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The Great Project for Round the World Connection Through Alaska and Siberia.

An Old Scheme Which the Klondike Rush May in Part Revive.

(From the Seattle Press-Times.)

In June, 1895, during the Cariboo gold mining excitement, the press dispatches from Ottawa contained the information that the Canadian Pacific Railway Com-

can be put in working order without a very great outlay of capital. The great

the scheme to span Behring Straits by means of a cable, the distance being short, and found practicable. The overland telegraph line was to extend to Cape Prince of Wales on this side of the sea and crossing the straits, connect the Siberian shore at Plover Bay. From I now recall the schooner George S. Plover Bay inland there is now about Wright, the bark H. L. Rudgers, ship 350 miles of poles erected with wires Nightingale, schooner Milton G. Badstretched, reaching across the snowy land visited only by an occasional polar Onward. The latter was aiterward lost.

will always be read with interest. In when the news was received to stop her down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the last the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to their to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to the down in the water she would have quence the merchants are up to the water she would have quence the merchants are up to the water she would have quence the merchants are up to the water she water s first trans-Atlantic cable, but it was answered: found to be a failure, and electrical engineers announced that it was impossible to transmit a message so great a distance as 3,000 miles under water. For ten years the matter was unsettled, and the Western Union Telegraph Company's Russian extension was originated, being a separate company, but having magazine writer, information and mathe same stockholders as the parent terials which have since made him company. Millions of dollars were spent wealthy and famous, and given him a in setting men at work and securing satisfactory routes and in sending out exploration parties, and finally the great work was commenced on a gigantic scale. Early in the spring of 1866 word was flashed over the world that the second Atlantic cable was a complete success, and at the same time the Russian extension was abandoned. As an illustration of the great loss suffered, it is sufficient to mention that on this extension. It is the formula of the state in setting men at work and securing satin setting men at work and securing satisfactory routes and in sending out exploration parties, and finally the great work was commenced on a gigantic scale. Early in the spring of 1866 word sion of this old-time telegraph line the to Forty Mile Creek on the Yukon, with cost of transportation of materials and branch lines to Sitka and Juneau. The supplies of all kinds equalled \$1 a pound. Prospective great development of the The materials were abandoned, and the Supplies were sold to the Hudson Bay part of the line a good business propositrappers for 1 cent per pound.
It is of interest now to note that the

prices paid for ordinary articles of necessity at that time were about the same demanded at the present moment from the miners at Dawson City. It is also interesting to note that the proposed line would have passed very near the present townsite of Dawson. If the line the great Siberian railway." had been extended as far as the Klondike, then an unknown stream, and having no place on the map, it is very likely that in sinking holes for the telegraph poles, the rich deposits of placer gold would then have been discovered in which event the previous generation would have experienced the gold excite-

ment now prevalent.

Seattle and the Puget Sound region were closely identified with the great proposition during the period of nction on this division, and there are still in this city men who were then in the employ of the companies interested. J. M. Lyon, ex-postmaster of Seattle, was then an operator in the employ of the California State Telegraph Company, afterward absorbed by the Western Union, and he was sent by the company to New Westminster, where he was manager of the local office. Another well known Seattle man who was then in the work is George W. Harris, late auditor of the Seattle, Lake Shore & dental

Eastern railroad. In 1864-5 he was quartermaster on the schooner George W. Wright, which carried supplies from San Francisco and materials to the workmen on the frontier of this coast, Alaska and Siberia. Of course there was no American Alaska then; it was Russian territory. There were several ships and schooners in the fleet of the company

schooners in the ficet of the company and all were engaged in the same business. The employees all wore uniform and deported themselves in regular military style. The ship Nightingale was the flagship of the squadron.

