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Annual Meeting of the Central Institute Has Begun Its Sittings.

A Variety of Interesting and Important Subjects Under Discussion.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute of Britaish Columbia began yesterday morning, the sessions being held in the general office of the Department of Agriculture, in the parliament buildings. In spite of the non-arrival of several delegates from the upper country institutes, the big table was well filled when the meating was called to order by Chairman J. M. Mutter, amongst those present being: Messrs, Joseph Whelpton, Agassiz, W. J. Brandrith, Burnaby; Walter Towlan, Matsqui; Andrew Noble, Kamloops; W. Arden, Metchosin; Major Mutter, Cowichan; J. T. Collins, Ganges Harbor; Munre Miller, Cedar Hill; Jos. McPhee, Comox; John B. Cade, Mission; H. W. Raymer, Osoyoos; W. H. Ladner Delta; H. Harris, Längley; Edward Mcore, Alberni; J. Churchland, Surrey; L. S. Paisley, Chilliwack.

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by the Deputy Minister started the proceedings. In it Mr. Anderson referred to his former suggestion, that the present meeting be an open one to all the farmers of the province. This, however, had not been deemed acceptable, and so the present meeting would be conducted along the lines of those of past years. The minister of agriculture, Hon. J. Prentice, he stated, had sent him message, assuring the institute of his deep interest in its proceedings, while suggesting that the pressure of his legislative and departmental duties was such

to prevent his personally attending resent meetings.
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He was glad to be able to announce that progress and prosperity were very noticeable in the general work of the Farmer's institutes. The steady growth in membership, in the number of meetings held, and in the attendance at the same, was highly satisfactory, as the following figures would show:

1899—Membership, 765; meetings, 111; attendance, 3,527; papers and addresses, 199; balance, 530.09.

1900—Membership, 1,031; meetings, 93; attendance, 2,369; papers and addresses, 199; balance 680.90.

1901—Membership, 1,385; meetings, 139; attendance, 4,298; papers and addresses, 233; balance, 785.

Of the meetings held in 1900, there were 4 morning, 27 afternoon and 62 evening ones, while in 1901 there were 3 held in the morning, 82 in the after-ship of the first state o were 4 morning, 27 afternoon and 62 evening ones, while in 1901 there were 3 held in the morning, 62 in the afternoon and 74 at 11 light 1905.

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This growth was to be attributed to a more liberal administration, as well as to the generous distribution of literature and the excellent work of the lecturers throughout the length and breadth of the province. Regarding the work of the lecturers, he would only refer to the letters from two of the Ontario gentlemen who had made the circuit of the institutes, first in the spring and again in the fall of the past year.

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In every instance but one the local institutes had reported increased membership. An additional institute was organized at Vernon, in the Okanagan country, and was already doing a most successful work, while that of Richmond had been subdivided, the eastern half, comprising the municipality of Burnaby, having been set apart as a separate district, under the name of Burnard.

At Salmon Arm, he regretted to state that it had been disbanded in spite of the fact that it had at the time of its inception had the largest number of members of all the institutes. A great loss had been experienced in this district through the death of the local president, the late A. J. Palmer.

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Agricultural Education, Mr. Paisely, Mr. Metcalfe, J. Perry. Road Question. Noxious Weeds, Messrs. Noble and J. B.

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Mr. Raymur, speaking of the unor

provincial constables. This was carried.

CONTAGIOUS 'DISEASES.

well assist in the matter.

Referring to the matter of the supplying of powder for stumping purposes through the agency of the department, the Deputy Minister strated that a great many circulars had been distributed, but only trifling orders, aggregating only some 3,000 pounds, had been received. As, however, the powder could only be supplied at the reduced rates when taken in carload lots, the whole effort would thus far appear to have been fruitles.

A closer inspection of cattle had been centoreed during the past year, chiefly because of the fear of an outbreak of tuberculosis, and as a result there had been an improvement in the condition and management of many of the dairies of the Positive.

On the 26th instant the general meeting of the Dairymen's and Live Stock as-

of ox-eyed daisies that were spreading very fast.

Deputy Minister Anderson here explained that for three years past the government has destroyed the thistles at Mission.

Chairman Mutter explained the various sections of the Noxious Weeds Act, and the proceedings under it, as reported in the institute report of last year. From this it appeared that the task of eradicating the thistles on government land was one of the stumbling stones in the path. The Major thought that it should be left to the municipalities, who should appoint inspectors for this pur-

did not do their duty. (This was eventually carried.)

