TAX ON CHINESE MAY BE LIFTED

Mr. McInnes Before Royal frid Laurier Had Spoken To Him Of Its Abolition

CROSS-EXAMINED

Thinks Chinese Matters Should Not Be Controlled By Political Appointees - Strange Anti-Opium League

lnnes, the parliamentary agen; of Otta- land by American fishing vessels subwa was on the willers stand the whole ject to duty may hinder the adoption S. S. Taylor, respectively, and it is like- any duty, and, according to Sir Eda considerable portion of tomorrow.

A great deal of the evidence of this witness dealt with answering questions as to his real credentials to enter on the inquiry, an inquiry, said Mr. Taylor, that had ruined men and families, practically on suspicion. Mr. McInnes, throughout the day appeared to resent having been brought here, and gave the impression that he had something more behind th scenes, in the way of authority, than he has yet disclosed. It was not his practice, he said, to report anything on mere suspicion, but he had ample grounds for everything he had said or done.

Amongst the things that he said was the statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had spoken to him of the abolition of the Chinese head tax, and he mentioned, generally, that the premier had suggested what a great thing it would be in the

Another statement made by Mr. Mc Innes was that he thought that Canada had blundered in every way in its entire

Code names for about a score of prom inent government and local personages were disclosed and provoked a great deal of merriment amongst the crowded assembly. It was not explained why Mr. Robert Kelley's code name was "Jew." On Saturday the witness had given evidence along similar lines.

vexed question as to exactly what his occupation is, but, not very clearly. Mr. McInnes is a parliamentary agent, but he has never been officially retained. Neither was he unofficially retained, either by the head of the department in charge or by the head of the secret service. He took no orders from the public domistake when they purchased, and also that the predecessor of this government to the product of the undertakings discussed, and also that the predecessor of this government is government, from the public domistate when they purchased, and also that the predecessor of this government was responsible for the mistake.

From correspondence Mr. Taylor show and the product of the inauguration of its industries. It was for the minister to be in error, the patent thaving been issued under this government to build a jetty in the inlet. This would cost a huge sum, but it appears ment in charge or by the head of the department in charge or by the head of the Mr. McInnes then set at rest the ment in charge or by the head of the probable that the plan would soon be secret service. He took no orders from carried out. The jetty would be of ment's real in this case contrasted with the secret service. He had not been such a size that a steamer could be retained, as far as Chinese matters accommodated on each side, with possiwere concerned. He was really acting bly a third steamer at the end. It affair, where title was obtained by clear Mines and now on the Orders of the selections as the surveyors completed in an advisory capacity to the immigration department generally, and was
officially retained to look into the whole
matter, after bringing the facts to the
knowledge of Sir Wilfrid Levisor. knowledge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on on steel and concrete arches. Other ex- Mr. Boyce of Algoma gave notice in sion that has been entertained by port, was proceeding apace, and the

Like one other of the gentlemen interested in this inquiry, he was not, however, doing it all solely in the public interest. His remuneration was tated to be \$10 a day, with expenses

Not least amongst the valuable recommendations made to Ottawa by ted to political appointees. The witness also questioned the muddle which existed through the administraton being in the hands of three different gov-

ernment departments. Several humorous touches enlivened the proceedings, the story of how all the alleged members of the opium "ring" were elected members of the Anti-Opium League, Yip On additionally going to the extent of contributing \$300 to the cause, being a particular gem of real humor.

WELLAND CANAL FIRST

Protest From Ontario Against Pre cedence Of Georgian Work To Be Organized

TORONTO, Jan. 23 .- Toronto Busiclaims of the former project, on the ground that a new Welland canal is costly work and that it can be completed much sooner.

Mine Dividends.

NELSON, Jan. 23.—It is said that another double dividend will be declared by directors of the Hedley Gold Mining Company this week, one of of two per cent. The earnings of the per cent. on stock.

Bogus Curios In Australia MELBOURNE, Jan. 23.-An im mense import trade in bogus curios has been flourishing in Australia According to the story told by the customs officials, hundreds of violins, china, swords, boomerangs, aboriginal weapons and idols, made in Gerimported into Australia and sold at yellow funnels and a black top. high prices to the unsuspecting pub-lic. It is estimated that tourists and ers here have been defrauced of is in town for a few days.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 23.—The ealth of Empress Alexandra is again a matter of concern to the im-perial family and her physicians, Her Majesty suffers periods of melancholia. The royal family is planning a long stay at Nauheim, Grand Duchy of Hesse, where the emperor and empress stopped for some time last fall.