I recently had a talk with J. M. Lyon, Seattle's ex-postmaster, and in recalling the incidents of those days, he said: "I was with the California State Tele-

graph Company in those days. You see, this company was tne rival of the Western Union, and operated and controlled all the lines west of Omaha. Well, they neard about the trans-Rusthat the Canadian Pacific Railway Company contemplated reoccupying the old telegraph line running up into the mining camps of the Cariboo country, British Columbia, which was constructed thirty-five years ago, but which has long since been abandoned. Now that gold the care described to the transfer and the captures of the transfer and the transfer and the captures of the transfer and the transfer since been abandoned. Now that gold toward Behring sea. They were actually has been found on the Klondike, talk of re-operating this old line and extending they were several years previous to that it to the new gold fields has been reit to the new gold fields has been renewed. The proposition recalls a mass of facts connected with the early history of this Northwest country that reads like a romance to the present generation. Thirty-five years ago the people of the world were talking about this abandoned telegraph line just as fervently as they have been talking about the Klondike gold discoveries. So important a part did this old line play in the history of the time, that reference to the enterprise is to be found in encyclopedias and in books of general reference. Its construction was an essential part of a scheme to encircle the earth pedias and in books of general reference. Its construction was an essential part of a scheme to encircle the earth by wire, leading from New York to St. Petersburg via Seattle and Behring Sea, but the project was abandoned in the spring of 1866, when the trans-Atlantic cable proved a success. The cable connected the Old and New Worlds by wire but three thousand miles in length, wire but three thousand miles in length, while the overland project via Seattle and Behring sea contemplated the building of 21,000 miles of telegraph lines.

It will be recalled by those acquainted with the history of the enterprise on this with the history of the enterprise on this content that the telegraph line was extended that the telegraph line was extended that the telegraph line was extended to burn the place all winter, and the operation of the tide of miners coming to Victoria increases every day at a great rate.

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Inst at the customs munition, and there were portholes to build up rapidly. Then by the next barking here had nothing to worry them in departing, having been long enough the Skagway News, just received by Cap-lary here will be a railway line from a Canadian coast point to the Yukon direct, and the Americans will decidedly wish to way oughly with everything required for the trip. Both steamers carried all the cargo they could handle, the Alki having of the undertaking. ended for over 900 miles northwest of New Westminster into the heart of a previously unexplored country. The preliminary surveys, the exploration parties and the actual construction of this line alone cost \$11,000,000, all of which was totally lost when the operation of the Atlantic cable commenced. During all these intervening years, however, the other heart of the preliminary surveys and the perilous position they were be glad to hear from him, because I would not know from one day to the unpleasant pictures of blood and scalps

poles and wires for these 900 miles have stood, and examinations made three years ago resulted in the discovery that much of the wire is still stretched and can be put in working order without a "I was something of a youngster in very great outlay of capital. The great those days, but I have a vivid recollection of this work was increased by the ample provision for the future which the company made in the shape of supplies Bay and Port Clarence. While most company made in the shape of supplies
sent into the country—hundreds of thousands of tons of wire, all kinds of construction implements, wagons, etc.
While this is of great local interest because of its proximity to the Sound and Seattle, the company made just as expectations or Relative to the Sound and Seattle, the company made just as expectations or Relative to the Sound and Seattle, the company made just as expectations or Relative to the Sound and Seattle, the company made just as expectations or the studies and to have a sound for the seat and to have a sound for the seat and to have a sound from Seattle, the company made just as expectations or the seat and to have a sound for the seat and to have a sound for the seat and to have a seat and to have a sound from Seattle, the company made just as expectations or the seat and to have a seat a seat and to have a seat and to have a seat and to have a seat a seat and to have a seat and the have a seat an tensive preparations on Behring Sea, in so far as built, came from Seabeck, from Northern Alaska and in Siberia. It was Adams, Blimm & Co's mill. Mr. Adams

bear, a few reindeer, and perhaps crossed at intervals by bands of travelling with supplies, with several others of the Eskimo, who have always looked with awe upon the mysterious monuments of human ingenuity. From Port Clarence, south of Cape Prince of Wales, and extending about 200 miles southward, is another 300 miles of poles and wire, during the winter. When the ice began titterly useless for commercial purposes.

