Discuss The Terms

Chinese Plenipotentiaries Have a Meeting With Foreign Envoys.

Prince Chung and Li Hung Chang Promise to Inflict Due Punishment.

And a List of Accused Officials Will be Drawn Up Without Delay.

Pekin, Feb. 5.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, had a protracted meeting this morning with the foreign envoys. Twelve names of prominent Chinese officials were submitted, with the request that China keep faith with the powers and punish the persons named commensurately with their offences.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries replied that China's earnest hope was to carry out fully the demands of the powers and that she felt sure the punishment which she would inflict would be satisfactory. It was discovered that two out of the twelve persons named were already dead. In certain cases the Chinese plenipotentiaries gave reasons why the punishment inflicted should be banishment, and not death, asserting that in those cases they particularly desired banishment only because the persons in question were so closely related to the throne.

After a long conversation on the subject of punishment, it was decided that the foreign envoys should draw up a full list of accused officials both national and provincial, with indictments specifying the guilt of each and a statement of the punishment required, which would be presented to the Chinese plenipotentiaries for definite action.

Li Hung Chang, who is very weak from his recent illness, had to be carried in and out of the British legation. He is unable to walk, but his head seems as clear as ever. The foreign envoys were impressed with the evident desire of both Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to come to terms. Prince Ching asked whether, provided China showed by every means in her power a desire to carry out the terms of the joint note, the foreign troops would leave Pekin. The foreign envoys replied that this was a subject they could not discuss beyond saying that if everything were satisfactory, they would begin to withdraw the troops early in the coming spring, but that this depended largely upon the Chinese themselves.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang said they desired to know the names of places where the guards would be kept for the purpose of communicating with in accordance with the terms of the joint note. They were informed that this was a subject regarding which the military authorities had no accurate knowledge, but that at present no determination had been reached.

Prince Ching was anxious to know what provision would be made to control the legation guards and to prevent them from disturbing business. He asked if the guards would be allowed over all parts of the city.

To this inquiry the reply was given that the guards would certainly not be allowed to interfere with any avocations of the Chinese, but would be kept to merely guard the legations in case of necessity. Prince Ching was assured that in whatever part of the city the legation guards might go, they would be required to confirm to the laws which would be required to conform to the laws which would be agreed upon, under pain of severe punishment for any infraction.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries also touched upon the question of forts, asking if it would be necessary to destroy them. As there seemed to be some diversity of opinion among the foreign envoys regarding the matter, it was left over until the question of punishment had been definitely decided. Count von Waldersee has left for Shan Hai Kwan.

Shanghai, Feb. 5.—A despatch from Pekin says Prince Chuen has started for Germany to present the apology of China for the murder of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Pekin.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The war office has received the following despatch from Count von Waldersee:

"Pekin, Feb. 5.—The column under Gen. von Trotha, which left here on January 31, reached Yang Fang, thirty kilometres northwest of Pekin, on Saturday, February 3. Next day the column made an expedition from that point into the mountainous region westward. I leave Pekin to-morrow for Shan Hai Kwan, on a visit of inspection. I shall return on February 9."

Washington, Feb. 5.—Consul McWade at Canton has cabled to the department of state that the Empress has appointed Chan Poshi special ambassador to England to bear condolences on account of the death of Queen Victoria, and also congratulations to King Edward on his accession. On the return of Chan Poshi he will be appointed chief chancellor. China Kung Hsin Chan is appointed his chief secretary. From England they will come to the United States en route to China.

JAMAICA LEGISLATURE.

An Address Expressing Loyalty to Be Sent to the King.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 5.—At a special meeting of the legislature just held to take action on the death of Queen Victoria, the Governor read a message received last night from the King, beginning, "To my people beyond the seas," in which His Majesty promised to follow his mother's footsteps in promoting peace and progress throughout his vast colonial dominions. The council resolved to send an address to the King, expressing its loyalty, and the hope that the island will soon emerge from the decay into which it has fallen during the last few years. The members also referred to the good done to Jamaica and the other colonies by the late Queen Victoria.

SPANISH STRIKE.

Railway Communication Interrupted—An Immense Number of Men Out.

