IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.

majesty of the law becomes more awesome as it recedes from the summary the legal procedure of the present day.

have departed very widely from the purto heed warnings that it is better to that the attempt was successful. suffer a seemingly great wrong than to mand for reforms as cannot be resisted. that there are judges who try, and try

successfully, to throw off the professional gown and view legal proceedings from the standpoint of the public; who discourage such litigation as is initiated for the transparent purpose of bringing grist to the legal mill; who frown upon the works of the parasites who feast upon the weaknesses of the mentally illbalanced class who have a penchant for the law. There have been such judges upon the bench in British Columbia. strong enough on occasion to brush aside hesitation in sweeping away, when they considered it advisable to do so, clouds of legal subtleties, and to render decijustice which are eternal.

have done faithful, efficient service are laying aside their gowns and giving place to young men. While we must join in the note of admiration of all who revere the attributes of justice and integrity-manliness-in hoping that the day of retirement of Mr. Justice Drake is yet far distant, it is obvious to congratulate him upon his appointment and to express the hope that his been. If the predictions of his friends are realized the country will have as in the course that has been set by the the dissatisfaction that is sometimes expressed with the administration of justime will be heard less frequently. The Bench has the power to suppress many abuses: may it exercise its power to the

For the benefit of present and prospective judges, lawyers and litigants we quote the following from the London Chronicle: "Many people drift into the Law Courts through sheer and stupid obstinacy; but it takes a very good judge to diagnose the case at once and cure it on the spot. We must salute Mr. Justice Grantham as a very good judge. Before him appeared two brothers, partners in business, oilmen of repute, citizens of renown. But they had quarrelled, and accused each other of fraud. However, the judge called them into his private room to talk the matter ever. And in a few minutes the brothers had shaken hands, professed an unshaken faith in the honesty, each of each, and departed with the good wishes of the judge for their continued success in business. What a simplification and speeding of justice is here suggested! In few cases, probably, is the array of counsel and pleadings and counter-pleadings, the long-drawn arguments and cross-examination really necessary. Ten minutes' talk with a really sensible judge would settle most quarrels."

#### THE SECRETIVE JAPS.

In common with every newspaper printcd in the language of the predominant tongue, we regretfully express our disappointment with the course of Japan.

The statesmen of the rising Oriental state not only executed a strategic move to keep the representatives of the press from viewing the first sea fight of the campaign, but they diligently suppressed all the information they themselves possessed of the affair, creditable as it was to the patriotism, astuteness and martial

This might strike the unsophisticated city taxpayer as a rather lop-sided arrangement.

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Perhaps the superintendent does not mean exactly what he says, or he may not have said what he actually means. But his evident purpose is to relieve the government of some of its embarranssment of some of its embarranssment of some of its embarranssment of the purpose is to relieve the fact that the courts were primarily created for the benefit and convenience of the public. The Bar is an admirable institution, and while we are not familiar with the history of its development, we surmise that in its original state it did not dominate the Bench and to hold the scales of justice with an even hand. We have no doubt he will also keep diligently in view the fact that the courts were primarily created for the benefit and convenience of the public. The Bar is an admirable institution, and while we are not familiar with the history of its development, we surmise that in its original state it did not dominate the Bench and to hold the scales of justice with an even hand. We have no doubt he will also keep diligently in view the fact that the courts were primarily created for the benefit and convenience of the public. The Bar is an admirable institution, and while we are not familiar with the history of its development, we surmise that in its original state it did not dominate the Bench and to hold the scales of justice with an even hand. We have no doubt he will also keep diligentl

ardor of their countrymen.