The line was so well constructed, however, that it is believed to be in good

The completion of the Atlantic cable and the success of the venture was a ondition, even now.

The history of the building of these great shock alike to the Russian extenlines and the commencement of a work sion company and to the employees. that would encircle the world by wire When Mr. Harris was asked how he felt

> "How did I feel? I felt that I had lost my job! That was all that worried me about that time. I had a soft snar —nothing to do but to draw my pay

when payday came around."

It was this great venture that afforder George Kennan, the noted lecturer and wealthy and famous, and given him a place in the literature of America. He

sufficient to mention that on this exten- claimed, to repair the line and extend it tion, and its ultimate extension into the heart of Alaska is quite probable. Indeed, it is within the bounds of possi bility that not so many years will elapse before the orginal idea of the projectors of the line is carried out. Behring sea is crossed, and a connection is made with the trans-Siberian line which will follow

AN ACTOR TALKS.

Tells What Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Did for Him and His Wife-Truly a Friend to the "Profession."

"I can but proclaim Dr. Agnew's catarrhall Powder a wonderful medicine, particularly for singers and public speakers or who have a tenedncy to soar throat, hoarseness, tonsilits and catarrh. Myself and wife ere both subject of extern and ton-

ness, tonsilits and catarrh. Myself and wife are both subjects of catarrh and tonsilitis. We have tried most everything, but have never found anything to equal this great remedy. For quick action it truly is a wonder worker. I couldn't be without it by me and I am continually recommending it to my brother professionals." Al. Emmett Fostell, 207 East 101st street, New York City.

For sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occ'-

SIMPSON LINE.

C.P.N. Will Run Steamers Direct From the Coast Up the Stikine.

States Port.

Stikine route. The company has come some weeks to come. to the decision that they will put on a line of steamers as soon as navigation on the river opens, to run from Port Simpalthough it has been announced that war line in Canada. The navigation of the Stikine, as is well known, is as free to Canadians as to United States people, treaty rights securing the privilege to Canadians, through the strip of Alaska at the mouth of the river.

The plan which the company intend carrying out is neither new nor novel. for several years ago a steamer ran from Port Simpson right up the Stikine to the Canadian line. The steamer was the Western Slope, and in 1878, when the United States began to show a somewhat

of the United States ports.

One lot of six from Hanford, CallThe vessels the C. P. N. intend to fornia, put up at the Oriental yesterday, utilize are the R. P. Rithet, Yosemite intending to outfit in Victoria. They and some others.

THE TEES IN A BLOW.

A Storm Catches Her and Carries Her Dangerously Close to Shore.

When trying to make Shushartie Bay from the Queen Charlotte islands on Saturday last the steamer Tees had a nar-row shave from being totally wrecked.

some huge boulders on shore. The sea was not very rough, or had it been there would have been a wreck. The steamer's propeller was kept in motion, and with the signal bell indicating half speed and the two large anchors out forward the vessel lay straining heavily on the latter's chains for twelve hours. Every moment of that time was one of extreme anxiety for the time was one of extreme anxiety, for the steamer was surrounded on every hand by dangers which she could not possibly have avoided in event of those chains enapping. Capt. Gosse feared the worst would come, although he says the pas-sengers could have made shore safely. staunch, and in every ways safe and comfortable to travel on.

FALSE REPRESENTATIONS.

An Ontario Lady Compels a Merchant to Pay Her Damages.

dyes home, used them according to directions, and was sadly disappointed with the results. The color was anything but a Navy; in truth, my materials were spoiled. I at once took the materials to the merchant and told him his dyes were frauds. chant and told him his dyes were fraues. He offered to give me more of the same dyes or my money back. I refused both offers, and after I threatened law proceedings he thought it best to pay for the materials spoiled. This merchant will never again have the chance to sell me any more dyes. I shall go where I can get the Diamond Dives et any time they are wanted. I have Dyes at any time they are wanted. I have nad my last lesson with poor dyes."