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> Engineer Killed CALGARY, Jan. 23.—George Rosby an engineer, was killed this morning at Macleod when the first engine of a double-headed passenger train turned turtle. The fireman jumped and escap- INSUFFICIENT PAY AS TO POSITION ed. No. passengers were injured. A heavy wind had drifted the cuts and track full of snow. Rosby, who was 24 years in the C.P.R. service, leaves wife and family in Calgary.

> > Newfoundland Fisheries ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Jan. 23 .- The pro posed fisheries regulations recently concluded by Newfoundland and the United States probably will be the first question considered by the colonial legislature. It is considered that the recent decision of the United States making fish purchased in Newfound-

Work Spoken Of For Vancou--Building Of Jetty In Burrard Inlet

WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—Interviewed be done in and on the Pacific coast during the year, William Whyte, vicepresident of the C. P. R. stated that no announcement had yet been made by him regarding the proposals of the company for British Columbia, Important undertakings were being considered, but final arrangements had not been made nor any complete decision arrived at.

of track would be ballasted. British Columbia would have the best road to Mr. McInnes was one to the effect that track would be impervious to the heavbe found in the Dominion, and this lest rains.

MR. SCHWITZER DEAD

Recently Appointed Chief Engineer of Canadian Pacific Railway-Tribute From President

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.__Chief Engineer E. Schwitzer of the C. P. R. died today of pneumonia at the Royal Victoria ospital. Mr. Schwitzer was appointed chief engineer only a short time since. Mr. Schwitzer was born in this city. in 1870, but the family later moved to Ottawa, and he was educated at the First Public Measure Introduc-High school there. He graduated in engineering at McGill University here in 1891, and for several years worked on allway lines in Ontario and in Quebec. In 1899 he went to Rat Portage and en ness men are loath to believe that the tered private pratice, but shortly after Dominion government will begin the being appointed town engineer he was construction of the Georgian Bay taken by the C. P. R. He was sent to canal this year, to the exclusion of the Winnipeg and by 1901 he was resident new Welland canal. The Toronto board engineer there. The next step was divof trade will organize a protest from isional engineer and in 1907 he became the different municipalities and bodies assistant chief engineer of the western interested in the construction of a new lines. His transfer to Montreal and pro-Welland canal without recognizing the motion to the highest engineering posi-

more urgently needed, that it is a less Mr. Schwitzer was recognized as a leading man in his profession in Canada, tire enlarged area of 231,000 acres be if not on the continent. Lethbridge viaduct and Field tunnels are monuments to his skill, but to friends and associate the remembrance of a charming person-

ality will be equally enduring. MONTREAL, Jan. 23.-Referring to Mr. Schwitzer today, President Shaughthree per cent. and an extra dividend nessy said: "It is impossible to put into words the great loss the company has company have been running about 35 sustained in the death of Mr. Schwitzer, and; thence due south to a point due but it is even harder to speak of the west of a point on the western boundloss to his personal friends who have ary of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo watched his progress. Personally and railway belt one hundred miles disofficially I can say that he cannot be tant from Muir creek; thence due east

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Jan. 23.-The Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which arrived today, reported that on Saturday, in mid-ocean, she passed the derelict of mencement." many and in Birmingham, have been a large two-masted freighter having

Mr. W. W. Foster, from Revelstoke

Patent Granted By Mistake like matters;
The lease for any term of years of -Not Like Blairmore

AT PENITENTIARY

Farmers Bank Affairs Brought Rogers Of Manitoba To Enter Federal Politics

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 .- The subject nsufficient pay of the penitentiary staff at New Westminster was discussed on a Lands with the approval of the Lieu- acting registrar in the event of the Newfoundland motion for papers made by Mr. Taylor, cross-examined by G. E. McCrossan and wants to land all of her fish without who pointed out that not only are employees and their families subjected to of values if the directly interested ly that his further evidence will occupy ward Morris, such is the basis of the great hardship by the present conditions. but also that the efficiency of the staff able arrangement as to price. has been impaired through the impossibility of keeping good men or securing

een engaging his attention, but he did not know how far his colleagues would ermit him to go in affording relief. He stated that the finding of the grand jury as to conditions at the penitentiary had not been brought to his attention until notice of this motion was given by the member for New Westminster.

