## GOVERNORSHIP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NO CHANGE UNTIL AFTER ROYAL VISIT

Successor to Sir Henri Joly Will Probably Be Appointed Early Next

Ottawa, March 21.-A delegation comprising British Columbia mambers of parliament and Senator Bostock waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. Templeman yesterday and discussed the vacant senatorship and the ap- the British regulations, the ships of Henri Joly.

The delegation was unanimously in favor of George Riley, Victoria, succeeding Mr. Templeman in the senate. also discussed, and the delegation was as unanimous in favor of James Dunsmuir for the position. Sir Henri Joly will continue in office for a month or

after that time, and probably not for a week or two later.

The Senate Vacancy. Geo. Riley has arrived here, and will be appointed senator at once.

EARTHQUAKE IN FORMOSA.

Several Thousand People Reported to Have Been Killed-Hundreds of Bodies Received.

London, March 20 .- According to the Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio, it is now estimated that several thousand people were killed by the recent earthquakes in Formosa. The whole island was shaken continuously from early morning of Saturday unti late at night. On the same day slight shocks were felt in Japan, and from night of Saturday until the following from Governor-General Ide at Manila morning, five distinct shocks occurred at Kumamoto. Telegrams from For- Dajo fight. The governor-general says mesa state that Datiyo, Raishiko and the newspaper reports from Manila an-Shinke were completely destroyed. At Kagi alone 2,000 natives and seven Japanse were killed. At Datiyo 600 bodies already have been collected from the open fields, to which the people had fled, only to succumb to their injuries. The damage is at least \$45,000,000.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

United States Inquires if Nomination of C. S. Francis Will Be Acceptable to Austria.

Vienna, March 21 .- The state department at Washington has cabled instructions to the American embassy here to inquire if the nomination of Charles S. Francis, of Troy, as ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer, will be agreeable to the government of Austria-Hungary. It is Joseph Fennelly, who sued the Amalreported here that Mr. Storer will only

RULED OFF FOR LIFE. Decision of Stewards of Jockey Club in bank.

Cases of Durnwell and Mc-Cafferty.

San Francisco, March 21.-At the Coast Jockey Club yesterday the ap- Vancouver General hospital. His ob- to Silverton for safety. peal from the ruling of the stewards ject is to re-enter private practice. Dr. case of C. E. Durnell was considered, has been resident in the city for the this district in the last three days. The kill her years ago, and also said that The building was a large one three and the stewards decided to increase past year, has been selected to fill the property loss is now estimated at her father was afraid of her because the penalty inflicted on Durnell, and post temporarily. ruled him off for life. The stewards, however, decided to reinstate Durnell's Monday evening, it was decided to the road reached Crested Butt, the their sale on the turf. The ruling of the judges of Ascot against J. J. Mc- ber next an agreement is to be entered Gunnysons, last night. Cafferty was also reviewed and he, too, was ruled off for life.

PREPARING FOR STRIKE.

Pere Marquette Railroad to Take all Coal Mined in Saginaw Valley

Saginaw, Mich., March 21.-The Perc Marquette railroad has leeued an order confisoating for its own use all of the coal that is mined in the Saginaw vai- in the city. After investigation it was and expects to increase this by 30,000

BLINDFOLD TYPEWRITING.

Cary Wrote 4,097 Words Carrectly in Sixty Minutes.

Chicago, Ill., March 21,-The world's record in blindfold typowriting contests was broken at the national busirese show last night by Mies Rose L. Frits, of New York, who wrote 4,007 words sorrectly in 60 minutes. The totel number of words written was gave out for publication the following 4 457, but 400 mistakes were made. When she wen her championship madal in New York, Miss Fritz wrote 3,537 words in 60 minutes. Miss Genevieve Green, of Chicago, won the adding machine contest by adding six ledger pages of figures in three minutes points in Eastern territory, the commis-

WITTE'S RETIREMENT.

Rossian Paper Says He Will Be Made

St. Petersburg, March 20.-Tne Reich to-day prints the report of Premier Witte's retirement, saying that it understands he will be appointed presiment of the council of the Empire, leavmg Interior Minister Durnovo "to face written and printed mathematical works,

TO AMEND SHIPPING ACTS. Bill Introduced in the House of Commons-Some of Its Provisions.