institutions which must be approached ed from the four corners of the world at There are vastly too many legislators permit of. So does any man or woman with becoming reverence. The majesty Tokio, and there they seem destined to making laws for the officials to admin- who would commit bigamy in a city such of the law is awe-inspiring, and the remain. Movements of tremendous im- ister. The education department, like as Seattle, with the machinery of the methods of historic times to the haughty formation upon the point of a news- province. Every year it publishes a lot as simple as the procedure for getting APPOINTMENT IS deliberation which is characteristic of thirsty world is completely dried up, of rubbish that is of no service to the married. All of which is quite proper The Japanese believe one of the prime public and is of quite as indefinite utility and right. The fullest liberty must be No doubt our learned brethren of the requisites of success lies in secrecy, and to the government. legal profession are aware of the fact darkness as black as doomsday surrounds Mr. Robinson will no doubt be dumb- but we hope none is being injured by that at intervals which appear to be all their movements. In any other coun- founded when he reads it, but it is a fact this peculiar form of robust freedom. growing more frequent there arise in try in the world the experienced correst hat an iconoclast has even declared that There are sometimes innocent women Sketch of the Career of L. P. Duff, Who pondent would find a leak that would British Columbia could spare him, the and helpless children involved in such heritance of the English language agita- supply his hungry soul with information. Superintendent of Education. The great divorce transactions. Does the law

stituted. And yet it is a moral certainty secret places of the undivulgent Japanese situation, the murmurings will assume that some day there will be such a de- official breast. We cannot do anything more definite form. about it. One of these days we shall re-In the meantime it is gratifying to note ceive news from Russian sources that an attempt to take Port Arthur or Vladiostock from the land side has been frustrated. Possibly it may be conceded that the Russians have temporarily withdrawn into the interior as a matter of he says the grants to the cities for courtesy to their churlish, impatient, education must be largely reduced. This heathen enemy. But only by accident is a somewhat startling assertion to will it be possible to learn the whole make just at a time when an increase of time the mortality has been 6,088; while truth before officialdom condescends to taxation has been put in force that will make it known.

is remarkable for the courtesy of its not dependent upon the government for The names of Begbie and Walkem and manners in times of peace should so hur- police protection or for any of the ser-Drake will long be honored in this land riedly assume the role of barbarian in vices to which taxes are usually applied. by laymen, chiefly because they were time of war. The chief attraction of the The Times has already pointed out more war to the newspaper man lies in its than once that the residents of cities petty technicalities, because they had no possibilities as a creator of news. The have no objection to paying their own up-to-date journalist prefers to serve his way or even to lending reasonable asthat reason, the conduct of the Japanese districts. But if it be proposed to transsions in accordance with principles of is indefensible. The correspondents will fer the cost of education entirely, the They do not love water. The London look to Russia for facilities to pursue sources of revenue must accompany that Chronicle points out that the last time In British Columbia the judges who their business, and some day the Japan-transfer. We have not the least hesita-Russia was at war with a naval power ese will be sorry.

#### AN ASTOUNDING CONFESSION.

We thought for a moment we were dreaming when we read a statement by a Education, we understand, is endowed Sebastopol in September, 1854, rather prominent American manufacturer to the with a superlatively analytical mind. In than attempt the hopeless task of attackeffect that the Scotch, the Irish or the advancing his proposition he should have ing the allied navies of Britain and that in the natural course of even's the English laborers in the shipyards of furnished the public with an analysis of France, and when, just a year later, the Supreme Court Bench must soon be occu- Great Britain can do 60 per cent. more the assessment and taxation of the pro- Russians had to retire from Sebastopol pied by mer who have probably not yet work with the same tools and in the vince, showing the proportion of the to the north forts, and the allies entered reached the prime of life. Mr. L. P. same time than can be done by Ameri-Duff has succeeded Mr. Walkem, his ap- can shippard workers. It seems strange tricts, and the relation of revenue to ex- of their fleet. They will not at any rate pointment being gazetted to-day. Mr. after the predictions of a year or so ago penditure. The bald statement that the repeat the performance on this occasion Duff is the third young man from Vic- that the United States was on the point cost of education is becoming intolerable without the assistance of their opponents toria to be called to a place on the Bench of driving the other great industrial na- to the government, and that the load within a few years. We propose simply tions out of business. And yet the state- must be transferred to the shoulders. ment has been made by a Mr. Downey. which already bear their fair share of experiments in these latter days of assisted by the reception committee con-

