VICTORIA GOOD SHOWING

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WOODHOUSE? Concerning Young

urday's Daily) ey Woodhouse, and comes, are questions nith, undertaker, is answered. Yester-s hospital Mr. Wood-short illness. While ospital he made the e was the son of a Church of England, gave no intimation or where his rela body is now lying a rooms of Mr. Smith hat anyone knowing the later Mr. Wood or where they liv

IMS ASHORE ITH A LIFE-LINE

of One of Shipwrecked e Collier Emily

e wrecked ship Emily the Nehalem river yesterday, and of Sullivan, an able al ship, who tried to the wreck to make

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Astoria despatch. ature, as the trag-Mrs. Kessler was stockings and her was hardly present-public. One of her nging down over the band drew her atten-without a word, she to the slipper \$40 in some paper mo came in handy, of Tillamook bay

Good Showing s., Feb. 21.—Packey cago, won the decis-Walsh of England in est tonight. McFarghting all the way, him the decision, as the ten rounds was ouble. A series of to Walsh's head in made him groggy quickly and opene Packey's eye, which boy during the rest

last days of "Ouida." vith her last breath love for her dogs. whispered in Ita "I am going. Give There was a long si-Ouida" spoke again. "my dogs I leave to can no longer feed a with a revolver." ed to silence, and the

assengers who passed d the Continent dur-

T CONTRAVENES JAPAN TREATY

Tuesday, February 25, 1908.

Chief Justice Hunter's Judgment on the Validity of Natal Act

IAPAN'S SUBJECTS EXEMPT

Dominion Government Decides 10 Await Action of Courts in the Matter

vires, as the fact purposes. lation sanctioning the treaty with Japan placed the question in a differ-

reserved manner his lordship appear to be in contravention of general immigration laws of the et allowed the provinces certain of legislation regarding immi-The real question before him wever, as to whether the por-Natal act contravened the y with Japan, which, by parlia-ary authority, stood on a par with other statutes of the land. The aty act must be read in connection hother Dominion acts governing nigration; under these provisions re would still be some classes exided. But the provincial act went ner and imposed a test not sanconed by the Dominion authorities, here was, therefore, no doubt that provincial act must be held as in-Japan seeking to enter the province. The two Japanese may be deported morrow by the federal officers, betomorrow by the federal officers, because their entry was in conflict with the order in council directing that immigrants must come direct from the and of their birth, adoption or citical and of their birth ow being made.

Left to Courts.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—In reply to a question by Senator Lougheed regarding the government's intention to disallow the British Columbia Natal act, Senator Scott said the government had decided to await the action of the courts in the matter.

Fire at Wawanesa Wawanesa, Man., Feb. 21.—Fire this morning destroyed Gordon's harness store, Polland's hardware store and Lander's poolroom.

Winnipeg Liquor Store Burned Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—Lindsay's li-quor store on Logan avenue was defroyed by fire this morning. Loss,

Ontario Bank Shareholders Toronto, Feb. 21.—The shareholdres' ommittee of the defunct Ontario bank committee of the defunct ontario bank is forwarding to every shareholder a circular designed to bring in as many votes as possible to back up the committee in any attempt to insure that the \$2,000,000 actions against former directors will be prosecuted. The question as to whether or not these ion as to whether or not these ac-ions will be tested in the courts will be decided at a shareholders' meeting

MISS WHITNEY NEXT?

Rumor From Europe That She Will Wed an Austrian Count—Her Brother Denies

Feb. 21.—A Vienna dispatch o a news agency says that several Budapest newspapers state that Count Paul Esterhazy, who recently return-ed from New York, where he went to attend the wedding of Count Szecheniwith Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, is en-

Whitney.
New York, Feb. 21.—Harry Payne Whitney today denied the report that his sister, Miss Dorothy Whitney, is engaged to Count Paul Esterhazy, the Hungarian nobleman who attended the Vanderbilt wedding in this city recent-Mr. Whitney said that the Count

BORROWING IN LONDON

Subscriptions to Canadian Loan Re-ported to Be Satisfactory— Grand Trunk Bonds

Montreal, Feb. 21.—A special London cable says: The lists of the Canadian government's new \$15,000,000 loan cannot be closed until February 27, which is the latest date for holders of Intercolonial bonds to convert.

The Bank of Montreal will then know how much to allot to the cash subscribers, who, the bank says, have come forward quite satisfactorily.