London, March 20 .- The long prom-Shipping Acts, so as to place British and foreign ships on the same footing, was introduced in the House of Commons to-day by David Lloyd George, president of the board of trade. The bill, which undoubtedly will pass, makes the British regulations concerning the overloading, undermanning and unseaworthiness of vessels, the storage of grain on board ships, the furnishing of adequate life-saving apparatus and the control of emigration and passenger traffic, which heretofore has only applied to British ships, applicable to all foreign vessels using British

Mr. Lloyd corge explains that the government only proposed to impose on foreign ships the obligations imwhere the government was satisfied that the regulations of any particular country were substantially equal to to loading.

CHURCH TROUBLES.

The question of governorship was Life Will Not Be Sacrificed in Order to Take Inventories.

Paris, March 21.-Minister of the Interior Clemenceau, replying to a question in the senate yesterday, tersely expressed the government view relative Victoria on the 28th, and there will to the employment of force to carry out be no change in the governorship until the inventories of church properties. "We intend to enforce the law," he said, "but the numbering of candle-sticks in churches is not worth the risk of sacrificing a single human life." This is construed as indicating that where resistance is offered other means will be adopted of attaining the end.

Died From Wound.

Nancy, France, March 21.-A manifestant at the inventorying of church property here is dead as the result of a bullet wound inflicted by the vicar of the church during the disturbance.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS No Wanton Slaughter of Women and

Children in the Philippines. Washington, March 20 .- Secretary of War Taft to-day received a cablegram nouncing wanton slaughter of women and children at Mount Dajo are extremely sensational and in all essential details false. Some women and children were killed or wounded by preliminary shelling at a distance. There

ordered, the governor-general says, until every resource looking to possible adjustment was exhausted.

was no killing of anyone except such

as was indispensible to end the intol-

erable situation. The attack was not

MAY INSPECT BOOKS. J. Fennelly Wins Case Against the Amalgamated Copper Company and National City Bank.

Albany, N. Y., March 20,-The court of appeals to-day decided in favor of gamated Copper Company and the Nareturn temporarily to the United tional City Bank of New York in ored retirement of Mr. Storer is widely pers containing the names of its stock- ster, manager of the company. iscussed in diplomatic and official holders, together with their holdings mation as he might desire to obtain from the same. The stock books of the ompany were in the possession of the

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Dr. Robertson has resigned the posiof the Ascot Park Jackey Club in the G. E. Bayfield, a McGill graduate, who suffocated to death by avalanches in The daughter said her father tried to were destroyed by fire this morning.

At the meeting of the city council on horses for the purpose of permitting grant the hospital board \$18,000 for the terminus of the branch of the Denver current year, and by the 1st of Decem- & Rio Grande, running north from into regarding the amount to be paid for the two succeeding years.

S. W. Chambers was found dead in his bed at his residence, 1155 Georgia street, Monday morning. The deceased came here from Alberta several months ago. His wife died some time ago, and he leaves to survive him three daughters living in the city, another in the

a measure made possible by its con- causes and no inquest was necessary. The death occurred suddenly Monthe threatened coal strike. The rail- street, of Edward Boyd Copeland. Deapparently in good health till about 2 sible help was given, at about 5 o'clock been married about five months.

RAILROAD FREIGHT.

An Investigation Ordered by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C., March 21.-The in ter-state commerce commission to-day

many chippers in and about the city of New York has been persistently underbidding and misrepresenting freight shipped by railroads from that city and other sion has ordered an investigation and set the matter down for hearing at the United States court room in New York city on Friday, March 23rd."

It is expected that some highly interest ing developments will take place, indicating fraud on the part of the shippers published tariff rates.

The Japanese Imperial library at Tokio

UNFOUNDED STORY

NO TROUBLE AMONG SAILORS AT SEBASTOPOL

Social Democrats and Revolutionists of Moscow are Mourning the Death of Lieut. Schmidt.