edge of methods in Glasgow and tried for lic opinion. Is there a conspiracy among it had been made to serve the cause of abundant reasons for congratulations in three years to show American workmen the wise men who have been called upon any other creature than unreasonable the future as the recipient of the great by doing piece work they could accompt to rule over us to exhibit their contempt man. Some unions sought the court's honor has to-day. If the young men who lish more. They would not see it, and for public opinion in every measure to offices and the result was a reduction of preside in the temple of justice continue | the shipping interests suffered. In turn | which they set their hands and in every | wages, which they refuse to accept. the laborers have suffered, thought the word they utter or write? Chief Justice and his learned brothers | weekly pay rolls have been increased." The cause of this outspokenness seems to have been a demand by some labor organizations for a legal work day of eight hours. The manufacturers are resisting this demand. They say they are too severely handicapped as it is; that the tariff has been too stimulative and has resulted in over-production, that a market for the surplus must be found abroad, and that the conquest of foreign markets cannot be achieved unless the goods can be produced upon terms of equality with competitors. A remarkable story, truly, to proceed from a country for which we are told a high tariff is doing such remarkable things. The United States is blessed with the "most adequate protection that has been," and yet it is threatened with a severe depression, and it must in its home labor market meet the conditions which prevail in a free trade country like Great Britain. Will our protectionist friends confess that there is a happy medium in fiscal matters and that the Laurier government has hit it?

#### SCHOOLS AND TAXATION.

The Superintendent of Education is seriously concerned about the increasing cost of education. Not as a remedy nor even as a means of relief for the taxpayers, he would transfer the burden directly to the shoulders of a portion of the people and at the same time ask them to continue to contribute to the general fund from which rural schools are sustained. In common with every newspaper print- This might strike the unsophisticated

Columbia has indeed become intolerable. A resident of Seattle is being prose offending. The correspondents are gathered from the four corners of the world at There are vastly too many legisletors.

We are over-governed. There are too cuted for bigamy. He deserves the many officials drawing big salaries. There are vastly too many legisletors. portance are in progress, that is quite every other department, is manned out divorce court constantly in motion. The certain, and yet the only source of in- of all proportion to the population of the facilities for getting divorced are quite

tions for reforms in legal procedure. It is frequently asserted that the courts air tanks in his active torpedoes. It is frequently asserted that the courts are tanks in his active torpedoes. He says there are too individual liberty take care that wrong, When the time comes to announce that many, and that it would make but little injustice and oppreston do not sometimes poses for which they were established; an important movement has taken place difference as far as actual results from accompany such lop-sided liberty? that their machinery has become so com- and the results of it, the facts are pub- the schools are concerned if there were plicated by centuries of additions as to lished in a matter of fact official way in none. He maintains that the only reno longer grind out justice swiftly and a few curt words. For example, nearly forms that will be effective in relieving surely for all classes of people, but, on a week after the event the world is told British Columbia from the intolerable the contrary, that the law has become that the great battle at Port Arthur in load piled upon her back by irresponsible, a vehicle for the oppression of the poor which the Russians were first reported reckless governments must be applied to by the rich and for the enrichment of to have sunk six Japanese warships was the roots of the system. But this man the attendants in the temple at the ex- merely an attempt to block the channel is one of the root and branch fellows pense of litigants who are too stubborn leading to the harbor with old hulks, and whose radical opinions nullify his well meant suggestions. At the same time Information picked up from travellers he expresses the sentiments of a class appeal to the throne of justice for re- returning from various parts of Man- that is growing in influence, and it might dress. At the same time there is general | churia and Korea indicates that the Jap | be as well for Mr. Robinson and the govrecognition of the fact that it is almost anese fleet is not the only active agent at ernment over him to weigh his words. impossible to secure reforms from with- work. The land forces are moving, but If there should be another huge deficit out and that it hopeless to expect regen- the direction in which they are going and at the end of the financial year of the eration from within, the only quarter the objects of their movements must re- province, despite the drastic measures from which effective reforms can be in- main for the present locked up in the the government has taken to meet the

ANOTHER TAXATION PROPOSAL. | golians.

