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at the Russian legation in Pekin. In 1893 he was recalled to the Asiatic department, where he remained only a short time, for at the end of that year he was transferred to the ministry of finance, where, under M. Witte, he served for many years as chief of the chancellery of general affairs. When Russia was getting China more and more within its tightening grip the Czar appointed Pokotiloff in 1893 to be director in the Russo-Chinese bank in Pekin, and also to be advisor to the management of the Eastern China railway. It will thus be seen that M. Pokotiloff has had a good training in affairs connected with China and the Far East, and, according to all reports, he has profited greatly from his experience.

MOUNT SICKER MINES.

AWAITING PEACE TERMS.

Russian Press Réfrain From Further Conjectures.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—With M. Witte in the United States and the discourse of the Japanese terms only a few days away, the papers generally refrain from conjecture as to the outcome of the megotiations. The Novoe Vremya and Prince Ouktomsky's organs, the Viedomosti and the Dawn, being the only exceptions.

The bellicose Novoe Vremya, which heretofore has scouted the chances of peace, somewhat changes front in commenting on a New York despatch to the effect that the American press was also pessimistic. It advises foreign journals of Russia's preparedness to continue the struggle.

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Vaucouver, Aug. 2.—(Specials)—The Mount Sicker and Brenton mine is to be developed in a vigorous manner without delay. W. A. Dier has just arrived after an absence of seven months in the east, where he succeeded in interesting capital in the Vaucouver island mine, which is stated to show promising signs of proving a successful shipper of high grade ore. Three engineers were sent out to examine the mine by eastern capitalists, and they reported very favorably on the mine. Assays were made which ran from \$14 to \$70. Development work to the extent of about 1,000 feet has already been done and it is the intention to further open up the mine.

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There was no session yesterday of the commission which has under consideration the national assembly scheme. Emperor Nicholas will preside at the second meeting, which will be held this afternoon.

## C. P. R. EXTENSION.

## Canadian Line Will Likely Acquire From Our Own Correspondent.

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## From Our Own Correspondent

ANAIMO, Aug. 2.—A party of C. P. R. officials and other notables comprising Sup. Marpole, J. S. Dennis, land commissioner; J. Cartwright, engineer; G. L. Courtney, traffic manager E. & N.; Hon. Capt. Tatlow, minister of finance; Hon. Col. Prior, H. Bullen, D. R. Ker and Capt. Troup arrived from Victoria tonight and immediately went aboard the steamer Joan, which sailed at 8 p. m. for Union bay, where the party will disembark, returning to Nausimo in two touring august 100 pt.

## Capital

## An Inspector of Rolling Stock Proposed for the Canadian Railways.

## Party of Astronom rs Leave for Labrador to Observe Eclipse.

## Governor General Will Visit the Northwest as Commander of N. W. M. P.

Canadian Line Will Likely Acquire Road into Seattle.

Seattle, Aug. 2.—(Special)—President H. H. Taylor of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railroad artived here today and held a conference with Superintendent Donovan and Attorney Howard of the road at Bellingham, for the purpose, it is stated, of deciding on an ofter made by the C. P. R. for the purchase of the property. It is understood here that this last offer made by the Canadian company will be accepted.

MARY ANDERSON'S GIRL.

Former Well-Known Thespian Mother of a Fine Daughter.

London, Aug. 2.—Madame le Navorro, formerly the well-known actress, Mary Anderson, gave birth to a daughter at the Court Farm, in Worcester, yesterday. Mother and child are doing well.

From Our Owa Correspondent.

TAWA, Aug. 2.—J. E. Price, general superintendent of the In tercolonial died this afternoon. Mr. Butler, the new deputy minister of railways in Canada. Mr. Butler, the new deputy minister to for his position today. Tomorrow he leaves for the maritime provinces to join Hon. Mr. Emmerson on a tour of inspection over the I. C. R.

Colin McIsaac, the newly appointed maritime representative on the transcontinental railway commission, arrived in Ottaw today to assume his new position. The railway commission has under consideration the appointment of an inspector of rolling stock of Canadian railways. The duty of such official or officials would be to inspect the cars and locomotives of the different companies and see that none except those in perfect condition are utilized, even in cases of emergency. This appointment would make the inspecting staff of the commission complete.

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## MAYOR'S CONFIDING FRIENDS Ready to Put Up \$1,000,000 to Relieve

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 2.—Mayor Bel-cher returned here today, after an absence of one day, which gave his friends much concern. The mayor has been worried by the investigation of certain collateral he had



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