The new Grank Trunk loan of \$5,000,000 four. per cent. guaranteed bonds will be in the sate insurance department, showing that it was hopelessly insolvent. Montreal, Feb. 21.—A special London cable says: The lists of the Canadian government's new \$15,000,000 loan cannot be closed until February 27, which is the latest date for holders of intercolonial bonds to convenience.

Vancouver, Feb. 21.—Chief Justice Funter, in ordering the release of the two Japanese arrested for entering the province in defiance of the Natal act expressly stated that he did not intend to touch upon the question as to whether the provincial Natal act was was whether the provincial Natal act was was whether the provincial Natal act was was was was account. Ottawa, Feb. 21.-A deputation rep-

> Gananoque Magistrate Dead the question in a differ Gananoque, Ont., Feb. 21.—Police Magistrate Deaslip died today at the age of 79 years. His death was due to pneumonia, being ill only a few days. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

> > statement by an official of the company today. The agreement, it was stated, was reached some time ago, but action was to be withheld until after the stock enjoined by the Chicago courts had been freed from restraint. Official action toward the issue has not yet been taken. It is said that the bonds when issued will not be offered to the public, but will be kept for some time at least in the treasury of the company as an as-

> > > Gave Boy Liquor

so badly frozen while returning from driving Ferguson to his home on Feb-ruary 8 that amputation of all his fingers and both feet was necessary. Mattis in his evidence taken at the hospital, swore that Ferguson gave him whiskey, which so intoxicated him that he fell out of the cutter and lay in the farmer's lane for five hours, exposed to the cold. Mattis says he never tasted liquor

POLICE TOO SHARP FOR TERRORISTS

Many Under Arrest for Connection With the Latest Conspiracy

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21-The frustration in this city yesterday of a terrorist plot, and the arrest of fifty men and women for alleged complicity was followed today by the capture in suburban towns of several other persons implicated in the abortive attempt at assas-

The police believe they have made

According to the police, yesterday's band had two victims in view, Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch and Vancouver; R. J. Mitchell, Vancouver; Judge Chtcheglovitoff, minister of justice. Both were to have been assassinated between their residences and gaged to Miss Dorothy Whitney of that city. Miss Dorothy Whitney is a daughter of the late William C. Whitney, and a sister of Harry Payne Whitney. the second was the so-called north-

> tators at Viborg and Helsingfors, and the prospective closing of the Finnish territory as a shelter from which to territory as a shelter from which to conduct their operations, the first organization decided to put its plans into immediate execution. The Moscow allies were notified, and joined the group from Finland in St. Petersburg. The police however, had been informed. Some were detailed to follow the suspects from the time they arrived in St.

MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE

Attorney-General Jackson Issues Statement as to Policy Hold-ers' Position

the state court appointing the receiver was entered, and that thereafter the company could not require the payment of premiums or insist upon forfeiture. feiture.

Toronto Relief Measure Toronto, Feb. 21.—The board of control today voted \$8,000 additional to the house of industry to relieve distress in the city.

Trainmaster at Moose Jaw Moose Jaw, Feb. 21.—Thos. R. Flett, of Calgary, has been appointed trainmaster here, to succeed E. L. Chudleigh, who has been removed to Cranbrook.

Redwood Bridge

Illinois Central Equipment

New York, Feb. 20.—The directors of the Illinois Central railway have tentatively agreed to recommend an issue of equipment trust bonds, which may amount to \$30,000,000, according to a statement by an official of the compact of the Redwood bridge across the Red river here. It is expected the work will be completed by next fall.

EARNS GOOD MONEY

James McIntyre, of Quatsino, Has Bill for Thousand Dollars

Alberni, B. C., Feb. 20.—Ninety-three timber wolves, killed in less than a month's time, is the record made by James McIntyre, of Quatsino, who yesterday presented a bill to the government agent here for \$1.395, the amount of bounty at the rate of \$15 per head.

An examination of Mr. McIntyre's account showed that some of the wolves had been killed before February 1, the date on which the increased bounty came into effect, and creased bounty came into effect, and on these he will be allowed only \$5 per head, but he has evidence enough of February's work to make his claim, when revised, amount to about \$1,000.

It is reported that a number of Indians up the coast, who have learned of the increase of bounty, have taken to the woods on a hunt, and it taken to the woods on a hunt, and it is expected that before the winter is over, they will have large sums, to collect from the government.