It may be taken for granted that the Superintendent of Education speaks with the voice of the government when We are surprised that a nation which municipalities-upon the cities which are "good stuff" up hurriedly and hot. For sistance to their neighbors in the rural course upon the Bench will be as credit- five years in addition to gray hairs to prejudice against the Ministers, who are headway. The Compulsory Arbitration able to him as his career at the Bar has find it out. I spent \$90,000 in purchas not so high in popular favor just now Act of New South Wales has not been ing the best tools, in acquiring knowl- that they can afford to further defy pub- as successful as it might have been if

MR. JUSTICE DUFF. There is no question of public policy of The London Chronicle says although greater importance to a nation than the woman candidate in Victoria for a that of keeping the fountain of justice seat in the Commonwealth Senate did pure and undefiled. It has been a not realise her ambition, she polled consource of gratification to Canadians that siderably more votes than was generally when Conservatives were in power there anticipated. The final figures gave Miss was little reason to find fault with appointments to the Bench. The qualifica- that is certainly calculated to encourage tions for the exercise of judicial functions her to try again. Some thirty thousand of one or two of the nominees of the late | more would have given her a seat, or at Conservative administration were freely least enabled her to test the question commented upon, but on the whole the whether a woman can be a member of Bench has been kept absolutely free from a British parliament. suspicion. Since the present government was called to power not a word of protest has been levelled against its appointments to the judiciary. Of the latest appointment in British Columbia our contemporary the Colonist has spoken in the remarkable man. It is a pity his enerhighest terms. The Vancouver News-Advertiser is no less eulogistic in its utterances. It says: "Both with the Bar, of which he has been one of the ablest members, and with the public, the appointment of Mr. Duff to the judiciary will be regarded with entire satisfaction. In the prime of life, we trust that Mr. Justice Duff will be spared to give the last night, showed the standing of the country the benefit of his services on the Bench for many years, and with his integrity and ability, the Bench of the highest Court in the province will be still more capable of dealing with the mass of business which every year is becom ing larger and of more importance."

accorded citizens in the land of the free

Grave concern is often expressed by thoughtful people as to the possible outcome of certain economic developments. People afflicted with chronic complaints of the mind forget that all things in this world eventually mechanically adjust court was foreshadowed two evenings ago themselves. For years there has been a prejudice against domestic service. Girls flocked into factories. It is now an- is highly satisfactory to all classes. Pernounced that in several large centres of tendency among women workers to leave and also with the public. the mills and factories and engage in do-been recognized as one of the most britrather late willingness on the part of em- | the province. His reputation extended beployers to pay materially higher wages. youd British Columbia also, and he has ap-Now we wonder whether the revolution in thought will extend to the Pacific Coast, where the remuneration of domestics is very high, and drive out Mon-

Proof that anti-toxine saves hundreds of lives in Chicago each year is offered by the health department in its weekly bulictin. The use of anti-toxine in the treatment of diphtheria was begun by the city nine years ago, and since that sons died. The decrease has been 5,400, fall most heavily upon the self-governing or 47 per cent., while the population has increased nearly 600,000, or 52 per cent. Considering population, the decrease in deaths is given as 63 per cent. The recent action of manufacturers in incressing the price of the serum to \$1,33 a thousand units led the department to ascertain the cost of manufacture, which las it declares is less than 20 cents.

The Russians do not belie their looks. tion in saying that if the government half a century ago—for Turkey can the Supreme court of British Columbia, do purposes adding to burdens which are scarecely be called a naval power-she already grievous it will make the conduct surrendered the command of the sea of business in cities next to impossible, without striking a single blow. The Our friend the Superintendent of Russians sank part of their fleet at

Poor humanity is trying all sorts of They are liable to be imprisoned, but they say there are not enough jails in the country to hold them.

Poor old Paul Kruger is dying. It is feared he cannot live through the winter. His spirit evidently died with his crushed ambition. In his heydey he was a gies were misdirected. The man he virtually condemned to death is the chief ruler of Cape Colony, the state Kruger designed as one of the bulwarks of a "united Dutch South Africa."

