MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1897

THE B. C. SOUTHERN. So much has been said and so much misrepresentation has been sent abroad concerning the B. C. Southern railway have completely forgotten the history of through, however, because Mr. Corbin this project, but also for the enlight-would not agree to the terms imposed. ment of that section of the Eastern press which affects to see a huge scandal in the relations of the company to the provincial government, to give a brief resume of the whole transaction from the interested scandal-mongers elsewhere, Howland and Findlay, of Toronto, to take

then a member of the British Columbia

legislature, but not a member of the government, in company with another discovered the coal lands near the Crow's Nest Pass and made application for 10,000 acres of land under the laws of the province as they then, and had for some time, existed. In the regular course of business Col. Baker and his associates purchased the land for which they had applied. Afterwards they organized the Crow's Nest Coal Company, which is still in existence and which contemplates an expenditure of at least half a million dollars for the development of its property and the erection of coke ovens. In this company Messrs. Cox and Jaffray, of Toronto, have purchased an interest. The company, in order to remove all obstacles to the construction of the railway, have agreed to sell their coal at a certain fixed price, which is very moderate, and the Canadian Pacific has agreed, on its part, that in the event of that company constructing the road to haul the coal at a reflect either upon the good faith or good reflect either upon the good faith or good judgment of the coal company, which, be it remembered, is purely a business organization, wholly distinct in every way from the B. C. Southern railway company. This reference to the affairs of this company, which are in point of fact the private affairs of the stockholders, is made so that no one can say that in the statement in regard to the B. C. Southern was treated no better, and in fact not nearly so liberally as other Tons.

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Nest Coal Company has been purposely of the government.

The good folks of Victoria the coal to the co which is literally correct, shows simply over again on the floor of the house. Everything was done openly and above-

In the year 1888 the Crow's Nest Pass sidy, it need not hesitat structing the road was brought under Street, the matter on the great data is designed to increase in the matter on the great data is designed to increase in the case of the ca the attention of Manager Van Horne of the C. P. R., but he declined to entertain the matter on the ground that his company had no interests in that direction. An effort was made to obtain the necessary capital in London, and afterwards in New York but though the attention of Manager Van Horne of tained the right to build a piece

end it to the coast. The legislature acture asking that the subsidy be granted. When this resolution was read in the OUTPUT AND REVENUE company, its charter and its subsidy that rallway committee Sir John Macdonald it is time, not only for the information arose and said that the unanimous wish of those persons in this Province, who of the British Columbia legislature appear either never to have known or to could not be ignored. The matter fell

Up to this time, that is, 1892, the promoters had spent \$38,000 on surveys and other preliminary expenses, and were unable to go any further without assistance. As the charter was soon to expire The transaction is one that may be examined in the Roentgen rays of the most searching investigation without the chance of discovery of any rottenness or even of any attempt on the part of its promoters or any one else to take the slighest advantage of the government, the legislature or the people of British Columbia.

Howland and Findlay, of Toronto, to take a controlling interest in the charter and development. It will pay the Dominion government to open with railways a country which at the spent at once on surveys. This was agreed to, and a party was sent on to make the location survey, which was made, and it is upon the line then located that the railway will be built. As work was thus in progress the company were in a position to ask for an extension of the

1895 the several acts relating to the corporation were consolidated and in 1896 lowing summary from the Nelson Trithe legislature again extended the charter. During 1896 an option on the charter. During 1896 an option on the construction of the road for six months was given, but the party who obtained of February, 1897:

**The randowing is a summary or the imports and exports and revenue collected at the port of Nelson during the month of February, 1897:

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B. C. Southern, which follows: the Crow's other railway companies. The policy of the government in regard Slocan Star.

The above statement of facts, to the company was discussed over and Idaho...

Enterprise.... that the discoverers of coal lands obtained them in the ordinary way under the provincial laws, and are proceeding to exploit them in a perfectly legitimate business manner.