Madrid, Feb. 5.—A strike on the railroad to the Portuguese frontier is causing great dislocation of traffic. Only a few trains are running, and they are worked by military engineers. The engines and cars are lying deserted on the tracks. A general strike of all the trades at Gijon, growing out of the eight-hour question, has assumed large proportions. Over 150,000 men are out. The strikers thus far have been quiet, but martial law has been proclaimed throughout the provinces, and the government has drafted there a sufficient force of troops to cope with any emergency.

UNITED STATES TROOPS.

They Will Not Be Removed From China This Winter.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The cabinet at its meeting to-day again discussed the question of the number of troops to be left in China. A tentative conclusion was reached not to augment or decrease the force now there. Comfortable quarters for the troops are now being prepared, and unless conditions change, the present force will remain during the winter.

During the session of the cabinet, the nominations of general officers of the army sent to the Senate to-day, were discussed at length and some re-arrangement of the list as prepared was submitted to the Senate to-day. The unusual course was pursued by the President with respect to the nomination of Major-General Nelson A. Miles to be lieut-general. The question of nomination was submitted to the cabinet and a ballot was taken upon it. It resulted in the favor of the nomination, and it therefore was sent to the Senate. No detailed statement of vote is obtainable.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

It Is Reported on the Island of Reunion.

Capetown, Feb. 5.—The Island of Reunion has been declared infected with bubonic plague.

Dewet and His Intentions

Wants to Annex Districts in Cape Colony and Commandeer Residents.

Reports That British Troops Are Rapidly Approaching Portuguese Frontier.

London, Feb. 5.—A special despatch from Capetown says that Gen. Dewet, according to Capetown reports, intends to annex various districts of Cape Colony and to commandeer men and supplies, although he is now urging the colonists not to join him.

It is reported here that British troops are advancing rapidly towards the Portuguese frontier.

Capetown, Feb. 5.—An order has been gazetted permitting the importation of goods to the Transvaal subject to a military permit.

The Boers captured two hundred British when they rushed Moddersfontein on January 30. The prisoners were subsequently released. Thirty British were killed or wounded.

Officials have been despatched to all the bays along the west coast of Cape Colony to guard against the landing of mercenaries or arms. With the exception of one, all the guns of the British cruiser Sybille, wrecked last month near Lambeth Bay, have been recovered.

Clan William, Feb. 5.—Col. Brandor drove the Boers out of Warrhynsdorp, capturing a number of wagons and a quantity of merchandise. All the farms in this region are deserted. The only being found, except armed Boers, was an English governess on one of the farms.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 5.—The peace movement throughout the surrendered Boers has hitherto been unsuccessful. Peace envoys will visit Capetown and set going new peace designs.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—Col. Steele has been offered a colonelcy in Baden-Powell's police, with a salary of $6,000, with allowances. Recruiting commences first in British Columbia. Dr. Vaux of Ottawa, is chief medical examiner. The force will be mobolized here.

Valetta, Malta, Feb. 5.—The British third-class cruiser Pyramus has been ordered to South Africa.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

All Is Ready for Opening of the House To-day.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—(Special)—All is in readiness for the opening of the legislature to-morrow. Mr. Whitney arrived in town to-day, and with other members took the oath of allegiance.

Lieut.-Governor Mowat will be escorted to the house by a hundred men of the Grenadiers. There are three new members to be introduced—Messrs. Munro, North Renfrew; Breithoupt, North Waterloo; and Gross, of Welland. The chamber has been draped with black and purple. In the corridors of the house is a portrait of Gen. Wolfe, painted by J. W. L. Forster.

SIR CHARLES' VALEDICTORY

Was Read at the Caucus of the Conservatives at Ottawa Last Night.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Over seventy senators and members attended the Conservative caucus to-night. Mr. Brock, of Toronto, presided.

Sir Charles Tupper's valedictory was read. He reviewed the accomplishments of the Conservative party and mentions two planks which must be pressed—the fast line project and the adoption of inter-Imperial preferential trade. The latter he considers the most important issue before the people of Canada.

A committee was appointed, of which Col. Prior is a member, to draft a suitable reply.

There was some divergence of opinion on the question of leadership, and final decision was postponed until to-morrow night, when more members will be here. Some wanted a permanent leader chosen; the majority, however, favor the choice of a sessional leader, and these have Mr. Borden in view.

Do not despair of curing your sick headache when you can so easily obtain Carter's Little Liver Pills. They will effect a prompt and permanent cure. Their action is mild and natural.

Emperor William

London Crowds Cheer Him As He Drives Through the Streets.