The Ross government of Ontario bstinately retains its "adequate majority" of three. The second division, taken parties to be 47 to 44.

The Toronto World says: Owing to the difference, in time, we are able to announce that a great battle was fought in Korea to-morrow morning.

### Turned the Tide

# SUPREME COURT

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

Succeeds Mr. Justice Walkem.

A Times special dispatch from Ottawa

"L. P. Duff, K. C., Victoria, has been appointed to the Supreme court of Brit-ish Columbia in the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. Justice Walkem."

The elevation of Mr. Duff to the Supreme

been looked upon as the probable the position. His acceptance of the post sonally Mr. Duff is exceedingly popular, population in New York state there is a both among the members of his profession

mestic service. This result is due to a llant members of the legal profession in peared upon important cases brought before the Supreme court of Canada, and during the last year he appeared as one of Canada's counsel in the international arbitration for the settlement of the Alaska boundary.

Lyman P. Duff is the younger son of Rev. Chas. Duff, of Toronto. He was born at Meaford, Ont., on Jan. 7th, 1865. He received his early education in the public and High schools of Ontario and Nova Scotia. Later he entered Toronto University, and before he was 20 years of age had graduatso he took first-class honors in mathe during the nine years before 11,488 per- took his LL.B course in Toronto University, carrying off scholarships in every

With a brilliant University course to his credit he entered upon the study of law, graduating from Osgood Hall. In 1894 Mr. Duff came to Victoria and entered upon the practice of his profession. He became a member of the firm of Davie & Hunter, which afterwards became the firm of Hunter. Duff & Oliver. In 1897 he became partner of E. V. Bodwell.

Mr. Duff's ability as a lawyer is too well known in this province to require any reference to it at this time. In addition sympathies, with a splendid fund of gen ral information. No one doubts that he will, as a justice of

which he has made his home. In 1898 he married Miss Elizabeth Bird of Barrie, Ont. Mrs. Duff has become as popular in this city as her brilliant hus-

ENTERTAINED AT THE DRIARD. Enjoyable Smoker Given Last Night to Visiting Delegate to Mining Convention,

coincident with it the close of the second outer wharf. annual convention was celebrated last evening by a smoker given at the Driard hotel. The proprietor, G. Hartnagle, "It has cost me \$500,000 in the last the cost of government, is apt to create dreamers. And it is not making great stituted from the local branch of the sel is well advanced. The thing possible to make the evening pass | placed for sheathing. In this land where

> ship of Geo. Werner gave selections during the night. Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley presided, the president being absent for the first part of the proceedings. Later in the

evening by President Keen and A. ing north next month. C. Galt. Songs were given by H. Mortimer-Lamb, Geo. Sheldon Williams

a reading from Dr. Drummond's poems. D. W. Higgins also gave a reading, and ject the gun was pointed. It is difficult really practical. Hitherto the course, Messrs. Durant and Baldwin contributto understand how such a state of whether gunnery or torpedo, for young ed a Chinese specialty.

Dr. Stan's Pineapple Tablets cure sour stomach, distress after eating, weight in the stomach, wind on the stomach, loss of other troubles traceable to bad digestion. One Tablet gives instant relief. A positive & Co.-128. .

ADVANCE IN IRON.

Steel Corporation Purchase at Sixty Centy a Ton Over Last Month's Prices.

contract with the Bessemer Pig Iron As-\$13 per ton at the Valley furnaces. Directly and indirectly this will employ 3,000 men. The price at which the pig | nel. It has been already proved in South | nished of the subjects of study, and cer sixty cents per ton over the price pre-vailing in January.

DELEGATES TO BERLIN. National Council of Women Selects Its Representatives.

London, Ont., Feb. 27-At a meeting Hamilton, and Mrs. Willoughby Cum mings, of Toronto, the national secretary, were apopinted delegates with the president, Mrs. Thomson, St. John, N. B., to attend the international council at Be in. Germany, in June next.