New Brunswick Loan. St. John, Feb. 21.—(Special)—The cent. The Bank of British North Am-

erica bought the bonds at 96.

announced the withdrawal of its grant for the maintenance of the Institute. claiming it is useless to the colony. This probably will be followed by other on the stock exchange here 81½; in Australian colonies taking similar London 831/4. action.

Waterproof mackinaws with or without hood. B. Williams & Co.

Only two cases occupied the attention of the police magistrate yesterday morning. One of these was against an Italian named Antone Parnell, charged with assault. The other was the result of a

tracas between two boys. Both were dismissed. A BATTALION order by Lieut.-Col. Gregory, of the Fifth, announces the following promotions in No. 1 Company

This Will Avoid Any Necessity For

Trans-shipping at a United

States Port.

To be sergeant-major, Sergeant Russell, vice Wilson, who has taken his discharge; to be sergeant, Corporal Trimen, vice Russell, promoted.

Boxing, even with six-ounce pillows, occasionally dangerous, as instance a The numerous attempts that have been made unfairly to injure Canadian shipping trade with the North has had the effect of making the C.P.N. Company consider some plan by which people bound for the Yukon can be altogether independent ol Wrangel in taking the Stikine route. The company has come

News from the scene of the trouble in son direct up the Stikine and to tranship was initiated in the little Central Amertheir goods just across the boundary ican republic more than two weeks ago no one appears to know yet what the rumpus is over, who is responsible for it, and how far it has progressed. Two British warships are at the scene of dis-turbance for the protection of citizens of the flag, yet no advices whatever have been received at Esquimalt of the progress of events.

From All Parts of the Continent Miners Come to Victoria to Outfit.

Every Day Sees a Large Addition to

are H. W. Betts, H. M. Noel, Charles H. Pepys, P. A. Lamphier, A. T. Oliver and J. W. Lewis. They tried Tacoma and of the Stikine.

Three miners all the way from the She was on her return from Dyea and Skagway and Capt. Gosse, one of the yesterday. They put up at the Domin-Shagway and Capt. Gosse, one of the most skillful of Northern navigators, was fortunately in command. After leaving Skadwell bay, Queen Charlotte island, Seattle where they have put in the past the steamer ran into a fierce wind and a blinding snow storm. Being light and high out of water, the southeaster gave the vessel more resistance than she had power or weight to contend against. In spite of her engines going at full speed, she was carried by the wind in towards a rocky shore. Both anchors were lowered in 91 and they are only the advance ground for the steamer ran into a fierce wind and a three weeks. These men are Peter Dorwind in towards a rocky from New York state, are at the Wilson, Both anchors were lowered in 90 and they are only the advance guard, for fathoms of water, but the vessel never ten companions are on the way from the stopped until within a cable length of East to join them and will likely reach Victoria to-day or to-morrow. They like Victoria prices, and as a result Victoria merchants will likely get the outfitting. Another little party are Neil McLeod, Wm. Sprague. John Swanson and W. Houlton of Eureka. They are at the Dominion, and intend to outfit here in Victoria. They go into the Yukon by the Stikine. J. R. Watson and C. R. Watson, two brothers, the one from Los Angeles and the other from Arcola, Illinois, are at the Dominion, here to outfit.

These are just parties picked out at andom from among the many on the

coming in.
One of the biggest parties is that headed by Mr. P. J. Pearson of Chicago.
There are sixteen in the outfit and every

oit of their supplies were purchased in ictoria. The party are at the Queen's. From the far southern portion of the United States Mr. H. C. Scott, of New Orleans, and a party are putting up at the Victoria and are getting all their cemetery, the remains being placed by goods here. Not only are the men from the more distant parts of the continent surprised at the facilities for getting their outfits

fact they send away newspapers and information to their friends advising them to come to Victoria to outfit.