And He Appears Pleased With the Cordiality Shown To Him.

At Port Victoria Men of War Dress Ship in His Honor.

Windsor, Feb. 5.—King Edward, in the uniform of a Prussian dragoon regiment; Emperor William, wearing a British Field Marshal's uniform; the Duke of Connaught, in the uniform of a Prussian regiment of Hussars, and Prince Henry of Prussia, left Windsor Castle to-day in a royal carriage, drawn by four horses, with postillions and escort of Life Guards. They drove to the railroad station and took train for London. Their Majesties were loudly acclaimed by the assembled crowds.

London, Feb. 5.—On the arrival of their Majesties at Paddington station, they were met by an assemblage of high court and army officials. The band played "God Save the King," a procession was formed and the royal carriages were driven to Marlborough House.

Emperor William, who was very pale, sat beside King Edward in an open landau. The people lining the route gave the Emperor enthusiastic ovations. They were especially vociferous at the Park and in Piccadilly.

Emperor William returned on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Port Victoria on his way home after receiving from the crowds demonstations expressive of their appreciation of his visit to England.

The Emperor's passage through London was somewhat marred by fog. A naval parade greeted the Emperor's arrival at Port Victoria, when all the war vessels dressed ship, this being further evidence of exceptional cordiality existing between the two countries.

Emperor William was accompanied by Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duke of Sparta. It was at Charing Cross railway station, subsequent to the luncheon at Marlborough House, the chief ovation occurred. The crowds, packed densely, cheered loudly as each state carriage, containing the German suite passed, and shouted themselves hoarse, when behind a brilliant escort of Life Guards, Emperor William, King Edward, Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duke of Connaught drove up in the same carriage.

The Archbishop of York, Field Marshal Earl Roberts, the Lord Mayor and many distinguished people, including the members of the German embassy and a number of officers, gathered on the platform to bid farewell to Emperor William. The last was in the highest spirits. He talked, laughed and shook hands with all around and smiled continually; King Edward was equally cheerful; he appeared to be in better health than for weeks past.

After an affectionate farewell between the two monarchs the train started out amid the playing of the national anthem by the band of the Coldstream Guards and the cheers of the people. King Edward ran forward to take a final grip of Emperor William's hand, which was held out of a window. It was evident that no one was better pleased at events than the Emperor himself. A band of German detectives followed his footsteps and boarded the train before it started.

For the first time in many days the flags in the streets and on the buildings floated at the heads of the staffs. The German flag was prominently displayed.

The Duke of Cornwall and York is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Prince Henry of Prussia, who rejoined the German flagship Baden at Portsmouth this afternoon, was gazetted to-night as honorary vice-admiral in the British navy.

It is understood that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will rest at Sandringham for the next few days. The former will return to Buckingham Palace on February 13, and hold a Privy council to draft the King's Speech at the opening of parliament.

In conformity with the course adopted by the former Prince of Wales, afterwards King George IV., who resigned the office of grand master when he was appointed regent, King Edward has now resigned the office of grand master of Freemasons in England, which he has held since 1874. But he will retain his connection with Masonry under the probable title of protector. A special Grand lodge will be summoned on February 15, when it is expected the Duke of Connaught will be nominated to succeed His Majesty as grand master.

ONTARIO'S SURPLUS.

It Is Stated to Be Over a Million For the Year.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The financial statement to be presented to the Ontario legislature, which opens to-morrow, will show the receipts for the year to be $4,200,000; expenditures, $4,000,000, leaving a balance of $200,000, added to which is $836,000 to the credit of the government in banks, making the total surplus for the year ending December 31, 1900, over $1,000,000.

IMPEACH WILCOX.

Petition to Oust Him Formally Introduced in United States House.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Representatives Tongue (Oregon), "by request," to-day introduced in the house the charges against Wilcox of Hawaii, which were presented recently to the committee on elections by Attorney Gear. Accompanying the charges is a petition praying that Delegate Wilcox be ousted from his seat.

TO WIND UP.

Farmer Could Not Get His Insurance and Appeals to the Courts.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—(Special)—An application has been made in the Superior court for a winding-up order for the Montreal-Victoria Fire Insurance Co. It is made by Rudolph Perrier, merchant of Lachine, who was insured for $3,000 and was burned out in May last, and who has been unable to recover amount.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berin, London.

WEILER BROS.

