for a return of all correspondence, telegraphic or otherwise, between the government or any official, respecting Victor M. Ruthven.

Westminster district have either organgenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculton to the dues to all?"

Hon. Mr. Martin had replied: "1. By the actual measurement of the lumber exported computed? 3. Is it the intention of the genized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister district have either organgenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of springenized or sent in petitions. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of spring question!

Hon. Mr. Martin replied: "I decline to answer on the ground of public policy."

Mr. Kidd sked: "Do the provincial government 2-sessors place on the assessment roll all shares owned by shareholders the farmers there in scientific dairying.

We will give one lady in each town or village time is now up in this province, goes to the Northwest immediately to instruct the farmers there in scientific dairying.

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GIS, 112 NWest 32nd Street, New York.

Miners' License Fees Paid in Victoria Yielding Twenty Dollars Per Minute.

Departure of the "Australia" and the "Amur" on Their Initial Voyages to the North.

After a short and decidedly uneventful session yesterday, the provincial legisature has adjourned until the customary hour tomorrow, to allow the several standing committees more time for the discharge of their important duties in getting private legislation into form, and also—it is stated—teenable the framing of the estimates to be completed so that the anticipated revenue and expenditure for the current year may

Inating and the house concurring in the motion.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill for the incorporation of the Skeena River Railway, Colonization and Exploration Co. Mr. Hunter introduced a bill to incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation.

Both these bills were given a first reading and referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. Booth presented a report from the railway committee finding the regulations of the house complied with respecting the bill for incorporation of the Kootenay and Nortewest Railway Co.

The Victoria custom house in these days of preparation for the gold fields is just about the liveliest place in the whole Northwest. Anyone who does not believe this to be a fact has only to pay Collector Milne's headquarters a visit on a lively steamer day when passengers for the upper Yukon are struggling, as they were yesterday, to secure days of preparation for the gold fields is just about the liveliest place in the returned home and was informed by my whole Northwest. Anyone who does not believe this to be a fact has only to pay Collector Milne's headquarters a seated in the court room and who took the deposition in the case of Wilson. ing, as they were yesterday, to secure

Upwards of a hundred had come in by signed petitions had passed the committed the committed that the country's flag was not more generally displayed from the lofty pole in front of the halls of legislation. He emphasized the importance of keeping the nation's banner floating, especially during the continuance of the session, and hoped that the government for not being banner floating, especially during the continuance of the session, and hoped that those in authority would take action upon his suggestion.

Mr. Braden (Victoria City), speaking to a question of privilege, expressed regret that the country's flag was not more generally displayed from the lofty pole in front ous opposition was offered by the members on the other side, who, as in former years the importance of keeping the nation's banner floating, especially during the continuance of the session, and hoped that those in authority would take action upon his suggestion. miscellaneous throng-and each and denied

pert clerks issued the all-important bits of paper at the rate of two a minute very fair speed certainly, but not fast enough to suit the waiting army, who clamored for extra clerical aid for the collector in this new branch of his ofclamored for extra clerical aid for the Mr. Rithet, senior member for Victoria City, also opposed the adjournment, while Dr. Walkem wanted it extended until Mon
Two licenses a minute at a cost of \$10

each means \$20 added to the Canadian revenue every minute that the clerks are not think such a course would be either wise or right.

W. F. L. Paddon. thus rushed, or \$1,200 an hour—and yesterday the issue continued without interruption at the best speed the clerks could develop from nine o'clock until noon. Here, without taking into account

define the legal meanings of expressions relative to time.

Among the questions of which notice has been given are the following:

By Mr. Williams—To ask: "Name of magistrate or magistrates from whom the sum of one dollar, mentioned in statement showing details of amount brought to account in the revenue return (page 20) as miscellaneous receipts in public accounts, Ist July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897, was received."

By Mr. Hume—To ask: "1. What amount of received."

By Mr. Hume—To ask: "1. What amount of received of coal Company, ditto? 4. What amount of coal Company, ditto? 4. What amount of each of the following seach of the above-mentioned years?"

She has, indeed, just been withdrawn from that service, and has on this her first trip north no fewer than 438 passengers, of whom 108 are United States infantrymen in command of Col. Anderson and bound for Dyea, to assist the local authorities in the preservation of order. The detachment includes two complete companies from Fort Vancouver, and the men are chosen for their sound constitutions and suitability for service, and said "You tell Canon Paddon there is nothing in that," and errope takes were concern Clerk Page complete companies from Fort Vancouver, and the men are chosen for their sound constitutions and suitability for service in the North.

In the way of freight the Australia had about forty head of horses, a dozen or more oxen and upwards of one hundred dogs, all stalled, kennelled and confined on what was formerly the promenade decile of the fashionables travelling between San Francisco and the sunny islands of the Pacific.

between San Francisco and the sunny islands of the Pacific.

The Australia is a ship of 2,700 tons, and while on a pinch she can stow away Dismond Dyes Are Home Helpers.

The mond Dyes Are Home Helpers and even thousand passengers, at present she is fitted up to carry 600 with all the comforts of home. She is electric-lighted throughout, and her arrangements in all departments are of the best and most

embroidering or fancy work—there is a detailing the satisfaction in having things done well; it is only well done work that pays.

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To secure success and well done work, Diamond Dyes are a necessity. Do not allow workers are also successful home dyers. Straits of San Juan de Fuca to the ocean, and running up the coast—as the new C. P. R. steamers will—until opposite the opening leading to Juneau. She will call at Juneau on each northward trip, but will make a clean sweep from Skagway to Flattery on the return, thus being enabled to cover the greater part of the course in a large arch, avoiding the many intricate passages, tide-rips and other dangers incidental to the navigation of the inland passage.