Mr. Churchland, of Surrey, thought

that so long as the path masters were ing for an increase in his salary was laid unpaid, they could not be expected to give much time and attention to such estimates on the following evening. Capt. Stewart, of Eburne, thought that the powers under the present acts were quite sufficient. There was no thistle trouble in his district.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. Horace Knott, secretary of the Lord's Day alliance, wrote, acknowledging receipt of the council's reply to his first communication, and a protesting with the erection of a steel bridge. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. Arden, of Metchosin, stated that they had been legally advised that the Municipal Act was not sufficient to cope with the question of compelling people to out their thirtles. to cut their thistles.

Mr. McPhee, of Comox, stated that in his district thistles had got in along the old logging roads, and wherever a fire ran amongst the brush. The Agricultural society had given a small salary to an inspector, under the Noxious Weeds Act, but that had not been sufficient to most the trouble

ganized districts, said that in the district of Osoyoos they had the provincial constable appointed an inspector, and under him the question was being very well handled.

Mr. Noble then moved that in such districts the greatment has recorded. districts the government be recommended to add the inspecting under the Thistles and Weeds Act to the duties of the

Mr. W. H. Ladner, in moving the fol-lowing resolution, asked that it be laid

pole on Beacon Hill and stated that the guys and ropes had been seriously injured by the storm at Christmas and
that the pole was in some danger of
falling in case of a strong wind. Necessary repairs would cost \$115.

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The engineer also reported that the swing of the Rock Bay bridge could now be opened.

FIVANCE COMMITTEE.

United States Agricultural Company to Start a Factory.

Fort William, Ont., Feb. 22.—A. A. Beering Harvesting Machine Co., of Chicago, is in town with the idea of starting age. The Finance committee recommended a Canadian factory here.

were the active participants in the affray.
Mr. Tillman, in the course of a speech upon the Philippine Tariff Bill made sertious reflections upon the honor of his colleague, Mr. McLaurin. In 'brief, he

bridge, but only in the event of such a bridge being not too costly.

Ald. Kinsman thought that a stone or composition bridge would take two or three years to build.

Ald. Williams was not in favor of a stained from signing the committee's report. If they had a steel bridge it would mean sending all the money out of the country, whereas a stone or concrete bridge would mean local expenditure.

After further discussion the report was laid on the table and it was agreed that

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Washingtou, D. C., Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was signalized in the United States Senate by a fist fight.

The two senators from South Carolina were the active participants in the affray.

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His Lordship took the case under consideration and promised to give judgment within a week. In the meantime the trustees elected at the annual meeting are to act as such, but through their counsel gave an undertaking not to hold the shareholders' meeting called for today to ratify and confirm their election.

Patience—What lovely hats she wears.

Patrice—Yes: I know her husband is a landscape gardener, and he designs them.

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Washington, Henry arrived at shortly after 11 proach of the par the special notes Prince occupied a Evans, while back carriages of the military officers and members of 'A battalion of venue immediat The entire first

had been placed Prince and his pe of the drawing ro and the ambassa groups of guests Henry had as Japanese room, furnishings and The main body after the call at t ceeded to the new quarters covering were at their disp at 11.40 annound sident to the call of Prince H drove in an op Bingham, his na Bowles following The cheering President drove hat off his head ognition of the r The President a

together for about greetings were on exchange of ithe visit, which cial etiquette, alt diality and good nations. Following the came that of the district of Columb tend to the Prince city of Washingto Prince Henry acl with an expression He spoke in Engl the pleasure with forward to comis Prince Henry calls upon the f tioned at Washing sentative of and entitles him ambassador, both dau. 'As the Pri crowd gave him Ahead of the car of the cavalry. was at the British were then made on dor, M. Cambon: Count Cassini; the Signor Mayor; and sador. At each pla The Prince's call

f their sovereigns Returning to the 1 o'clock, the Pridunch with the G the members of One of the bri day was when Pri iplomatic corps.

Lord Pauncefote shered before th the French, Itali In the meantim and the staffs of and ministers had room to await the Prince's personal the Prince entered presented to the rithe members of the The dinner given tonight, closed the

brought together company. RELEASE Miss Stone and

Constantinople, was received here Miss Stone and five hours ride or nearest connection sab railway. Mis sab railway. Miss from the strain of and is unable to tak Miss Stone and Mn ably be compelled to a few days, and the them from Salonika Boston, Feb. 24.—of Foreign Mission received a cablegra tative, W. W. Peet, Bulgaria, saying.

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> Rossland, Feb. Martin, aged 69 ye here this morning h Deceased was a v uffered from bad esulting in melan PRESIDEN Havans, Feb.

trada Pa'ma and today formally sel lege respective vice-president Senators were als

TRAVEL Governor Ross Way

Winnipeg, Feb. ernor Ross, of the Oliver, M. P., pass today for Ottawa. Rev. Wellington ent pastor of the Souris, has been t a call to Dawson