During the past three weeks six panthers have been killed within a radius of three miles of the town of Alberni, and one of these was shot while in the act of feasting on the carcass of a deer it had just killed.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE

Officers Elected at Armstrong—Next Year's Meeting to Be Held in Victoria

Armstrong, Feb. 21.—The provincial age, bringing the rescued seamen on Grand Orange lodge elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

against the terrorists that has been engineered in several years The plot of yesterday came very much nearer maturing than did the last unsuccessful conspiracy against the emperor, the participants in which were tried and condemned last July.

Mr. Sifton Denies.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Hon. Clifford Sifton Denies of the statement of Dr. H. L. McInnes that he is managing director of the Imperial Pulp company. He said:

"I did not call upon the president reconnected with my business, but I did call to delicate the statement of Dr. H. L. McInnes that he is managing director of the Imperial Pulp company. He said:

"I did not call upon the president Roosevelt today. He said:

"I did not call upon the president reconnected with my business, but I did call to delicate to any public matter connected with my business, but I did call to delicate the statement of Dr. H. L. McInnes that he is managing director of the Imperial Pulp company. He says he has no interest whatever in the company.

As to the nature of the message or its sentiment I am not at liberty to say anything." urne; auditors, Rev. Merton Smith, Vancouver; R. J. Mitchell, Vancouver; deputy grand secretary, W. T. Jago, Vancouver; deputy grand lecturer of B.N.A., W. E. Dunlop, New Westminster; deputy grand chaplains, Rev. I. W. Williamson, Fernie; Rev. O. E. Osterhout, Vernon; Rev. Newton Powell Nelson; Rev A. DeB. Owen, New

Vestminster.
A magnificent banquet was tendered SEVEN MILLONS IN ern flying column, recruited in the vi-cinity of Moscow.

Alarmed at the recent arrests of agi-

The city of Victoria was selected a

WATER FOR ALBERN

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NINGCHOW HERE FROM LIVERPOOL

The Ningchow had a comparatively good trip from Japanese ports. She left Liverpool December 7 and on her way across the Bay of Biscay encountered one of the strongest gales experienced by the big freighter. On the way from Yokohama, from Feb. 11 to 16. strong gales with heavy snow and sheet were encountered, with heavy confused seas. Capt. Allan of the Ningchow is well

known here as master of the freighter, but not very well in his other capacity as a breeder of dogs. Mrs. Allan has large kennels at Birkenhead on the Mersey, and is considered one of the experts in England on Japanese spaniels and chow dogs, numbers of which are taken from the Orient by Capt. Allan when on his homeward trips. These does find a ready sale in

by her crew during the heavy storm of the previous day. When the Saxonia was passing the Hinomisaki lighthouse, a signal was made to the steamer that a signal was made to the steamer that a ship had been wrecked close by. Capt. Habel at once made preparations to attempt to render assistance, and although a very heavy swell was running, succeeded in furning the Saxonia round. Having sighted the wreck, a Japanese schooner, the Saxonia was taken as close to the distracted vessel. sayanese schooler, the Saxonia was taken as close to the distressed vessel as was possible with safety, and after a large quantity of oil had been thrown overboard a boat was lowered, manned by several of the crew of the Saxonia in charge of the second officer, Mr. Bolsen-Schmidt. Boisen-Schmidt.

The schooner was completely at the mercy of the storm, being tossed up and down, her masts from time to time thrashing the water. Under these circumstances it was impossible for the Saxonia's boat to get alongside, so lifebuoys were thrown to the Japanese seamen clinging to the wreck, and the three survivors were safely hauled off one by one, and taken on board the Saxonia, which then resumed her voy-

Toronto License Holders. Toronto, Feb. 21.—A deputation of local license holders today asked Premier Whitney to bring in legislation Proposed Amendments Be Delayed liquor licenses in the city, but Mr. Whitney declined to interfere.

GIFT TO EDUCATION

Sir William Macdonald's Contributions, Given Through

Montreal, Feb. 12 .- The annual reort of McGill University was issued oday. From the financial stateme it appears that there was a deficit of \$33,000 in the operating expenses last year, the total expenditure figuring up

The investment in the university is now \$8,477,000, \$2,377,000 having been added to the capital account during the year. The greatest proportion of this addition is accounted for by the endowment of the Macdonald agricultural college at St. Anne's, which is under the control of McGill, amounting to \$2,002,000.