HE DECLINES TO AGREE

Mr. McPherson Endorses the Platform But Not the Man.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—A member of Robert Macpherson's candidature committee was interviewed this morning regarding the attitude of Mr. Macpherson towards Mr. Joseph Martin. This gentleman said that Mr. Macpherson is a candidate of the Labor party, and, while Mr. Macpherson endorsed Mr. Martin's platform because it is acceptable to labor, Mr. Macpherson does not endorse Mr. Martin. In other words, the platform was endorsed, but not the man who made it. The labor party would meet on Wednesday, however, to consider the question, but that party would never be dictated to by Joseph Martin politically.

Clarence Eddy, one of the finest organists on the continent, will be in Vancouver on February 21 to open the new organ in the new Catholic church. It is expected that lovers of music from other cities will be present to hear Mr. Eddy, as he has more than a continental fame.

There were two meetings of the shareholders of the Britannia Copper Syndicate, Ltd., yesterday, over 80 per cent. of the capital stock being represented. The greatest harmony prevailed, there being no dissenting votes on any of the questions brought up. The most important business transacted was the consolidation of the entire ownership of the Britannia group of mines, by the transfer of the three-tenths interest in the property hitherto owned by Leopold J. Boscowitz, of Victoria, to the Britannia Copper Syndicate, Limited. During the meeting three proposals looking to the purchase of the property by English and United States mining operators were received by wire, all of which were referred to the directors for further consideration and action. One of these was from the Valentine Scott Syndicate, of £150,000 cash in 30 days.

Burglaries continue to be very prevalent in Vancouver. The police now have a theory that the Chinese domestic servants are responsible for the thefts, and that if West End residents ceased to employ Chinese, the numerous mysterious thefts of jewellery and money would stop.

O. A. Godson, formerly of Victoria, a member of the firm of J. Roberston & Co., has purchased the block adjoining Brackman & Ker's warehouse, on Hastings street, for $9,000, and will build a large warehouse thereon. Robert Braid, wholesale grocer, has purchased the lot next to Godson, and will also put up a warehouse. Both lots are alongside the C. P. R. tracks.

In a hockey match played between Vancouver and Westminster on Trout lake to-day, Westminster won by 2 goals to 1. The game was rough. When time was called the game was a tie. It was decided to play on until either side scored. Westminster got a goal in five minutes.

A FATAL FAMILY.

Four Persons Die in Less Than a Week.

New York, Feb. 4.—The coroner's office was notified to-day of the death of Mrs. Florence May Nason at a private hospital. Her death was caused by pneumonia, following the inhalation of smoke at the Jefferson hotel fire of last Wednesday. Her husband died on Saturday from the same cause. Mr. and Mrs. Nason's child died at the Jefferson several days before the fire. The nurse who had been in attendance, Elizabeth Dowling, was thrown to the pavement by the breaking of a rope fire escape and was killed. Thus in less than a week, father, mother, child and nurse met death.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Royal Guests Arriving at The Hague For the Marriage.

The Hague, Feb. 4.—Numerous royal personages are arriving at The Hague to attend the wedding of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry of Mecklenbergh-Schwerin. Her Majesty, attended by the queen's mother and Duke Henry, met Grand Duke Wladimir of Russia, his daughter, Grand Duchess Helene, and his son, Grand Duke Boris, at the railway station this afternoon. Queen Wilhelmina was warmly cheered as she drove through the streets. The Queen has received the Roumania Grand Cross of the Order of the Star, and Duke Henry the Swedish Seraphim Order.

COUNTERFEITER CAUGHT.

Arrested in Manitoba With Dies and Tools For Making Money.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Chief of Police Gagnier of St. Boniface has arrested a man named James Armstrong on a charge of making counterfeit money. Armstrong is an old man of over 60 years, but has served a term in jail here and a term in the Stoney Mountain penitentiary, the latter expiring in October last. Recently he had been employed at the Archbishop's palace, St. Boniface. Dies and other tools for the manufacture of 10 and 25-cent pieces were found in his room.

POLITICAL DEBAUCHERY

East Queen's Election Voided Because of Wholesale Liberal Bribery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 2.—The East Queen's election for the Dominion House of Commons was voided yesterday by Mr. McKinnon, late attorney-general of the local legislature, who was declared elected over Mr. Martin, Conservative, on a recount by mens of a poll box of one booth having been stolen in transit to the sheriff, is unsettled.