In addition to the Australia among Shenghard and the waters of the inland passage the will take the outside course, passing through the coefficients of San Juan de Fuca to the outside course, passing through the straits of San Juan de Fuca to the outside course, passing through the coefficients of San Juan de Fuca to the outside course, passing through the outside co

passage.
In addition to the Australia amon the callers yesterday was the Seattle steamer Noyo with 200 gold hunters, these coming here especially for their these coming here especially for their miners' licenses. The Australia and Noyo will be followed to-day by two Victoria crafts, the Amur of the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation's fleet, and the Barbara Boscowitz. The former could not be got ready in time to sail as originally intended yesterday, but will probably get away at an early hour this morning. She will be commanded by Captain Mears, with Captain Cutler, formerly of the sealer Agnes Macdonald as first officer, and Captain Nickersen. late of the quarantine steamer Earle, as

Still another steamer to get off for the

rtnight ago events have occurred which make it necessary for me to change the form of my communication and to ap-pend a copy of a notarial declaration which my son has this day made—he being about to leave the city.

It only remains for me to state that on the 28th of January, on my returning from Mayne island, I found that a man named Frank Wilson had given trouble -foolishly threatening to burn the Hearing from a constable that the man

FREE TO LADIES.

was arrested, and wishing if possible to prevent his recommittal. I wrote to the chief of police in that sense, sending the letter by my son at 9:30 a.m. on the 29th January. At 11:30 a.m. finding that Frank Wilson had been recommitted, and that my letter had miscarried I went myself to the chief of police and made. the chief of police and made He directed me to the police str a I could hear nothing except messenger had called and been

to the chief. An officer suggested that th trate might have received th Inquiring further from Chief Sh was told that such might be but that the magistrate would not, and thought, open a letter addressed to him.

I wrote again to the Chief, and begged

him to make inquiry, stating what I had heard, and receiving a verbal reply.

Later, Sergeant Hawton called and said that the Chief was much annoyed; that Upwards of a hundred had come in by the City of Kingston, there were as many more arriving on the City of Pular the Novo and the Australia had laythe matter before the commissioners, which I did on February 3rd, with the each her special contingent to swell the result that my son's allegations were 1st. No letter was received by Clerk

Page.
2nd. Nothing was said by the Chief as to his letters being opened by Clerk

Page.
3rd. Nothing was said by Mr. Page as

reported in Fort street.

And this, I was told, settled the mat-I had this, I was told, settled the mat-ter. The magistrate informed me that I had "broken the law of charity by bringing a vile charge against an old man." That I could, if I wished, have a sworn investigation and take the conse-

quences.
The Mayor—to whom I owe an knowledgment of courteous and kindly treatment such as I should always ex-pect at his hands—advised me to withdraw the statements, adding that if I did so the written statements would be burned in my presence, and there would be nothing more about them. I can wise or right. W. F. Victoria, Feb. 28, 1898.

NOTARIAL DECLARATION. I, George Locke Paddon, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare:

1. That on Friday, the 29th day of January, 1898, I received from my father a letter addressed to the Chief of Police, Victoria, B.C. This letter I on the same day handed (in error) to Mr. Page, clerk of the police court; who then opened, read, and laid the letter on the shelf in front of him, the chief of police, Mr. Sheppard, being then present in the room. In the afternoon of the same day I received from my father a second letter addressed to the Chief of Police, which second letter I on the same day handed to the Chief of Police, who read

ters? Then the Chief is the most dam-nable liar on the face of the earth?" and added, "Now mind, the Chief and I can both say you never gave me that letter, because he watched every action of yours." This was untrue, as the Chief. when I handed the letter to Mr. Page, was standing with his back to me for a considerable time, looking out of the window and knocking out his pipe; and

umbia, this 28th day of February, A.D. G. L. PADDON.

SLOUGH CREEK MINES.

Notary Public.

Very Strong English Company Has Acquired the Property and Will Develop It.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Slough Creek Mining Company yesterday ratified the action of the directors in disposing of the property and assets of the company to the Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia, Limited, a very strong English company with a capital of £200,000, and a working capital of £35,000. The company, who have now acquired the Slough Creek property, have also purchased the properties on Williams creek known as the old Kurtz and Lane, and they have also acquired the ground between that and the Cariboo Gold Fields. Last summer Mr. Wm. Thompson, managing director of the Exploration Company was in Cariboo and inspected the ground. Late in the fall Mr. W. F. Sargent of Tacoma, the secretary of the Slough ground. Late in the fall Mr. W. F. Sargent of Tacoma, the secretary of the Slough Creek Company, was asked to go over to England and the transfer of the property as already announced is the result of his visit. Mr. Thompson will arrive from England in April and will at once take steps to develop the property on a large scale. The Still another steamer to get oil for the north to-day will be the handsome Victorian, not seen in this city, from which she receives her name, for many, many months past.

POLICE COURT AFFAIRS.

To the Editor:—Since I wrote you a forthight ago events have decoursed which done, the new company will be enabled in a short time to have the property in work-

> C. P. R. Profits. MONTREAL, March 1 .- (Special)-The

C.P.R. gross earnings for January, 1898, were \$1,672,372; working expenses, \$1,156,7e4; net profits, \$515,628. In January, 1897, the net profits were \$373, 343, showing an increase this year of \$142,284.

Grocery Failure. MONTREAL, March 1 .- (Special)-The liabilities of Caverhill, Hughes & Co., wholesale grocers, amount to \$85,000; in addition there is \$45,000 due the Merchants Bank of Halifax, fully

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Vancouver yesterday. SIGNIFICAN Japan Withdraws Russia on the

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