An attempt by a firm of Vancouver ver Would Cost Large Sum lawyers, acting on behalf of the federa! government, to induce certain settlers at Chilliwack to surrender their patents so that the government might cancel timber rights for which they had paid, was brought to the attention of the House by Mr. Taylor, These settlers were purchasers in good faith of timber rights patent.

mistake when they purchased, and also, explanations of the necessity for the sity endowment, from the public do-

the occasion of his western tour last tensive improvements would be made by the House today that he will discuss up motor owners since the bill was laid Government hoped under changes now the company, both on False Creek and on Hon. W. Fielding's return, the reported contribution of Walter Fravers cal outline was given in the press. It be able to proceed with even greater Speaking of the improvements to the of the Farmers Bank to Mr. Fielding's is not, as was explained, the Govern-celerity. In round numbers about half track in British Columbia, Mr. Whyte testimonial of last year. Several ques- ment's intention to require the owners a million acres had already been sestated that two huge stone crushers tions relative to the bank were answer or those who may operate private cars lected up to date for University enwould be set up in the quarries of the ed, and at the evening sitting Mr. Fos- -cars not offering for hire-to secure downent purposes-enough land to en company, and that hundreds of miles ter on a motion for papers severely criticates or licenses, to able the Government to proceed with cized the finance minister and the treasury board for their failure to ascertain liable for any secondary fee than that scheme in a manner and upon a scale the illegal manner in which certificates provided for in the required \$10 per requisite to assure the best results. of deposit of \$250,000 were secured. It is definitely stated that Hon. Rob-

ert Rogers, of the Manitoba government, seat will be found for him by the resignation of Mr. Staples of Macdonald.

DEFINES LIMITS OF

ed By Present Commissioner For People

The first public measure which it has fallen to the lot of Hon. Mr. Ross to introduce in his capacity of Chief Commissioner of Lands was presented and specifically provides that the enreserved and set apart "as a public benefit, advantage and enjoyment of the people of British Columbia, sub- to Lord Aberdeen for a large considerject to the regulations hereinafter ation. mentioned, and shall be known as Strathcona park:

"Commencing at the summit of Crown mountain on Vancouver islto the said western boundary of the railway belt; thence northwesterly following the western boundary of the railway belt to the summit of Crown mountain, being the point of com-

The prohibition of entry in this case applies to prospectors and miners as well as settlers.

Regulations Made.

er of Lands and that the Lieutenantnor in Council may from time make regulations having the ef- parts. of statutory law and carrying penalties not exceeding in any case the sum of \$300 and costs, or three months' imprisonment in default, for The care, preservation and manage-ment of the park and of its springs, water courses, lakes, trees shrubbery, minerals, natural curiosities, and the

the true intent and meaning thereof. latter bill being transmitted by mes-Except as provided in this act re- sage from His Honor. use or occupy any portion of its acreparties fail to reach a mutually amic-

in the service. The minister of justice replied sympathetically, stating that the matter had been engaging his attention.

Late Mr. F. G. Vernon

ing in the name of the Minister of during the just past year in making Bowser made clear one misapprehen- lection of the lands, he was glad to re-

will shortly enter federal politics. A Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who held to the House so soon as certain necessary opinion that accidents were more Hable data was obtained from the surveyors private car operators than that of pro-fessional chauffeurs, and when the bill was being done in consonance with the has reached the committee stage the proper and expeditious development of member for Nanaimo will possibly in the University scheme. troduce an amendment embodying what he believes should be done to further protect the safety of the public in this one particular.