This endowment brings the total of Sil the position of secretary of the imperial treasury, in succession to Herry \$5,200,000, and this does not include the cost of the land and the cost of the cost of the land and the cost of of the magnificent agricultural college the cost of which has not been state but which is probably in the neighbor-hood of another two millions, making Sir William's total gift to education hrough McGill in this province within the last few years over \$7,000,000.

Madison, Ill., Feb. 21.—State Audito McCulloch arrived from Springfield today and began an investigation of the Tri-City State bank, which closed its doors yesterday. President Keiser said today that the b solvent, though it has very little cast on hand. He would not state the exact amount. A run was started yes-terday, and in the temporary absence of the cashier, C. W. Burton, his terday, and in the temporary absence March 10, to make an attempt to win of the cashier, C. W. Burton, his daughter, Miss Roxy Burton, assistant championship honors, as well as to recashier, closed the bank to stop the gain the British championship which run. Cashier Burton is a brother of he lost last summer to Jay Gould. Mr. Former United States Senator Joseph Miles her been received. Former United States Senator Joseph

Thirty Men Killed in Explosion at the Heroules Powder Works—Only One Body Found

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 21.—The latest reports from the scene of the terrible dynamite explosion of the Hercules Powder plant in Pinole, places the number of dead at 30. Four of these were white. The body of the foreman, W. W. Stillwell, is the only one recovered. The other 29 were blown to atoms. Not a man at work in the packing house and on the train used for hauling the dynamite to the depot escaped. The six injured girls and four men

No cause is assigned for the accident. The damage to the plant amounts to \$10,000. Supt. Birmingham says the company will rebuild at once.

CLEARING OFF DEBTS

Depositors

New York, Feb. 21.—The National Bark of North America, one of the so-called Morse institutions, has paid \$1,200,000 of its indebtedness to the clearing house association. In addition to this orther payment have been made to deposition. Tacoma, from where she will come on Tuesday to discharge 1,000 tons of general cargo. After landing the Japanese the statemer proceeded at 10:30 a.m. for mean the United Kingdom and includes groceries and varied merchandise. The histitution is in the hands of a receiver, and has been going through an automobile, and some machinery. The mingchow had a comparatively good trip from Japanese ports. She left Liverpool December 7 and on her way across the Bear and the state of the proposals in this regard as worse that the first dividend would probably as a mark regarding the distribution of discussion in the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly be established. He could see no reason why an insurance to the provide the proposals in this regard as worse that the could possibly was the subject of discussion in the could see no reason why an insurance company should not be allowed to the proposal in this could possibly be established. He could possibly the proceeded the proposal in this could possibly be established

NOT TO BE REDUCED

Reports of New Arrangements

Cleveland, O., Feb. 21.—Grand Chief Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today issued a protest against the reported purpose of some of the railroads to reduce the wages, on the ground that living expenses ar increased, the men are paid on a per diem basis, and railroads are not suffering loss in freight receipts.

New York, Feb. 21.—Officials of the railways here, commenting on President Rooseveit's recent letter to the Interstate Commerce commerciation.

dent Roosevelt's recent letter to the Interstate Commerce commission, indicated clearly today that wage reductions were not contemplated. Officials of the New York Central, Lehigh Valley and New York, Newhaven and Hartford lines stated that uniform wage reductions had not been considered, though some men had oeen laid off because of the falling off in business.

laid off because of the falling off in business.

Following a meeting of railroadmen today it was announced by Theodore Webster, who stated that he was chairman of New York Division of the Order of Railway Conductors, that the question of wages had been satisfac-torily adjusted with the New York central system, and that the present scale would be continued. Mr. Webster said that the meeting was the annual session of sixteen officials of the Order of Railway Conductors of the New York Central system, and that other branches of the railroad were not represented as had been yed. not represented, as had been under

Washington, Feb. 21. — President Mellen, of the New York, Newhaven and Hartford, had an interview with President Roosevelt today. He said:

MANITOBA LIQUOR LAW

Winnipeg, Feb. 20 .- Strenuous objection was made this morning by a deputation of gentlemen not identified with the liquor interests, before the committee on law amendments to the of the liquor license act.

They protested on the grounds that the people in the country had not been made aware of such drastic measures being introduced, and also that it would seriously affect other business.

A. J. Andrews, on behalf of the victuallers' association, presented a petition signed by 5,000 voters praying that the amendments be not passed, but that a commission be appointed to enquire into the working of the lieue. enquire into the working of the liquor trade and to report at the next sitting of the legislature.

