THE ASSESSMENT BILL.

Mr. Ross Explains Some of It's More Salient Features. Toronto, May 6. - The Legis-

lature spent over an hour yesterday discussing the proposal to submit the assessment bill to a special committee. The members were variously divided upon the wisdom of dealing finally with the measure this session. The Premier explained that the measure was not one upon which the Government staked its position. It was the embodiment of views expressed by the commission appointed to consider the matter, and should now be made the subject of minute study by every member of the House, in order that both in special committee and in the House itself it might be intelligently dealt with. The measure received its second reading, and was sent to a special committee, consisting of eleven Government and nine Opposition members. The committee will hear deputations, and may make a number of important amendments before submitting it to the House.

Mr. G. P. Graham, Brockville, was yesterday morning elected Chairman of the Public Accounts of committee of iously divided upon the wisdom of deal-

yesterday morning elected Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature, on motion of Messrs. Auld and St. John.

FREIGHT CONGESTION.

Questions Discussed in the House of Commons.

Ottawa, May 6.-The congestion of Freight on western railways was discussed in the House for six hours. The subject was brought up by Mr. Walter

subject was brought up by Mr. Water
Scott, and all of the western members
took part in the debate. Mr. Tarte
strongly defended the C.P.R.
A number of private bills were instroduced, the promoters having
taken alarm at the objections offered
by members on the Opposition side to
cany relaxation of the rules requiring
all bills to be introduced before a cerstain date. Those given first reading
were:—

Respecting the Interprovincial & James Bay Railway Company, and respecting the Quebec Bridge Railway Company, changing its name to the Quebec Bridge & Railway Company -Mr. Talbot

Respecting the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon Pontypool kailway Company—Licut.-Colonel Hughes.

Respecting the Toronto & Hamilton Railway Company—Mr. Arch. Camp-

bell.

Respecting the custody of certain trust funds in the Diocese of Moosonee—Mr. E. F. Clarke.

To incorporate the Hamilton, Berlin & Collingwood Railway Company

Mr. Cowan -Mr. Cowan.

To incorporate the Columbia River

Improvement Company, Limited—Mr. Galliher.
To incorporate the St. Joseph Transportation Company and to in-corporate the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company—Mr. H. A.

corporate the Southern Central Paci-fic Railway Company—Mr. H. A. Logan.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bill increasing the tax payable by Chinese immigrants entering Canada from \$100 to \$500, in-creasing the penalty payable by a Chinaman unlawfully in Canada to \$500, and apportioning one-half of the tax to the Province wherein the tax is collected, was passed through its final stages.

LOSSES BY BUSH FIRES. A Large Tract in North Hastings Swept.

Belleville, May 6.-The bush fires in the northern townships have been the most disastrous in the history of the county. Along the line of the Censtral Ontario Railway, and for miles on each side of it from Bancroft to Orms-by Junction, a distance of twenty miles, the flames swept, destroying thousands of dollars' worth of pro-perty. The Town of Bancroft was only saved by the strenuous efforts of the people. At Bryson station an immense quantity of pulp wood and tim-ber was consumed. In Egan's Creek settlement the following farmers lost their barns, machinery and grain :-fames Sutton, Frank Moore, Charles Connel, Wm. Smith and George Siger. At the Turriff settlement the following ost their houses and barns:—John Scryver. Thos. Letts and R. Black. The latter also lost thirty sheep. At Egan's Creek the Rathbun Company's soffice buildings were swept away. At Rankin's Grade some families named Reid lost their houses and all their effects, except what they buried in the sand. The Gilmour Company, the Rathbun Company and John McKenzie lost great quantities of logs, cedar spoles, wood, etc.

Wabash to Expend \$10,000,000. Toledo, Ohio. May 5.—The stock-cholders and debenture bondholders of the Wabash Railroad, at a meeting here

the Wabash Railroad, at a meeting here to-day, authorized the company to issue its coupon bonds in a sum not to exceed ten million dollars for the purpose of acquiring additional and adequate terminal facilities in Toledo, St. Louis, Chicago, Quincy, Kansas City, Detroit and other points. The issuance was favored by about 80 per centural the votes.

Chas. M. Schwab Re-elected. New York, May 5.—Charles M. Schwab was re-elected President of the United States Steel Corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in this city to-day.

Toronto Topics.

Teamsters' employers have offered \$42 a month without pay for overtime, and the men appear dissatisfied.

The Board of Trade has protested to the railway companies against the con-gestion of freight traffic. Mr. John A. Wismer, M.A., has retired from the Jameson Avenue Collegiate In-stitute with a year's salary.

McMaster University will confer the nonorary degree of LL.D. on Mr. D. E. Thomson, K.C., and Rev. G. N. Masse, and the D. D. degree on Rev. J. T. Mar-

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SIGN OF BIG CLOCK. A. A. JORDAN

The Breakfast State of Mind.