A THREAT TO FRANCE. If She Desires War With England Her Wish Will Doubtless Be Gratified.

Sokoto, says it cannot credit the report, and reproves the levity of the press regarding a grave situation. "The presence of a French force at Argungu," th. Times declares, "would be so fligrant a breach of any possible construction of the Anglo-French treaty at Bussuah that nothing but its immediate withdrawal could avert the most deplorable conse-

Other papers publish articles urging Lord Salisbury to intimate plainly that province of New Brunswick has floated Lord Salisbury to intimate plainly that million dollar forty year loan at 3 per Great Britain's limit of "Squeezeability"

has been reached.

The Morning Post says if France is Imperial Institute.

London, Feb. 19.—The future of the Imperial Institute is threatened by the action of the colony of Victoria, which has appropried the withdrawal of its grant.

C. P. R. Shares.

DYSPEPSIA INDIGESTION, HEART-BURN and all Stomach Trouheart squickly relieved and cured by FLORAPLEXION. Sample bottly free by mail or druggists. Every drop is worth its weight in gold when you need it. Address Franklin Hart, Dept. Z, New York

OUTER DOCKS CROWDED GIVEN BACK BY DEATH.

Northern Bound Ships Attract Thousands to the Ocean Docks-A Notable Day.

Canadian Licenses-A Christ-

has set in the camera artists have been the north. The Pakshan did not pull out until after 2 o'clock, and accompanying her at the docks were the big American steamships Alki and Queen besides a number of merchantmen. It was early in the morning when these latter steamships arrived and in order that their passengers might secure Canadian licenses both had to remain in port until noon and after, yesterday. The Queen carried 550 passengers, including 108 infantrymen from Vancouver Barracks, under Captain Eastman. These are on their way to Skagway, to preserve law under the stars and stripes. About a score of prospective miners

joined the ship here, and it was interesting to note yesterday that while they, as also the Alki's crowd—over 200 peo-ple—were falling over one another in

been placed in, and in all \$20,000 has been spent in making her more suitable been spent in making her more suitable or requirements of trade. She took away 75 passengers, including Dr. Matthewman and party and five or six others from Victoria. She also had 450 tons of freight, 113 horses and cattle, and 15 dogs. The steamer is scheduled to sail again on March 8 and will make Victoria a port of call on all her trips. Among other crowds brought in by steamers from the Sound yesterday was that of the City of Kingston, arriving early in the morning. She had one hundred and affected passengers nearly all of whom are Americans and are here to purchase heat of Tombstone, Arizona, were also or requirements of trade. She took away among the many small parties arriving 75 passengers, including Dr. Matthewyesterday. They put up at the Dominman and party and five or six others are Americans and are here to purchase NEWLY CHRISTENED.

There was a little christeniny cere-mony performed over in the Star shipyard yesterday that was unique in character. The two river boats that have been here building for the Canadian Development Company have assumed proportions now that entitle them to names and realizing this manager Yorke

In Telling of the Curing Powers of

plies. The long-promised rush is indeed here for there are numerous parties also has used the Heart Cure and can be equally as strong testimony of the wonder ful benefit received." It relieves in 30 min For Sale by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall &

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret

Brown took place yesterday morning from her late residence, and the Roman Catholic cathedral, where mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Nicolaye. the side of those of the deceased's late husband, who died about two months are.

ere, but having once found out that Half-cent, black; one-cent, green; two-cent, purple; three-cent, red; five-cent, blue; six-cent, brown; eight-cent, orange; and ten-cent, dark purple. These are the only denominations of the London, Feb. 21.—The Times, com-menting editorially on the news from new stamps yet issued, and the appear-ance of the less common specimens will be awaited with curiosity. One thing has been noted to the discredit of the new issue, and that is that they appear to shed the ink of the cancelling stencil. A sample stamp that has been through the post office is now at the Colonist office that would defy an expert, and un-