Tribute to Deceased Minister At the opening of the session yesterday afternoon, the Premier announced use and operation of motor-vehicles the death of the Honorable Forbes said that this was quite a new depar-George Vernon, which occurred in Lon- ture from the old Motor Vehicles Regdon last Saturday. The Premier, in ulations Act. Owing to the advance voicing his regret ,said that Mr. Ver- in rapid transit, the Superintendent Of Lands—Pleasure Ground non had been for many years an active of Police was of the opinion that a

"always ready and willing to do his the second reading would be passed share in the way of advancing the during the sitting it was not his ingeneral interests of the country, and tention to force through the House the he exhibited this characteristic very reading of the bill in committee, beprominently in the part he took in cause he knew how important it was Provincial politics. I understand that to owners of motor vehicles in this travel in safety through one municiby him to the legislature vesterday in the form of the bill respecting Strathcons park. This measure defines the pioneers of that time found his way wished to give them time and oppor- where the speed limit had been great- operation of motors in such places into the Okanagan country, where he tunity to meet him, and present any ly reduced, he was apt to be penalized, they have the power to do so. resided for many years and became suggestions they might have to offer although he might not even know when Taking up the various clauses of the possessed of very large land holdings, and if he thought proper he would add he crossed the dividing line. In view bill, the attorney general pointed carrying on the business of a stock these to the bill at the committee stage. of this it was wise that there should that it requires every motor in park and pleasure ground for the raiser and rancher until the late

> "As a resident of the Interior, Mr. section, and through his participation in the work of Parliament for that district he was personally instrumental in carrying out legislation that was of great practical value to the Interior of the country and to the whole Province. In the course of his Pariamentary career, Mr. Vernon served in two Governments, in the very responsible and Works, and he brought to that of

years, he was given the appointment of Agent General in London, and while in that office the Province derived great benefit from his ability and from the experience he had secured in his

"I think it is fitting that I should death, and of our desire to tender his relatives the very deep sympathy of the Parliament of British Columbia."

sented the petition of the Portland such parcels of land in the park as he deems advisable in the public interest for the construction of buildproviding for a change of name for the ings for ordinary habitation and for line consistent with the extension of the accommodation of persons resort- the scope of the promoters' plans. The ng to the park;

The preservation and protection of Mid-Provincial and Nechaco Railway game and fish and of wild birds gen- Co. and the Naas and Skeena Rivers Railway Co. Bills to amend the Tram-The removal and exclusion of tres- way Inspection Act and the Oaths Act were introduced by Hon. Mr. Bowser, Generally all purposes necessary to and the bill respecting Strathcons Up In House-Hon. Robert carry this act into effect according to Provincial Park by Hon. Mr. Ross, this

lating to the new Provincial Park, no In moving the second reading of the one is permitted to locate, settle upon bill to amend the County Courts Act amendment bill, Attorney General age, existing vested rights or inter- Bowser explained that the purpose and ests being of course exempt. Such intent of the amendment was merely interests or vested rights may be ac- to vest with the Lieutenant-Governorquired by the Chief Commissioner of in-Council the power to appoint an tenant-Governor in Council by the illness or absence of the regular inprocess of purchase and arbitration cumbent of the office, and also to appoint deputy registrars who, under the old act, are subject to appointment by the Registrar or by a County Judge. It now seemed desirable that the Profor the naming of deputy registrars in the same manner as the appointment

bill to amend the University Endowment act of 1907, Hon. Dr. Young explained that the act proposed to be Attorney-General Explains Bill amended prescribed the acreage to be set aside for University endowment amended prescribed the acreage to be Regulating Motor Vehicles purposes and also defined the period in which the selection of such endow-Premier Pays Tribute To The ment lands by the Government might be made. The extra-rapid development of the New North of the Province during the past few years had interfered with the obligations of the Government in the carrying out of the work WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—Interviewed ed to Fanny Louise Irwin. The interior The second reading of three governtoday with reference to the work to
department maintains that it was ment measures—the bills to amend the
have set aside two million acres durof selection to the full extent, for to fhrough error that the timber was not county Courts Act, to amend the ing the pioneering days of the New reserved, and, as Mr. Taylor put it, at: University Endowment Act, and to proreserved, and, as Mr. Taylor put it, attempted to correct this error at the expense of the innocent purchasers, who were threatened with suits in the expense of the innocent purchasers, who were threatened with suits in the expense of the local Parliament vesterday. None chequer court if they would not give up of the local Parliament yesterday. None quietly.

the local Parliament yesterday. None of the northern areas, now well under the local Parliament yesterday. To have taken out to be a local parliament of the northern areas, now well under the local parliament yesterday. Minister Oliver professed the belief, that the present holders knew of the mistake when they purchased and a contract of the mistake when they purchased and they are contract of the mistake when they are contract of the mistake

> A secondary bill dealing with the ac-This was the one particular feature tual acreage chosen and the site of the of the bill which excited comment by University would be presented to the to arise through the incompetency of now at work in the field. He could