Why is breakfast "the most trying meal of the day?" asks a writer in the "Spectator." Why are people irritable at breakfast and disinclined to talk? Is it possible, perhaps, that there exists a particular breakfast bacillus, which thrives in the presence of bacon, coffee and buttered toast, and which attacks everybody who comes which thrives in the presence of bacon, coffee and buttered toast, and which attacks everybody who comes into the room where it lives, with a varying effect upon different constitutions? For the breakfast state of mind varies with different persons. There are several distinct classes into which the prevalent symptoms seem to fell. People do not behave in the same way at breakfast as at other meals, and though at dinner their moods may be practicably indistinguishable — the states of mind of diners, that is, do not greatily vary—at breakfast they conduct themselves as differently as possible. There are some people, for instance, who are in offensively high spirits early in the morning; in a state of health, in short, which really is rightly described as rude. You can hear them coming downstairs, no matter hew far the stairs are away from the dining-room, after slamming their bed-room doors with a resounding bang. They open the dining-room door as if they were pursued by a policeman, and probably slap their male friends on the back in an extremely provocative manner. During breakfast itself, while consuming great quantities of all kinds of food, they comment loudly on the small appetites of others, and insist upon drawing the attention of those who clearly wish to eat very little to the presence of everything which is edible in the room. They appear to be perfectly unconscious of the amount of suffering which their splendidly healthy habits inflict upon other persons of less robust constitutions, and are only able habits inflict upon other persons of les robust constitutions, and are only able

habits inflict upon other persons of less robust constitutions, and are only able to suggest, in answer to possible complaints of a headache, that the complainant should resort to the particular dishes of which they have themselves eaten, and which they invariably describe as "quite excellent."

If the frame of mind of the rude and boisterous breakfaster is one extreme, the other extreme is the mental state of the man who goes through the meal in a condition of profound depression. He glances vaguely and uncomprehendingly at a succession of dishes, eventually taking the smallest possible amount of the dish that is easiest to get on with. He does not speak unless someone speaks to him, when he either answers shortly and sadly, or, more often, with obviously forced merrlment and inconsequent laughter. Or—and perhaps this variant of the breakfast state of mind is a more striking antithesis to the rudely boisterous—his unbalanced mental attitude may be one esis to the rudery distribute may be one of suppressed fury. Men have been known who every morning of their lives hold a kind of review of their acquaintances and friends, and in some cases of those whom they employ. They occupy the breakfast hour in passing, so to speak, down the front and rear ranks, and in trenchantly summing up the habits and qualifications of every man reviewed, ending in each case with the verdict that "he is an ass." Probably he is nothing of the kind; later in the day, indeed, he may become endowed with all the virtues, but from eight o'clock in the morning until ten he possesses for the furlous breakfaster no characteristics except those of the idiot, or, in exceptional cases, balanced mental attitude may be one faster no characteristics except those of the idiot, or, in exceptional cases, of the professional robber. Of course, between the extremes of the rudely boisterous and the profoundly depressed or trenchantly furious breakfast states of mind there are others less definite. The curious case came pressed or trenchantly furious breakfast states of mind there are others less definite. The curious case came under the observation of the present writer of a man who, although in every respect temperate and healthy, did not find himself able to breakfast until everyone else had finished. He was accustomed to get up at the same time as everyone else, but knowing that others staying in the same house were breakfasting in the ordinary way down-stairs, he would pace up and down his room waiting until a footman, specially instructed, brought in the news that breakfast was over. He would then enter the dining-room with an excellent appetite, which, however, failed him completely should any fellow-guest by chance return to the room. But nothing, in any case, oxhausted his patience; if it happened that a late riser remained at the breakfast-table half an hour longer than the rest, he accepted the situation with complete equanimity; nor, upon any consideration, would he consent to breakfast in his own room, or anywhere except at a descrited table.

his own room, or anywhere except at a deserted table.

There are other and more or less comprehensible states of mind; as, for instance, the dislike which some persons have of watching other people eat sons have of watching other people are porridge; the unhappiness which possesses some breakfasters, usually journalists, unless they are allowed to walk up and down the room in silence; the extreme difficulty which some men find extreme difficulty which some men find in breakfasting in a room in which there is a looking-glass; and the strange mental condition which, at whatever time they may happen to come down to the dining-room, impels some persons to but one desire—namely, to get the thing over as soon as possible. "Early or late, whiter or summer, work or holidays, two damns and a cup of coffee—that's my breakfast," was the succinct comment of one who invariably began the day in a quite unnecessary hurry.

Ideal.

Mrs. Van Antier—She is a fine nurse, isn't she?
Mrs. Giltpace—Splendid. Why, I never have to see the baby from one week's end to the other.

The Kind That Get Away.

"That little minnow," said the first fish, "seems to have got a big opinion of himself all of a sudden." "Yes," replied the other, "he managed to wriggle off a hook this morning, and then heard the fisherman bragging about his size."—Philadelphia "Press."