> Although no petition in that regard has yet made its appearance in the local legislature, it is altogether probable that a resolution will shortly be introduced n the house, suggesting that the Dominion government introduce legislation giving preferential rights to British subjects over aliens in the upper Yukon mining district. The junior member for Cowichan-Alberni, in debating the speech from the throne a few days ago, mentioned that the federal government should be asked to withhold mining privileges in the Klondike country from foreigners, unless precisely similar privileges were extended to Canadians in the countries from which these aliens When asked a few days later if he intended to present these views in a esolution to the house, Mr. Huff said that he believed steps in this direction Victoria city members.

The One Victorian of the "Clara Nevada's" Crew Is Still Among the Living.

Americans Come in Swarms to Secure A Fortunate Chance Prevented Him Sharing His Shipmates'

On innumerable occasions have the The most welcome letter that ever outer wharves been crowded, but the came to Victoria bearing the address of gathering on Sunday was perhaps the Mr. Emery of the Postoffice cigar stand, largest ever seen in the vicinity. Young was received by that gentleman yesterpeople were perched on elevated places day. It was a short and unimportant where views were obtainable for a radius communication in itself, but it came of half a mile around, and the scene was from Fred. Emery, his son, and as Fred indeed an animated one, well worthy of the ever-present photographer's atten-Ulara Navada and the only Victoria tion. In fact, since the northern rush man of the crew of that ill-starred craft, he had not unnaturally been mourned as has set in the camera artists have been dead during the several days passed. Vieing with one another as to who will How he escaped sharing the fate of his secure the finest picture. The attraction former shipmates does not make a story at the wharves was the many ships for either, for it was just an illustration of commonplace chance. He had fallen in with a Boston party on the trip up, and this party, who propose building a good hotel there, induced him to leave the Navada at Dyea and enter their service. That was how it came about that he escaped the destruction that encompassed the ship.
News of the Nevada's loss had not, in-

t lifted a great weight from the parent's heart. They had had a hard trip up, he said, the steamer acting like an old tub men, he slowly tottered to the hotel. and the majority of the crew keeping drunk and fighting the greater part of the time, the rowdy element being so conspicuous that the steward, Dan O'Donnell, would have been thrown overboard on the up trip had not the captain interfaced. aptain interfered.

ing 35 dogs and 18 horses.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning the steamer Farallon, looking spick and span as a result of her recent overhaulties.

Span as a result of her recent overhaulties.

To California from the upper Yukon golds are mostly flew in the looking of the number, and taking ican capital will con their joint fortune, variously estimated from \$90,000 to \$120,000, to \$120,000, to \$120,000 to \$120,00 ing, came is from the Sound and filled a having been located in but four berth some hours after the others had sailed. This is the Farallon's first trip point of Eldred island, there is more in over five weeks, and since she was than a possibility that this treasure may came on to Victoria, and prices here are last here a great improvement in her ac- be found, as well as any bodies that have so satisfactory that Victoria gets the commodation has been effected. Extra been held by the explosion—torn hull. Englishmen, under the leadership of comforts for passengers have been provided for, and engines and boilers have left the North, the diver, who accombate the results of the victoria gets the commodation has been effected. Extra been held by the explosion—torn hull. Englishmen, under the leadership of Viscount Avonmore left here on December 13th last for the Klondike. Since panied the Rustler on her search from ber 13th last for the Klondike. Since Juneau, had been down but once, identi-

yashed ashore.
In the north, even more emphatically

than on the Sound, the people condemithe negligence which permitted the Ne vada to be sent north as a floating coffin, inefficiently officered, and with boilers hoised colors yesterday, naming one leaking so badly that firemen could not be kept aboard, as one of those who forsook the ship in the north expressed it, "to be scalded to death." W. F. Saportas of Skagway, but formerly of New York, was one of those lost with the steamer, delayers that both extractions and with obliers. clares that both at Simpson and at Ju-neau the Nevada was forced to lie up in There were 21 of them on board and every one had his baggage in hand ready at a moment's notice to take to the lifeboats. Had the Tees any freight to hold her down in the water she would have doubtless made headway through the storm, for she is a good sea going vessel, staunch, and in every ways safe and in every ways s spection that is alleged to have made this terrible fatality possible, that they are now preparing a petition to Wash-ington asking for the criminal prosecution of the Puget Sound inspectors of boilers and hulls.