The evidence revealed a terrible state of political debauchery. It was shown that just before and during polling day, in every poll in which evidence was given, money was used freely, and that men were seen lying drunk on the side of the road, the work being done by Liberal workers. It was proved that when Liberal agents would go to McKinnon's office and ask for supplies they would in some instances, be refused, but in every case they would be followed out by some person and given a ticket which could be presented to a saloon keeper and liquor would be obtained.

Dr. Pugsley, counsel for the respondent, at first declined to cross-examine any witnesses and finally applied to the court for an adjournment until after the session, alleging that respondent would require to attend the House. He admitted the evidence showed that the seat was voided, but claimed that on a recriminatory case he could show that Mr. Martin's election would also be voided.

Mr. Stewart, Q.C., for petitioner, asked time to consult and the result was that he withdrew his claim to the seat, which was then declared voided, and the cross petition against Mr. Martin was dismissed. The personal charges against Mr. McKinnon were not pressed.

Judge Hodgson in delivering judgment declared that depth of corruption and debauchery was a disgrace to any country, and made one feel ashamed to live in a province where it existed. He said that all parties who were proved to have been guilty would be reported, and a strong report on the matter would be sent to the Speaker.

Judge Fizgerald was even stronger in his condemnation that Judge Hodgson, and said that he would not have hesitated in disqualifying all persons proved guilty of corrupt acts.

A HUGE COMBINATION.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Mail and Express says: "The Southern Pacific deal represented an outlay of $70,000,000, all of which was paid in cash. The operation, however, extends over several weeks. The Huntington stock was taken up and paid for early in January. While the purchase of the Southern Pacific is the greatest deal that has so far been anounced, there is another great deal being hatched which will carry the community of interest one step further. It can be stated on authority that the Atchison is to be brought into close harmony with the Southern and Union Pacific and in practically the same way, the New York Central and Pennsylvania have joined hands, thereby ending for all time the chances of rate disputes between the two companies.

Furthermore a great southwestern combination is being quietly formed which will take in some more of these systems. The Atchison, St. Louis and San Francisco, M. K. & T., Missouri Pacific and Texas Pacific, which is to be the main stem of this big system. And it will have an entrance into both Chicago and San Francisco.

The absorption of this vast property by the Union Pacific makes the strongest combination in the United States. The Union Pacific does not extend east of Omaha, but its close relations with the Chicago and Northwestern gives it all the benefits of a through route to Chicago.

V. V. & E.

Reported to Be Trying to Secure the False Creek Flats.

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—(Special)—It was learned to-day that V. V. & E. agents had been attempting last week to secure options on property abutting on False Creek. More than one property owner interested confirmed this news to the Colonist correspondent this morning. It is stated that they further contemplate cutting a canal to deep water near the sugar refinery from the flats, a distance of half a mile.

ROBERT MACKLIN GONE.

Winnipeg Crack Shot Falls Dead Suddenly at His Home.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Robert Macklin, one of the city's best rifle shots, and frequently a member of the Manitoba rifle team for Ottawa, dropped dead to-day. He was a veteran of the 1885 rebellion.

KILLED HIS FATHER.

Son's Disgrace Proved Fatal to Hugh Kerr.

Peterson, N. J., Feb. 2.—Hugh Kerr, the father of George A. Kerr, one of the convicted men in the Boshleter murder case, who was yesterday taken to state prison at Trenton, died to-day as the result of the shame and disgrace brought upon him.

Garden Is Asked Again

He Is Requested to Contest the Provincial By-Election in Vancouver.

Annual Meeting of Women's Council—C. P. R.'s Northern Steamers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Mr. Garden is being asked to contest Vancouver in the coming by-election for the provincial house.

The annual meeting of the Women's Council took place to-day. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. H. Macaulay; vice-presidents, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Haskett, Mrs. Davin, Mrs. Cowperthwaite; secretaries, Mrs. Finis and Miss Edgar.