## **NEWS OF DECK** AND DOCKYARD.

The recent reduction of the Esquimal say that against shielded guns it is no station from a rear-admiral to a com-modore's command and the correspond-of hail of small high explosive shells ing limitation of the fleet to three cruis- from quick-firing guns has ers and a corvette, there has been no ing effect, and the splutter may small amount of curiosity among residents of the little naval village as to what all the change implied. There has ond place, we are making a terrible sac never been any interruption or lessening of the fortification work in progress; the of success. Again, we are employing a importance of the naval yard it would gun which by the extent of its seem is not in any way overlooked, and when fired is far more likely to be there are manifestations of naval activities position than is that of a s ity not altogether compatable with the and, be it said boldly, a more effect

idea of reducing the fleet. Before the change had been effected the value of rapidity of fire. No gu the admiralty had decided that the supply of coal on hand was insufficient, and in which the whole of the charge is not had erected large sheds having a capacity of 10,000 tons. Furthermore for the purposes in view the coaling facilities the gun. Surely it is worth while to take were inadequate. Speed in loading was desirable, and to meet possible needs, we irrevocably coprovision was made for the loading of 18-pounder gun. 500 tons a day. At the same time it is stated that the admiralty had considered the advisability of providing a larger

dock for Esquimalt. All appeared to point to the truth of the report that in lowering the status of this station the admiralty had in mind the employment of a flying squadron, which might make periodical calls at all the stations of the Pacific, Australian and China coasts. It is stated unoffi cially in Esquimalt that this was actually in contemplation of naval authorities up to the outbreak of the present war, but it is now doubted whether this plan will now be carried out.

In England there is strenuous opposi tion to the blotting from the list of rear-admiral commands, as officers qualified for such positions believe that at present their opportunities for promotion are only too few. Therefore, the rear-ad-mirals have taken hold of the matter in ed in Arts from that institution. In doing a vigorous manner, and are bringing to so he took first-class honors in mathematics and metaphysics. Following this Mr. Duff elevation of the Esquimalt station.

While sheds have been erected for the owage of an increased coal supply the black diamonds now at Esquimalt are not to be all found under roof. There is be taken for facilitating the more rapid room for another shipload, although so far as known there has been no cargo shipped from Cardiff as yet to meet the deficiency. In the supply on hand there are several hundred tons of patent fuela mixture of coal dust and tar. This has been experimented with and found a splendid substitute for the ordinary fuel, and the admiralty have decided on a trial to be given it by the Esquimalt . . .

During the past several months large shipments of naval supplies have been arriving from England by every China Mutual liner, and it has been supposed that some extraordinary supply was be ing laid in at Esquimalt. Inquiry, however, fails to confirm this conjecture. There are no special supplies arriving, and the shipments received by this comparatively recent method of transportation only serves to show what has been the office of commander-in-chief; the arriving all along by the overland route. Steamers will hereafter not be obliged to go around to Esquimalt with the freight. A scow specially adapted for The anniversary of the organization of the Provincial Mining Association and freight in future will be discharged at the

H. M. S. Flora will be floated out of the drydock, it is thought, by the 25th of next month. The work on the ves-Mining Association, the board of trace going on where previously broken, and follows:

and the Tourist Association, did every thing possible to make the teak planking is being carefully reteak is so scarce and costly it might ap-The large smoking room of the Driard pear that fir might be substituted, but icy, operations of war, training and miliwas draped and hung with flags for the occasion. An orchestra under the leader-such resistance to bruising or withstands better the attack of the teredo.