> In answering the attack made by Mr Macpherson of Vancouver, Hon. Col. Baker in the legislature Monday maintained that no exception could be taken were being improved just as speedily as Considerable interest appears to be taken locally in the new issue of postage taken locally in the new issue of postage taken locally in the new issue of postage that the changed colors of which are still a subject of considerable speculation. The colors are now as follows: demand for increased accommo while a vote would be placed in the esti serious members when he argued with all apparent seriousness that too great reliance was not to be placed o opinion held by so many people in Brit-ieh Columbia that insanity was caused in many cases simply by reading the opposition newspapers.

> THE legislature have been having load f fun during the past few days in constition with Mr. Macpherson's atand, had promised to send a carload of ves to the bachelors of East Koote nay -and had not fulfilled this all-im portant compact. In explaining his position later on, Hon. Col. Baker laughingly admitted the impeachment. He even went further and declared that he had offered to go to England and pick out the ladies, afterwards accompanying them out to this country and seeing them safely delivered. The reason this agreement had not been executed was simple -owing to the very wise and liberal policy of the government in opening up roads and otherwise making the district accessible, it had not been necessary, as the women had got in of their own accord, and the very man who had sough and obtained his promise quoted wa had already been taken by one of the now the father of a large and interesting family. Laughter and applause followed the explanation as a matter of course,

MR. MULOCK'S ATONEMENT.

He Offers His Fortune to Repay Losses Through His Company's Collapse

TORONTO, Feb. 21.- (Special) -At a meeting of the shareholders of the defunct Farmers' Loan and Savings Com. pany to-day, a letter was read from Mr. Mulock offering to pay every cent with-in his means of his liability to the creditors of the company.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

reliminary Contract Actually Signed and British Money to Be Taken,

London, Feb. 19.-The Saturday Review confirms the report that the Chinese loan will after all be made by Great Britain, and says: "We are informed that the preliminary contract has actually been signed. Delay in the fulfill. ment is caused by the Chinaman's joy in dallying over the bargain." The Foreign Office does not confirm the statement of the Saturday Review.

MR. GLADSTONE.

The Aged Statesman's End Believed to Be Very Near at Hand.

London, Feb. 19.—It is said Mr. Gladstone is coming home to die. A taveller who saw his departure from the Rivera and his arrival at Calais, reports a striking change in the old statesman's appearance. Arrangements had been made News of the Nevada's loss had not, in-deed, reached Dyea when Fred Emery wrote home, and without being aware of was carefully assisted down the steps,

THE DREDGING POTLATCH.

Mercier the Middleman for a Rich United States Syndicate

MONTREAL, Feb. 19 .- Joseph A. Mer-

BADLY BROKEN UP. Misadventure of Swell English Outfit Bound for the Klondike.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Thirteen young ber 13th last for the Klondike. Since

the fact that in all the 200 miles of coast along which the Rustler steamed in her search for survivors, there are but three human habitations—besides which, the fresh fallen snow would have long since have covered any debris that may have washed ashore.

To the north even more emphatically pagne as part of its outfit.

THE MAINE INQUIRY.

Cestimony Will Be Kept Private Until Finding Is Announced—This "Only Fair to Spanish Government."