The meeting of the opposition called for to-night was adjourned after a short discussion, to ascertain the position of Robert Macpherson, already in the field as a Labor candidate.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has purchased two steamers to put on the run between Victoria, Vancouver and Skagway. This information comes from Robert Kelly, of the firm of Kelly, Douglas & Co. Mr. Kelly was one of the delegates from the Citizens' Association to the Ottawa government, which placed before the government the wants of Vancouver. On their road home, the delegates stopped at Montreal, and there Mr. Kelly had an interview with Mr. G. McL. Brown, executive officer of the C. P. R. Mr. Brown stated that the C. P. R. had purchased two handsome steamers in East India, which they would place on the British Columbia-Skagway run. The two steamers referred to had been purchased at an expense of $500,000 and were guaranteed 16-knot boats, would carry 800 tons of freight and 250 cabin passengers. They are now undergoing some slight alterations in the way of improved modern conveniences for passengers, on the completion of which they will be at once put in commission, and will be in British Columbia in ample time for the spring Klondike trade. At the offices of Superintendent Marpole it was stated that there was no official information regarding the new steamers to be given out, but as the new manager of the C. P. N. would be here at the end of the week, as well as Mr. G. McL. Brown, the public would receive what information they desired officially at that time.

L. Edwin Dudley, United States consul, has returned from Olympia, Wash., where he has been interviewing the Washington legislature regarding the establishment of an international hatchery on the Fraser river for the purpose of perpetuating the salmon industry at a point advantageous to both countries. Mr. Dudley says that the Washington government are to invite the British Columbia government to appoint a joint committee to discuss the advisability of adopting Consul Dudley's suggestion, and with a view of jointly memorializing their respective federal governments should they agree to favor the scheme.

There is a serious scarcity of potatoes in Vancouver. Ranchers in from Ashcroft to-day say that 200 cars of potatoes have been shipped from there, and Ashcroft is practically cleaned out. Wholesalers are shipping old potatoes from California.

NANAIMO POULTRY SHOW.

It Opens This Morning With a Fine Display of Birds.

Nanaimo, Feb. 4.—British Columbia's principal poultry show opens in the city hall to-morrow morning, when it is expected the finest display of poultry ever seen on the Pacific Coast will be on exhibition. Amongst the local breeders there has been great preparation for this event, some even going the length of importing expensive stock from Ontario and the Eastern States, especially for this show.

One of the chief local exhibitors says that there is more than a possibility that not a single imported bird will take a first prize against the home product. It is expected that fully six hundred birds will be on exhibition, including representatives of all the famous classes. In some of these Nanaimo holds the Dominion record. The judge, Mr. Downes, of Oregon, will have his work cut out for him in making the awards.

Whether the Extension people ever get that bridge across the ravine largely depends upon what the Extension people are prepared to do to help themselves. If they show the proper spirit and subscribe liberally to the undertaking, it may be taken as done; but if they are going to allow outsiders to bring the matter to a focus, they will probably have to wait a long time for the bridge. That is pretty much the tenor of the reply sent by the Nanaimo Board of Trade to the Extension committee entrusted with the matter of the bridge. The Nanaimo merchants are quite willing to do all in their power to further the scheme, but they are averse from shouldering all expense and trouble attached to the completion of the business.

The school trustees' estimates amount to $16,912 this year, including $1,348 over last year, necessitated by the appointment of two additional teachers next month.

The customs collections for January are $7,066.29; imports, dutiable, $36,261; free, $1,261. Inland revenue receipts are $1,594.99.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church has decided to erect a handsome pipe organ, to be called the Victoria memorial organ. It will cost about $3,000, to be raised by subscription.

ATTACK THE MINISTRY.

Appearances Are That Italian Government Will Be Defeated.

Rome, Feb. 4.—The long-expected attack on the Saracco ministry was opened in the chamber of deputies this afternoon. The ministry is in bad odor with several of the parties on account of its efforts to bring about reforms in the administration and improvements in the military and naval services, which have necessitated from financial resources. The ministry presented its financial bills, which the budget committee refused to accept. The government then requested the committee to draft another scheme, but the latter declined. This is the situation with which the chamber was confronted to-day, and it is disgruntled with both the government and the committee. The closing of the chamber of commerce of Genoa, which led to the recent strike, furnished a peg on which the government was attacked in an interpellation brought forward to-day. There was a large gathering of deputies and spectators, as the fall of the ministry was anticipated.

The Last Sad Scene

Description of the Final Ceremonies at the Queen's Funeral.

Last Honors Paid and the Body Now Lies in the Tomb.

The Royal Family Say Their Farewells and All Is Over.