The Flora will go south when finished, and will relieve the Bonaventure, the cruiser which has just arrived on the southern station, but whether the Shear- and fortifications. evening he contributed a reading of one water will await her arrival at Panama is considered problematical, for there is than finance. Short speeches were delivered during some talk now of the Shearwater com-

The Pall Mall Gazette says from all Lamb. Geo. Sheldon-Williams, A. Wheeler, Mr. Murphy, G. Booth and Dr. Robertson. J. H. B. Rickaby gave of the sighting of naval guns. It has admitted by been execrably bad, so bad in some miralty, is a great advance in the encases that it mattered little at what ob- deavor to make the instruction things can have been allowed to continue officers has commenced at Greenwich. from year to year, not only without any For the future, lieutenants who make ap-ONE TABLET AFTER EATING and attempt to remedy it, but even without plication to have the opportunity of what a world of distress would be saved. attention being drawn to it.

ould like to know whether this is the Excellent or the Vernon "Grubbe" sighting gear, to whose testing courses of instruction." appetite, dizziness, nausea, and a dozen Chatham is looking forward with so there for fifteen weeks and will then be much interest in connection with the approaching trials of the Prince George. examined. Those who obtain qualifying certificates will be eligible for appointand pleasant cure that nature has provided.

The new invention is a little complicated, ment for gunnery and torpedo duties in but it obviates the necessity of any ex- the smaller vessels of the fleet, while cerposure of the gun's crew in laying the tain officers, whose selection will depend given the greatest satisfaction in some of the examination, but upon the gen-

experimental trials. hand of the potential performances of the new field-gun. But is it the gun we want? We have increased the weight of ordeal of examination they will be eligithe projectile from 12 lb. to 18 lb.; we ble for appointment generally as gunnery Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The United have charge in which the shell, cart- and torpedo lieutenants. Finally, a few ridge, tubes and fuses are all separate, —dependent for their selection upon their and have to be brought together before aptitude and the requirements of the serciation for 130,000 tons of pig iron at the gun can be discharged; we have no vice—will be chosen to go through an screen to the gun; and we are definitely advance course at the Royal Naval Colcommitting ourselves to the use of shrap- lege, Greenwich. A general idea is furon was sold is an advance of about Africa that guns of a much greater cali- tainly the men who obtain the required bre can be endowed with a certain mobility. But they are needed for wards may be in store for them. For it special purposes and under special con- is not quite easy to see what is to be ditions. Are we acting wisely in committing ourselves to the general adoption passed through this advanced course, inof a heavy field gun, of anything, say, asmuch as officers who have not had that between a gun firing a high explosive shell of, say, 41/4 lbs., and these special gunnery and torpedo lieutenants. Ap heavy guns? In the first place, under

> The latest armored cruiser in the French navy will be named Ernest Renan, after | funds to build a church in Stockholm to the

weapon. Then we are almost ignoring ought to be regarded as a rapid-fire gun contained in one case, so that all has to be done is to insert the case into we irrevocably commit ourselves to the

'The ship's fiddler is as old an instituion in the navy as the grog-tub. When tars were their hair in pigtails, and such a thing as a steam winch was never thought of, the ship's fiddler sat on the capstan and played whilst the crew hov up the anchor. In third class cruisers and ships that carry no band the fiddler still exists, and as an officially recognized institution. His duty is to play lively tunes while the men hoist in to provide music during skylarking times miralty have given their consent to where the officers so desire, and have altered the fiddler's official designation to that of "ship's musician" in order t warships are not altogether unknown, as Scotch commanding officers frequently carry a piper in their entourage

A number of apparently small improvements are now being made in Britsh warships, but when these are completed it will be found that the advan tage gained by them is very considerable. Among other things, steps are to supply of ammunition to guns. With this end in view, little platforms are to be built under the guns for handing pur poses. Pipes which are now in an awk ward position have been voted an ol struction, and are to be moved out of the way. "Ready" racks of some of the gues are to be put into a more convenient done with the object of facilitating rapid

The report of the war office reco tion committee, composed of Lord Esher, Admiral Sir J. Fisher, and Sir G. Clarke, has been received with a good deal of favor in service circles. Its lead ing recommendations, which have been pointment of an army council, framed of the model of the board of admiralty, and constituted by patent; the abolition of creation of a new post, that of inspecto department for defence by the addi of a permanent element to the existing defence committee of the cabinet; plete change in the personnel of the war

The Army Council.

The army council will consist of seven members, three civil and four military, and the distribution of duties will be as

Secretary of State-Minister respon sible to the crown and to parliament. First Military Member-Military pol-Second Military Member-Personnel

Third Military Member-Supply and transport. Fourth Military Member-Armaments

Civil Member-Civil business other Civil Member-Finance.