St. Petersburg March 21.-The sensational reports current here last night posed on British vessels for years, and to the effect that the execution of former Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval mutiny at Sebastopol in November last, had been followed by an expointment of a governor to succeed Sir that country would be exempt as a tensive mutiny of sailors at Sebastopol whole from the British rules in regard | yesterday, turns out to be unfounded. The correspondent of the Associated

is quiet there.

In Mourning. Democrats and Revolutionaries of this trance of the bank. city are mourning the death of Lieut. Schmidt. Thousands of workmen yes terday wore crepe on their arms, and funeral services were held in the His Majesty Will Probably Pay a Visit chapels of many factories. The population generally is also deeply affected, requiem masses have been held in several of the churches.

Pupils on Strike. Odessa, March 21.-As a protest against the execution on March 19th of Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval nutiny at Sebastopol last November, the pupils of all the local schools

Unrest Among Workmen. St. Petersburg, March 21.—The growing unrest and agitation among the Russian workmen is largely due to the government's repressive measures in the provinces, and especially to the threatening situation in the Don and other regions.

struck to-day.

At Ekaterinoslava 16,000 men of the Hughes iron works are already re- PERCY NORMAN HAS ported tohave struck, and at Moscow great agitation prevails in the industrial sections. Undoubtedly the whole movement is connected with the demand of the Social Democrats and revolutionists for another general po- Evidence Showed that Man Was of litical strike.

THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL.

Contract Closed For Ten Miles of Road From Golden Southward.

Winnipeg, March 20 .- The C. P. R. will be commenced at once, and ac- able homicide. cording to the contract must be completed by May 1st. The road will ulthe Crow's Nest Pass line and will open up a valuable agricultural and mineral country. The contract for the first ten miles was signed here yester-States, and that he intends to settle der to secure the right to inspect the day by Mr. William Whyte, on behalf permanently in France. The unexpect- Copper Company's stock books and pa- of the C. P. R., and Mr. Geo. H. Web-

VICTIMS OF SNOWSLIDES.

Sixteen Men Perished in Colorado-Mines Have Been Closed.

neighborhood of Silverton, Col., have head. meeting of the stewards of the Pacific tion of medical superintendent of the been closed and 3,000 miners have fled

A train which has been four days on shoot at her mother five years ago.

OFF FOR EDMONTON.

Promising Conditions Prevailing

During the past few months Edmon

ton, Calgary, and the country in that east, and a son who is attending Col- vicinity have been attracting considerumbia College, New Westminster. Since able attention. The boom now prevailcoming here Mr. Chambers had been ing there seems to be warranted by the employed with various mercantile firms fact that no less than three trans-con- the pension to ministers bill by adopttinental railways, namely, the Canaley between now and April 1st. This is decided that death was due to natural dian Northern, the C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk Pacific, will soon be operating directly through the district. The as a precautionary measure is view of day morning at his home, \$37 Harris indications that Edmonton will be the centre from which these three lines day. read has on hand 20,000 tons of coal, ceased was 43 years of age, and was will radiate has, of course, resulted in a considerable amount of real estate o'clock Monday morning, when he was speculation. Only a short time ago in the House to-day by Sir Wilfrid taken suddenly ill, and, though all pos- the Times, in an interview with the Laurier and Ralph Smith amid great well known architect, F. M. Ratten- Liberal cheering. he expired. Mr. Copeland had only bury, gave the latter's glowing prediction of the future of that town. Then it was announced that Messrs. Rattenbury, Ker and other prominent local Richard Ivens, Charged With Murder, business men had purchased property in Edmonton which gave promise of materially increasing in value. The glamor reflected upon this section as a result of its recent extensive develop- lister, took the stand in his own behalf ment has not only attracted local speculators, but it has induced many of Victoria's young men to throw in their with that rapidly growing prairie province. It is announced that H. agreed with those of previous witnesses. Matherson, connected with the railway business here for many years; J. Jacobsen, a valued employee of the E. & the dead body of a woman lying on a N. Railway, and W. Armstrong, a well pile of refuse. known local printer, are among the most recent to announce their deter- station with his father, and declared that mination to leave for the new country | the police accused him of being the murwhich has just been admitted to the derer, and he declared that he admitted Canadian Confederation as a province. the crime in order to satisfy them. These gentlemen are all widely acquainted and their decision to leave say," he continued, "and they got me to Victoria will be regretted by a host of say it. I told them several times that I King of this place, First Hussars comfriends. They will take the steamer only found the body of the woman, but Frincess Victoria for the mainland to- they kept on talking to me and I got ex- Sunday night. He never fully recovernight. At the same time all join in cited and I don't recollect what I said. ed from an attack of enteric fever,

come identified with in Alberta.