Windsor, Feb. 4.—The last honors have been paid to Queen Victoria. Her body now rests peacefully near that of her husband in the mausoleum at Frogmore. The final ceremonies were more of a funeral and pathetic character than any of the obsequies which preceded them. Shortly before 3 o'clock, in the presence of the Royal mourners, the Grenadiers' guard of honor lifted the coffin from its temporary resting place in the Albert Memorial chapel and placed it on the gun carriage. In the meantime the Queen's company of Grenadiers, drawn up in the quadrangle, presented arms and wheeled into line, their rifle muzzles pointing to the rear, at the reverse, and with slow, measured steps marched towards the Castle gates.

At the head of the procession was a band playing Chopin's funeral march. Slowly the cortege passed under the massive archway, on the long walk, which was a mass of black, brilliantly edged with scarlet. Life Guardsmen kept the crowd back.

In place on the gun carriage was the same regalia which had attracted the eyes of millions since the march to the grave began at Osborne. Close behind walked the King, Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught, wearing dark military overcoats and plumed cocked hats, and looking pale and careworn. In similar dull attire were the Kings of Portugal and Belgium. All heads were bent. The blue and grey of the German princes relieved the Royal group from perfect sombreness of color. Behind these walked Queen Alexandra and the Royal Princesses, deeply veiled. The Queen carried an umbrella, but the others had their hands folded. As the last of these veiled women passed out of the Castle, there came two boys dressed in bright tartan kilts and velvet jackets; between them was a young girl, her fair, loose hair glittering against the crepe of her mourning. Two of these were children of the Princess of Battenberg and the other Prince Edward of York. His tiny legs could hardly keep pace even with the slow progress of the march.

The rear of the procession was brought up by the suites of the Kings and Princesses.

Down the long walk, with the band still playing Chopin's dirge, this throng slowly made its way to the mausoleum. The horses attached to the gun carriage were inclined to be restive, but as an extra precaution a drag rope was attached to the wheels and held by sturdy artillerymen.

At the lodge gates the strain of the band died away and the pipers commenced their lament.

There, between the broad avenue of stately trees, the crowds were thickest, forming dense black banks.

By 3:30 p.m. the crowned bier passed into the outer lodge, which leads to the Frogmore enclosure, where none but the family and their servants were admitted. The choir met them, and the Royal family and their relatives entered the burial place, so dear to the late Queen, ranging themselves on each side of the coffin. The Bishop of Winchester read the last part of the burial service. After further singing by the choir, the benediction was given, and amid the privacy of the family tomb the last farewells were said, the funeral came to an end, the mourners drove to the castle and the crowds dispersed.

BADEN-POWEL'S POLICE.

Captain Fall, the Recruiting Officer, Has Reached Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Capt. Percy Fall, late of Strathcona's Horse, who has been charged with the duty of enlisting recruits for the South African Constabulary, arrived in the city to-day, and will arrange with the militia department for the immediate commencement of recruiting. Capt. Fall will visit points from Halifax to the Coast.

The Roman Catholic archbishops have made representations to the government for the abolition of the coronation declaration, which they say is an insult to their religion.

Mr. Scott, the commissioner to the Glasgow exhibition, leaves Ottawa for Glasgow on the 23rd. The work of placing Canadian exhibits which were at Paris, in position at Glasgow is well advanced, and Canada will be well represented.

MRS. WELLS' FUNERAL.

It Took Place at Palliser Yesterday and Was Very Impressive.

Palliser, B. C., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. W. C. Wells took place here this afternoon at 4:30. A special train was sent up from Golden to accommodate the many friends of the family who wished to pay respect to the deceased. There were beautiful wreaths and flowers from all parts of the province, including a handsome wreath from the colleagues of Hon. W. C. Wells in the provincial government. Mrs. Wells was a daughter of the late Mr. Macdonell of Vankleek Hill, Ont. Besides her husband Hon. W. C. Wells, two sons, George P. Wells and J. D. Wells, are left to mourn her loss. Rev. Father Thayer conducted the funeral services at the house and grave, and paid eloquent and impressive tribute to the character and merits of the deceased.

Reached Ripe Old Age.—The death occurred yesterday at the patriarchal age of 80 years of Mrs. Isabella McFaun, of Henry street, Rock Bay, relict of the late George McFaun, of Port Glasgow, Scotland. The deceased leaves four children to mourn her death—Mr. William McFaun, Mrs. A. Stewart, Mrs. R. Steele, and Mrs. G. Allen. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 from the residence of Mrs. A. Stewart, No. 20 Henry street.