The new scheme for the training of naval officers and men in gunnery and qualifying in either branch and whose ap-The utmost secrecy is observed, but one plication is approved will go direct to the weapon, and it is said to have already in each case not merely upon the results eral qualification of the individual, will The best accounts continue to come to be chosen to undergo a further course of the nature of their work after they have advantage are duly qualified to act as parently, the admiralty has in its mind nodern conditions of warfare, shrapnel some scheme of special employm London, Ont., Feb. 21-At a modern conditions of warrace, sit was, of the National Council of Women, held is far from being as effective as it was, which, however, it may be presumed, where yesterday, Mrs. W. E. Sanford, of It is doubtful, indeed, whether it profuces any serious results. The French with a man's professional career.

> Efforts are being made to collect sufficient memory of Emmanuel Swedenborg.

# MINING MEN TO SEEK A SOI

EXECUTIVE TO DEAL WITH MINER

Important Matters Disposed of vincial Mining Association Closing Up of Conventi

(From Friday's Dail The Provincial Mining closed its labors as far as t of the convention was conce day afternoon-on the anniver organization. During the aft eral very important subjects The convention reaffirmed its all the resolutions affecting legislation passed at last y ing, with the exception of have already been incorpora statutes. The amendments s the Placer Mining Act as 1 the executive committee practically as they stood, after

tion section by section. A notable feature of the n the address of J. Moore, Forks, the pioneer of placer British Columbia, who gave teresting history of the indus he concluded the delegates sl onor to him by rising and si He's a Jolly Good Fellow"

Another feature of the meeting was the offer of Ho Templeman to have a compe pared from the geological re tawa printed at the govern office for the use of prospec Before another year the

will likely be incorporated, tive committee being author to take that course.

Upon opening in the affinancial statement was properties of the course. follows: Victoria, B. C., 24th Febr

To the Second Convention of the Mining Association:
Gentlemen:—Herewith I beg a statement of your accounts passed through my hands sin convention.

I have taken the trouble t

source from which the cash and every channel through disbursed, the vouchers of wh been passed through the b audit committee. The vouc ceipts are all on file in your of The books have been balance off in conformity with this st You will observe that th expenditure were practically the benefit of the last conve salaries up to August last, s time the total cost of carrying ness of the association has bee

hundred (\$400) dollars, or less (\$70) dollars per month; this expenses and the cost of cal gether to this convention. I estimate that the cost your business in future of satisfactory basis will not exdred (\$100) dollars per month All of which is respectfully H. MORTI

Balance Sheet, Made Up to 2 Receipts. To loan, Bank of Montreal ......\$1,

T. Cusack, Bal. Con. Pro Donations— Brit. Am. Dredging Co.\$ 16 B. C. Warnick & Co. .. Provis. Executive, Vic-Centre Star, Rossland .. Cariboo Hyd., Bullion. Granby Smelter ...... Aspen Grove Branch .. Coutlee Branch ....... Camp McKinney Branch Stanley Branch ...... H. Mortimer-Lamb ... Rossland Branch ..... Asheroft Branch ..... Col. Meinecke, Victoria.

Revelstoke Branch, per W. M. Brown .... C. P. R. telegrams ... Local Organizations, Annual Ashcroft ..... Atlin ..... Barkerville ..... Camp McKinney .... Chemainus ..... Fairview ..... Golden ...... Ladysmith ..... Kaslo ..... Nelson .... Nicola—Aspen Grove ...

Nicola—Coutlee ...... 150-Mile House ...... Olafla ..... Poplar ..... Quesnel Lake ..... Rossland ..... Soda Creek ..... Stanley ..... Trail ...... Trout Lake ..... Vancouver Clearing Ho.

Vancouver ..... Victoria ..... Gen. membership ..... Sundry accounts payable ...

Expenditure. By officers' bonds ...... Exchange on cheques ....

Distribution of convention ings ..... Office expenses .....