THE MOSCOW BANK ROBBERY. Bandits Threatened to Blow Up the Building if Employees Made an Outery.

St. Petersburg, March 21.-The Novoe Vremya's account of the robbery by masked men yesterday of the Credit Mutual, one of the largest banks in Moscow, the robbers securing \$432,500, says that the vaults were still open and that several employees were present when the bandits entered. The latter, numbering 20 men, were armed with bombs as well as with revolvers The leader announced that he came in the name of the revolutionary commit tee, which needed money, promising that the employees of the bank would not be harmed unless they raised an outcry, in which event he would blow up the establishment with bombs. "We are desperate and not afraid to

die," said the bandit leader. Throughout the operation a member of the bandits stood with a lighted fuse near a powerful bomb which had been placed on a table ready to be exploded if such a step became neces-

In addition to lowering the window shades the telephone was discennected, and when the bandits had completed their work the employees of the Press at Sebastopol telegraphs that all bank were warned that if they gave any alarm within 15 minutes after the departure of the band a bomb would be thrown through the window. The

KING EDWARD'S TRIP.

to the Sultan.

New York, March 21 .- A Berlin dispatch to the Herald says that a confidential communication just received there from Constantinople states that preparations are being quietly pursued for the reception of King Edward, who is expected to visit the Sultan coming direct by sea.

## KILLED FATHER IN

BEEN EXONERATED

Quarrelsome Nature and Frequently Abused His Wife.

North Bay, Ont., March 21 .- The jury | celled for current year for first violalast night brought in a verdict that tion of act, and two years for second Company has closed a contract with Edward Norman came to his death by offence. Liquor may be sold to guests the General Contract Company, of a blow from an axe in the hands of his at meals on Sundays. 1 to 3 o'clock and Vancouver, for the construction of ten son Percy, which was dealt in defence miles of the Kootenay-Central railway of his mother's life. Percy Norman is from Golden, B. C. southward. Work exonerated on the grounds of justifi-

The evidence of the mother, the eldest son, Edward, and daughter, went timately be extended to Wardner on to show that the father was of a most quarrelsome nature. Mrs. Norman pondent, stated that her husband was in North Bay on Saturday, and returned home intexicated. Upon entering the house with a horsewhip and dragging her murder is strongly suspected. The poaround the room by the hair, saying lice are actively investigating. he would send them all to hell before assistance, striking his father on the head with a stick of wood. The father eighty cars of settlers' effects will unthen turned on the son. The mother Denver, March 20 .- Owing to the fear again on the mother. Percy then got

The eldest son Edward said he saw his father try to cut his mother's Sixteen men have been crushed or throat with a razor some years ago. she was the only one who saw him most valuable machinery. The mill

> MINISTERS' PENSION BILL TO BE AMENDED

Number of Victorians Attracted by the British System Will Be Adopted-Hon. W. Templeman Takes His Seat in

Ottawa, March 21 .- At the Liberal caucus to-day it was decided to amend 1:15 the British system.

Attended Caucus. Mr. Vernille, member for Maison-

neuve, attended the Liberal caucus to-Introduced in House

Hon. W. Templeman was introduced

DENIES CONFESSION

Chicago, March 20.-Richard Ivens, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Bessie Hol-

yesterday. Ivens told in detail of where he was and what he did on the day of the mur. der of Mrs. Hollister. His statements

The next morning, he declared, he went to the barn to do some work and saw The prisoner told of going to the police

"They knew what they wanted me to I said 'yes' to all of them."