Illicit Still Seized.

Lingan, N. S., Feb. 20.-Detectiv Musgrave and three officers raided an illicit still today, and seized a large quantity of whiskey, molasses, hops and other ingredients. The proprietor one Cameron, escaped to the woods. German Appointment.

Bollin, Feb. 20.-Herr Sydow, assis tant minister of posts, has been selected by Chancellor Von Buelow, with the approval of Emperor William, to

Broke World's Record Oakland, Cal., Feb. 21.-Carmiss wned by the Napa Stock farm, broke ne world's record for three and a half furlongs at Emeryville today. She ran the race in 40 2-5 seconds. The record of 401-2 was held by Judge Thomas,

Greatest Curler In West. Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—Robert Dunbar, of St. Paul, proved himself to be the greatest curler in the West by win-ning a grand aggregate at the Bon-

and was made about two years ago.

After Tennis Championship London, Feb. 21.—Eustance Miles will leave here for the United States INSURANCE BILL TALK

Representatives of Accident and Life Companies Present Further Ob-jections to Measure

Ottawa, Feb. 21.-The Banking and committee of the Co this morning resumed the discussion of the government insurance bill.
C. Nadel, New York, representing
Canadian, British and American accident insurance companies, was heard in opposition to the clause of the in-surance bill, which limits them to three lines of policies. Accident com-panies, in his opinion, should be permitted to carry on the same lines of insurance in Canada as in Great Britain and the United States.

BAD FOR WINE GROWERS

E. Williams, on behalf of Canadian accident companies, also asked that accident companies be given a wider opposition Also Points Out field. T. B. Macaulay, of the Sun Life, fol-

lowed with a resumption of his dis-cussion of the bill. He opened with a fierce onstaught on the restrictions which the bill imposes on companies' contingency reserves. He condemned

Washington, Feb. 20.—The formal reception of Baron Takahira, ambassador of Japan to the United States, took place at the White House this after-

place at the White House this afternoon.

The speeches exchanged between the President and the new ambassador, while purely formal, were characterized by an undercurrent of strong desire for the preservation of peace.

The ambassador said: "The maintenace of lasting peace with all nations and the conservation of the rights and interests of all people are the cardinal objects of my august sovereign."

Replying, the President said: "I feel that I can do even more than reciprocate these assurances. I can mostly sincerely pledge the earnest co-operation of the United States to increase the good will we mutually bear and foster the material advance of the two nations on the paths of tranquil prosperity."

C. P. R. Brakeman Killed.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 20.—Neill McDonald, a C. P. R. brakeman, was killed at West Robson this morning at 10:30 by falling between the cars and the station platform in endeavoring to board some cars while switching. He was aged 28, and a native of Nova Scotia. He will be buried here on Saturday by the Brotherhood of Trainmen, of which he was a mem-

here on Saturday by the Brotherhood of Trainmen, of which he was a mem-

Receive Most Cordial Welcome

Washington, Feb. 21-Interesting and Washington, Feb. 21—Interesting and important news relative to the future movements of the American battle-ships was made public today at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, comprising an invitation from the Australian government to have the fleet at least some of it visit that country. Secretary of State Root's reply is the first authentic indication as to the intended movements of the fleet after its journey to San Francisco has been completed. After expressing his appreciation of the invitation the secretary says: "The eventual movements of our fleet have not yet been when the secretary says whether they should sing the maintain of the fleet authentic flag contended that the goods which would come in under the new treaty would not affect the preference, as goods of the same class were not exported by Great Britain. In reply to E. D. Smith, he said that he thought that the fears of Canadian grape growers as to the competition determined. While it is probable that they will return by the way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this." The invitation was first mentioned in a letter by Hon. Alfred Deakin, prime minister of Australia, addressed to John B. Bray, American