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—The board of inquiry into the Maine disaster met on the lighthouse tender Mangrove at 10 o'clock this morning. Captain Sigsbee, the commander of the Maine, was the first witness called. He was under examina-tion until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when

out the following: "Owing to the deli-cate situation, the board has decided to make nothing whatever public. I do not know what testimony may develop, and it is only fair to the Spanish government not to tell the public the testimony until all has been received and the find ings have been considered. Due care will be taken for the rigid enforcement of this rule and all stories purporting to come from the court should be set down as false."

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perial Legislation in This Direction -Liability of Company Pron

London, Feb. 19.-Two bills which have been introduced in the House of Lords, and which will undoubtedly bemates this year for properly heating the entire building, the chief causes for complaint thus being removed. The hon. Described in the extended much interest. One of them proposes to make an authorized translation an infringement of a minister provoked a smile from the most copyright, and extends the copyright to come laws, have excited much interest. copyright, and extends the copyright to lectures and sermons with the power to forbid newspaper representatives to print them.

In addition, the bill provides that magazine authors are the owners of the copyright of their articles after three years, and novelists are protected from ramatization. The other bill prevides for the reform

of company promoting, making directors, promoters, etc., liable for loss arising from false statements, and also providing a penalty of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.



STILL IT'S PR

The Opposition Now Over the Speech Ag by Clause

Objection to the Del Country's Business-Questions Ans

Although the majorit ment members confider that vesterday would w of the debate on the throne, such was not to tion, after the last of th one had discussed the co expressing a desire to r debate by taking up the the message seriatim.

the house rose last eve Pooley having moved t of the debate. After prayer by Rev. J PETITIONS DEAL Mr. Graham presented the people of Kettle rive

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provement. The petition of Edmu other residents of Child other residents of Child protection of life and p first held to be out of ord an expenditure of public subsequently ruled adm ceived—as were also the From the Canadian Pa Company—For an extending the company—For an extending protection of t porate powers.

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Railway Company.
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PRIVATE BILLS RE Two reports were pre private bills committee, t —handed in by Mr. Sn chairman, Saturday—read "Your select standing

Standing Orders and Pileave to report as follow have considered petition Arrowhead & Kootenay pany, and find that the have not been complied v tice published does not co native route asked for via but as notice has been give pany's intention to apply ion Parliament for a Dom and in this notice such al is provided for, your com opinion that the standing be suspended so as to adh being introduced, and you further of the opinion thouse think fit to suspend allow a bill to be introdu allow a bill to be introduced ance with the petition it the term of double fee and your committee resame accordingly. Your also considered petition N tion of the North Star & Ballyng Company and & B

Railway Company, and fi with the standing rules." A second report, pre committee chairman, Mr. the rules of the house to plied with in the case of the Northwestern and the So

nav Railway Companies
Both these reports wer LANDS AND WORKS Hon. Mr. Martin prese of the lands and works

PRIVILEGE Mr. Forster, to a quest ficulty in securing orga Public Accounts commit that the officials of the to permit individual committee to have access of the department. H

the government and its committee were seeking duty on the pretence t of the committee cou without the presence Hon. Mr. Turner ret was no occasion for the ed by the mamber ed by the member f Rithet, the first named Public Accounts commexpected to take his pla ere this, but had been tained. He had never committee of the house slight a ground. The be that the members o on the committee the senior member for and so were desirou work of the committee could get here. To organization and preli the committee the P

that Mr. Hunter act ter Rithet on the committ Mr. Semlin objected arrangement, holding had already been allot of work in connection the Private Bills comm
Mr. Cotton, Hon. Co
Sword followed, the lat the Public Accounts co purposely prevented by

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Hon. Mr. Turner ob
mark, maintaining the had not been offered the House during his eer in the province. member for Dewdney on his knees before th the close of the session quate apology." The dent for the opposit prematurely hasten th portant committee be member of the commi Mr. McGregor, the

ber of the Public mittee, denied emp had not been re with the commit not his du was committee together, senting the insinuation had been responsible