Over again on the floor of the house. Ajax...

Everything was done openly and above-board and in the full light of day, and although the Turner administration is not responsible for either the granting of the subtraction.

Mountain Chief. Fisher Maiden... the charter or for the giving of the sub-

under the circumstances. Having ob-

cordingly granted the power asked for, but no land grant went with the extension. In order to strengthen Mr. Corbin's hands at Ottawa a resolution was passed under a suspension of the trules by the British Columbia legislature asking that the subsidy have a strengthen to the low grade ores are free Mr. Speaker to require the representations what probably many concentrating. What protives of the Crown to wait upon him, and when did it cease to be the prerogative of the Crown or its representative to summona Mr. Speaker into its presented asking that the subsidy have the concentrating. What protives of the Crown to wait upon him, and when did it cease to be the prerogative of the Crown or its representative to summona Mr. Speaker into its presented asking that the subsidy have the concentrating. that some of the low grade ores are free Mr. Speaker to require the repres

IN KOOTENAY

the fact that there were fewer business greatness observable on every hand. days in February. The fact that in the two beginning. In doing so we feel confident that the case when honestly presented will afford a conclusive answer to carping critics at home and interested scandal mongers elsewhere. However, the control of the control

In the year 1887, Col. Baker, who was a position to ask for an extension of the shipment of matte. The ore that went a position to ask for an extension of the people, who were interested in the project. As is well knewn, many of the leading American railways went into the hands of receivers in that year and months of the year thus amounts to \$1,t was simply impossible to raise money 410,913, which is more than half as from the European concert, there will in any financial centre for railway con. great as the total output of gold, silver. struction. So matters drifted along. In copper and lead in Canada during the calendar year 1895. We quote the fol-

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> The following is a summary of the im-

Port of Nelson. Value of Imports. Dutiable goods.....\$ 93,000 Free goods....... 26,138 \$25,870 43 Total \$119,138 \$25,874 58 Value of Exports.

Total .

meridian intersects the Alaskan panhandle. From this point the line will

people to Kootenay grow stronger every day. One of the representatives of an important Eastern road said to-day that

The general attitude of the Kootenay e more generally satisfactory. - The

ago that F. Aug. Heinze would extend his railway from the Columbia river as far west as Penticton and thence probably to tidewater. It now transpires that he will do so at an early date. In-

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

CHEAP MONEY FOR FARMERS.

The indications of a great inrush of We print below a summary of the im- he expected to see a greater boom than ports and exports at the port of Nelson Cripple Creek witnessed in its palmiest during February. The amount of duties days. He had lately visited Kootenay collected is somewhat less than in Jan- and could hardly find words to express pary, but this is in part accounted for by his surprise at the evidences of coming

months in the dead of winter the cus- THE Cretan news continues exciting. toms district of which Nelson is the In fact the identical note of the powers strengthens the argument for further any one. Any day may bring news that

THE people of Northport, Wash., have charter which was granted in the session of 1892-93. The financial depression which set in during 1893 completely \$34,012; in January \$85,200, and it will be duty on ore is to be restored. What's paralyzed the efforts of the Toronto observed that the shipment for the short one man's meat is another man's poison.

> Is the British government withdraws not be very much left of it.

> > THE CANADIAN PRESS.

LET THE C. P. R. BUILD IT. The general attitude of the Acotenays favors the construction of the Crow's Nest railway under almost any conditions. It may be said, too, that they favor the construction by the Canadian Pacific, believing that the service would be more generally satisfactory.—The

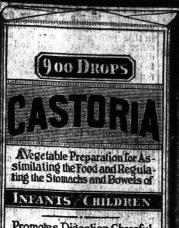
MR. HEINZE'S PLANS.