kin, prime minister of Australia, addressed to John B. Bray, American consul general at Melbourne, dated December 24 last, as follows: "The Lennox thought that if the canal was built it should be undertaken by appearance in the Pacific of the great American fleet is an event in the history not only of the United States but of the ocean. We are naturally deeply interested in this visit, and are anxious to have some amount of the states of the ocean. We are naturally deeply interested in this visit, and are anxious to have some amount of the ocean. interested in this visit, and are anxious to have some opportunity of expressing our sympathy with our kinsten in their demonstration of naval power. There are two sides to the Pacific, and it would be a pity if only one of them were to be favored with the measure of these ships. I proceed to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was portent the managing director of the Imperial to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was portent to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was portent and power. The desired to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was power to make the managing director of the Imperial to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was power. The desired to a newspaper report from Edmonton that he was power to the managing director of the Imperial to the managing director of the Imperial to the was not, nor an officer of the pulp company. He was not even a shareholder, and had no interest in the managing director of the Imperial to the managi Pacific, and it would be a pity if only one of them were to be favored with the presence of these ships. I propose, therefore, at a suitable time to address a formal communication to the governor-general, to be forwarded to the Colonial office, requesting that an invitation be zent to the president to permit your fleet to call at the Australian ports.

He was not even a shareholder, and had no interest in the company. He was not even a shareholder, and had no interest in the company direct or indirect. The denial was received with liberal cheers.

Mr. Graham stated that he had issued orders that all intercolonial employees might use their franchise in the New Brunswick provincial electrons, but they must not take part

"I think you will be able to tell your government what an enthusiastic, whole-hearted welcome the battleships

In the senate today Hon. Mean whole-hearted welcome the battleships under the American flag will receive in the commonwealth. It would be a further token of the close alliance of further token of the close alliance of interests and sympathies which exist between us. Australian ports would be wide open to your ships and men, and it would be a matter of great gratification if the president could see his way to direct that the wishes of this government might be gratified. this government might be gratified. It is to give time to consider this proposal, which may be made by cable, that I am now communicating with you. Relying on your friendly offices to insure the most favorable reception possible to this invitation which might to insure the most favorable reception possible to this invitation which might have momentous and far-reaching is now being prepared by the leg

consequences, I am,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) "ALFRED DEAKIN." In the letter transmitting the communication, Consul Bray says: "I may mention that the prime minister call-ed on the consul general in person and urged the favorable consideration of the application, Assuredly the prime minister in his letter voices the sentiment of the Australian community, and if it is possible for the invitation to be accepted the heartiest welcome would await the fleet in these wat-

Miles has been practising steadily for three months and he shows good form.

vitation, and added that the matter would receive the earnest consideration of a number of banks of New city.

FRENCH TREATY UP IN COMMONS

Act of Ratification Passes Second Reading and Committee

That it Injures British eference

shipment clause. He deploted the of stability in the tariff.

Mr. Borden did not think that the claim of Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur that they had done something extraordinary was justified. Sir Charles

was going to negotiate treaties.

Mr. Paterson thought the treaty a good thing. In a short time, he believed, Canada would be shipping fruit to France. AUSTRALIA INVITES

BATTLESHIP FLET

BATTLESHIP FLET

Today's session of the house was almost entirely occupied by the discussion of the treaty. As a result it now stands for third reading. The schedules have yet to be taken up, but if the progress on them equals that made today they should be discussed of in short order. The chief complaint of the opposition today was that the treaty undermined the British preference.

Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States, occupied a seat on the floor of the house for a portion of the afternoon.

Mr. Foster was the chief critic of the treaty insofar as it affected the British preference. Mr. Borden remarked that when the Mr. Borden remarked that when the British preference was adopted some one suggested that the house should rise and sing "God Save the Queen," which was done. Mr. Borden inquired, now that the British preference was being undermined by this treaty, whether they should sing the "Marseillaise?" (Laughter.)

tions, but they must not take part actively in the campaign.

In the senate today Hon. MacKenzie any further concessions to the United States.

PROTECTION FOR BANKS

Proposal to Have Law Passed in New York Legislature Against Circulat-ing Damaging Reports New York, Feb. 21 .- The New York

Legislature is to be asked to pass bill making it a misdemeanour circulate reports attacking the soltive committee of the New York State bankers' association. The decision to ask for the passing of such a measure was reached at a recent meeting of the executive committee. The legislative committee was instructed to formulate a bill making it a mis-demeanor for any person who shall wilfully make, circulate or transmit to another, any statement affecting the solvency of any bank or trust company doing business in this state the same time it was resolved that the association, through its protective would await the fleet in these waters."

Secretary Metcalf, in making the should take suitable action to call correspondence public, expressed the extreme gratification of the navy determined the should take suitable action to call the attention of the public generally extreme gratification of the navy determined the should take suitable action to call the attention of the public generally extreme gratification. partment at the cordiality of the in-through the medium of the telephone vitation, and added that the matter and in oher ways, upon the solvency