"Yo' say Mistah Johnsing am industrious?" "Yeas, sah. Why, he spent two whole days tryin' to get his wife a job."—Chicago "Daily News."

Israel Zangwill has been one of the sprightliest witnesses in the "Truth" libel case in London. Asked whether his paper, "Ariel," was still in existence, he replied: "No. It was too good to live. I can't, however, say that it is dead, for its jokee still appear."

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claiming damages of \$5,000 against the defendant for alienating his wife's af-fections and breaking up his home at Allanburg, the jury gave the plaintiff \$2,000 damages.

The Kaiser in Italy.

Rome, May 5,—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel, escorted by Cuirassiers and cheered by the people, drove to the railroad station this morning and visited the Abbey of Monte

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PROSPECTUS.

THIS Corporation has been formed for the purpose of dealing in lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories of Canada.

Up to a few months ago practically the whole profit from dealing in the lands in the Great Western portion of the country had been reaped by shrewd American investors, who realized the immense possibilities and the certain future of Western Canada before we Canadians realized the immense heritage which lay within the heritages of our own country. In the last months of the months. within the boundaries of our own country. In the last months of the year 1902, however, the promoters of this Corporation having, through the different financial institutions with which they were connected, been obliged to make a careful study of the Western situation, became so thoroughly satisfied of the certain obliged to make a careful study of the Western situation, became so thoroughly satisfied of the certain future of the great West, and of the practically assured profits from an iuvestment in Western lands, that they decided to form a company to deal in land in the Janadian West. With that end in view a block of something over 125,000 acres was secured in the Big Quill Plains, in the district of Saskatchewan, and a company known os The Eastern and Western Land Corporation, Limited, was formed for the purpose of acquiring and handling this block. The stock of The Eastern and Western Land Corporation, Limited, was placed upon the market and offered to the public for subscription in January of the present year, and was placed upon the market and offered to the public for subscription in January of the present year, and so prompt was the response that within one month it was necessary to close the stock books, and even then applications for a large quantity of stock were refused. But from a Sharzholder's standpoint the best part remains to be told. Before the sales of stock were stopped, arrangements had been made with a large American Land Company for the sale of the whole of Company's lands at a price so largely in excess of the purchase price that the stock of The Eastern and Western Land Corporation, Limited, is already a very profitably one, and is held very firmly by its present holders; and all this was done in less than a month. Can any better proof be given of the wisdom of an investment in Western lands.

At the time The Eastern and Western Land Corporation, Limited, were dealing with the Quill Plains lands the Directors had in view several other available blocks of land, and were having the same carefully examined but waited until the one operation proved to the Canadian public the safety and

carefully examined, but waited until the one operation proved to the Canadian public the safety and profit of an investment of this kind. This has now been abundantly shown by the s aud Western Land Corporation, Limited, and we have theretofore no hesitation in placing before the public the Stock of The Ontario and Saskatchewan Land Corportation, Limited.

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It is only within the last year or two that Canadians have come to realize that Canadias future in a great measure lies in the West, a country immensely larger than the East and capable of supporting millions of people. Few in Eastern Canada realize the great progress this Western country is now making, and that before many years the West will surpass the East in point of population. Immigrants are pouring in, and the people of the United States especially are investing immense sums in land and holding for the rise which they know is sure to come. Lands in the West are increasing rapidly in yalue. Investments in them now are bound to realize haudsome profits. The Canadian Pactific Railway Company in 1902 sold 2.320,440 acres against \$33,922 acres for the previous year. The Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, of St. Paul, Minn., sold over one million acres of land in 1902 at a profit of some millions of dollars. The Haslan Land and Investment Company, of St. Paul, Minn., sold 300,000 acres in one year. The North-West Colonization Company, of St. Paul, disposed of over 500,000 acres, and if to these be added the lands sold by the Dominion and Manitoba Governments, The Canadian Northern Railway and other companies, syndicates and individuals an opinion may be formed of the immense advances this Western country has made in one year.

The Ontario and Saskatchewan Land Corporation, Limited, has purchased a large track of land in what is known as the Vermillion River District in Western Saskatchewan. It has been a tradition for years in the West that the most fertile belt of land in Canada, and therefore in the world, is situated in this district which lies along between the Battle River to the south and the Saskatchewan on the north. In this fortile country we have the right to aclect 300,000 acres of specially chosen lands, and our selectors are now in the district carefully examining the land section. This land will lie along and between the E

This is an investment which should especially appeal to the Canadian public, as it gives a practical certainty of profitable returns without the risk so often run in investing in companies doing a business of a hazardous nature, and it is an investment which Canadians, believing in their country and its future, may

hazardous nature, and it is an investment which Canadians, believing in their country and its future, may make feeling that in so doing they are helping to develop their own land.

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