> > The second reading of the bill was

agreed to without debate. Regulation of Motor-Vehicles

ond reading of the bill to regulate the figure in the public life of British Co- measure should now be brought down "He was," said Hon, Mr. McBride, up-to-date. Although he hoped that

take the opportunity this afternoon of making mention in this way of his

Portland Canal Railway Taking up the Order Paper business,

incial authority should be responsible The motion prevailed without dis-

University Endowment Act

In moving the second reading of the

Hon. Mr. Bowser in moving the secto keep legislation on this question

"We know that this is an age of be established a uniform speed limit Province to be registered with the Su 'nineties,' when he sold his interests rapid transit," said the Attorney Gen- for the entire Province. Another point perintendent of Provincial Police and eral, "and a few years age there would on which he had brought down uni- payment of a fee of \$10 per annum be no need for such a bill as this, but form legislation was the question of Any motor already registered under the though transportation is so increasing fees. He did not think it right that old act would, of course, escape this Vernon was always very glad to take in its rapidity, that is no reason why the municipalities should charge for a fee during the current year. By have part in the affairs of the Province, the old methods of transport, why pelicense when the government was to ing a complete system of registration destrians and drivers of horses and have the expense and trouble of en- as provided for, the government would vehicles, should not be protected. The forcing the Act. They should have in not only have information as to all the motor vehicle having arrived last, and return at least any revenue derived motor vehicles in the Province, being the fastest mode of transporta- from it. tion, we must see to it that the public are protected from injury by them in travelling along the highways."

The Minister continued that the first limits of cities and municipalities," he private owner must do the same, s idea of his bill was that life and limb added. "We do not wish to take from office of Chief Commissioner of Lands should be protected; and in addition the cities or the municipalities the there had been found much to justify right to tax any vehicle tearing up its fice a practical experience and adapt- the Government in establishing a uni- streets as motors of this class may do. ability to the work that made it one form code of speed for the whole prov- We also leave complete control of the many instances of serious accidents of the principal branches of the Exe- Ince. At present in different muni- streets and roads in the hands of the notably in Seattle—which with careful cutive of the country. After serving cipalities different rates of speed were cities and municipalities. That is to driving, might have been avoided. Un-The regulations prescribed are con- as Minister of the Crown for some allowed, so that a chauffeur might say, if there is any particularly con-

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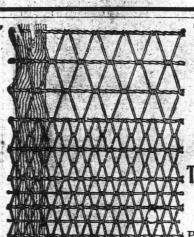
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Cities Not Affected "We do not interfere with motor ve-

would be able the better to carry ou the regulations. The bill requires that anyone bringing motors into the prov hicles operating for hire within the ince for sale must register them, and a that the department would have a com plete record.

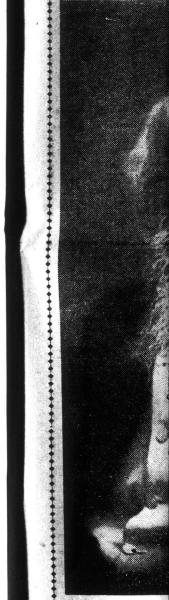
The province was also licensing chauffeurs. The public had read of



mmend "Fruit-a-t if every general store ives" prominently disp You have my auth think it would aid the The sales of "Frui ands of people, who h news to thousands of others. "Fruit-a-tives" a box-6 for \$2.50, tria

ALEX. LA

The Pass



(Contribu During the past we from among us wh versally known and Shetlanders than any This was George Bonnie Brae, Saan philanthropist, artist iness, who has unarm He was the author

little book "Shetland written in his mature has run through sev still has an extensive first book written in ect, and a copy has Museum in Edinbur contribution to philo lander, wherever he and loves this book tion of Shetland folk tales, couched in the o Shetland, now, alas old Shetlander gave there were only two b worth reading—the Bib Tales"!

The late Mr. Stewa Lerwick, Shetland Is. period when the peo had little chance o though almost entir began teaching scho at the early age of to Edinburgh in 1844 Normal school, and re some years. He the where, in partnership he engaged in mercan during the following t aged a very large and s sale provision and exp During these years, his time to philanthr own countrymen being

jects of his care. Fo

maintained several sch tive parish, until the