The Miner published the news a month

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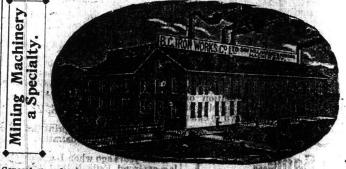
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Railway Company were organized to build a line from the summit of the Pass to Kootenay Lake, a distance of about 175 miles. The charter was granted to Col. Baker, Col. Prior, Mr. Pemberton and others. The desirability of constructing the road was brought under the circumstances. Having observed to the property of the pass to Kootenay Lake, a distance of about 175 miles. The charter was granted to Col. Baker, Col. Prior, Mr. Pemberton and others. The desirability of constructing the road was brought under the circumstances. Having observed was granted to company to the property of the



WAR SEEMS I

Powers Determined Action-King Geor the Reason

Mussulman Refugees Leave Crete-The Be Blockad

LONDON, March 11.-Th respondent of the Tim when the Beys at Canea Greek consulate to save t at Candamo, Col. Vasso written understanding th medans should desist fro the property of Christia Mohammedans at Cand taken to Greece in Greek that the foreign admiral

that the foreign admirals themselves not to hinder a The Cologne Gazette sa have not yet agreed as to applying coercion to Great and Austria are in perfethe application of drastic Russia and Great Britain

The King of Greece, tall ber of the Greek parliar as saying: "Europe is a account of the annexation Greece, but because ever that Greece is an element Mediterranean. Our rap fleet created jealousy. I the recall of the Hydr from Cretan waters, beca might seize upon the pre two of our first-class ships A dispatch to the Time

says that the powers he agreed to blockade Crete is pel the retirement of the from the island. No mili will be undertaken at prexpected that the power troops enough to relies marines now in Crete, needed on board the wars blockade begins blockade begins.

M. Skouzes, Greek mir

affairs has cabled the Greek government to the senate for the resolution recently adopted by the Greek press recommend Greek press recommen volunteers should await t a foreign legion before Greece. There is no ces tary preparations at Sal continue to arrive en rout Monastir. The authoriti making requisitions for of horses and mules, and both Mussulmans and Ch

next year's taxes in adva A dispatch to the Time says that the Russian Greece, M. K. Gnou, wi next week from St. Pet pointed in his represents of Crete. He was coldly Russian court. The Gre frontier, where the Greek defenceless against the T nevertheless it is the al opinion that war must the war department is

utmost to make provision outfits for the reserves. The Times correspond matters have now reac which it is impossible for go back on their demand should evacuate Crete, w ing in Greece is so en even tolerate the con-Greek army in the islan

The English consul, S otti, who has returned to ports that the condition chiefs at Candamo was ex did their utmost, even lives, in the attempt men, but were unable to firing upon the refuge embarking. A soldier were injured. The foreign turned the fire in the w five and wounding sixt assured of the promise Powers not to allow Mus anywhere on the islam Christians, the Mussuln beginning to be allow on the ground that or them to remain

The Daily Telegraph's at Canea says that early morning the water supp fortress at Izzondinsuda by the insurgents, in spit of the Turkish warships, garrison then attacked and the firing continued

The Times publishes a Canea which states that terview with one of t Candiamo, the insu 300 shells into the to The ammunition and plies were expected. plies were exhausted food was plentiful. The thirteen killed and twent The British consul came sent for a rescue party, v Tuesday and stayed six town. The insurgents claged the town before al

dans had gone.
At Selino during the einsurgents who had follo insurgents who had folk menacing attitude and town. The marines wer a volley into the air, and sel fired a shell in order surgents back from the The Times, commentii on the news from Cane Commodore Reineck a assumed the responsibiling the joint remonstra

ing the joint remonstra which he had underta known to the insurgent that there are hardly

It is rumored that th Vassos in the interior a hunger and have been a biscuits and oranges. Capt. Rainier, of H. Capt. Rainier, of H.h. ports that the insurgent Candiamo, but that an a lowed the refugees to the torush into Selino. All had been twelve hours was obliged to form a oneck of the peninsula be ation. When they wer replied.

The great powers hav