BUILDINGS OWNED BY M'CANN CO. GUTTED

York County Loan and Saving Co.,-Amending Ontario Liquor License Act.

Toronto, March 20 .- Nearly one hundred thousand dollars loss was caused by a fire which broke out last evening in the premises of the McCann Milling Company on Esplanade at the foot of Jarvis. Two three story buildings owned by the McCann company were gutted in less than an hour. The sufferers were McCann Milling Company, Canada Portable Fence Company Craig Company, and Armor, Limited, Beef Extract Company. Another fire did damage to the extent of \$15,000 to stock and \$1,200 to the building of the Moscow, March 21.—The Social bandits withdrew through the rear en- Canadian Plate Glass Company, Rich-

Charge Against Phillips.

Toronto, March 20 .- Proceedings in the investigation of the charge of conspiracy against Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan and Savings Company, was continued before the police magistrate this morn-The principal witness was Miss Eva Half, and her testimony was concerning the expense account of Phillips. The latter drew \$25 a week expenses while in the city, but no itemized account was ever presented of what these expenses were. Phillips signed the vouchers. When out of the city his expense account was larger, but still no items were given. Similar testimony was given by Stewart Linn, secretary-treasurer, who, it appears, was also treasurer of the Toronto Life and drew a salary from both companies. The investigation was adned until Thursday.

Liquor Licenses. Toronto, March 20. - Amendments ere made to the liquor license law introduced in the legislature to-day. The fee for cities over one hundred thousand is: For tayern licenses, increased to \$1,200; shop licenses, \$1,000; cities of thirty thousand to one hundred thousand, taverns and shops pay \$700; cities of less than ten thousand and towns of more than five thousand the fee is \$450. Other fees range down to tavern license for townships of \$200. Bartenders must be licensed, fees \$2. Women are ineligible. Licenses canmeals at table.

Ende Toronto, Marc. mers committed suicide this afternoon.

ago and since then he has been des-Found Dead. Prince Albert, March 20,-The body

of a woman named Linklater was

Settlers' Effects.

acres. Roller Mills Burned. Morrisburg, Ont., March 20 .- The roller mills owned by Gibson & Company storys high and equipped with the was valued at about \$40,000, which will be partly covered by insurance, prob-

ably \$20,000. Typhoid Fever.

Fort William, Ont., March 20.-Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, who was engaged to investigate the cause of the typicid outbreak here, has reported that every shack in the foreign section of Fort William should be burned. They are a menace to health, he says, and a disgrace to humanity. The shacks number seventy-five or more. To destroy them would mean damage to the town of at least \$10,000.

To Improve Harbor. Fort William, March 20.-The federal government is preparing to extensively improve the harbor here and is calling for tenders for dredging Mission and Koministiania rivers.

Will Visit England.

Montreal, March 20 .- Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P.R., will leave to-morrow on a trip to England, partly on business and party as a relaxation from the continuous strain of his exacting duties. Sir Thomas expects to be away about six weeks. He will sail from New York by the White Star steamship Celtic on Friday and will return on the Empress of Britain when that flagship of the fleet makes her maiden voyage.

Tank Exploded. Wingham, Ont., March 20 .- The ex-

osion of a water tank in connection with the heating apparatus wrecked the Grand Trunk station here to-day. It will have to be re-built. Four People Injured. St. John, N. B., March 20 .- Four

people were injured and three ears

badly damaged on the New Brunswick

Southern railway yesterday by three cars of the Stephen train jumping the track owing to a broken rail.

Colonel King Dead. Kingsville, Ont., March 20 .- Flags are at half-mast in honor of Col. A. S. manding officer, who died in London went through the entire Boer war and | made to arrest them.

Outbreak of Smallpox. Quebec, March 20 .- A serious outbreak of smallpox is reported from seven islands in the lower St. Lawence. The Dominion and Provincial authorities are taking means to check the spread of the disease.

Death of Dean Smith. Montreal, March 20 .- Very Rev. Burton Smith, dean of Ontario, died this evening. A few days ago he was stricken by paralysis while officiating in St. George cathedral.

MINERS' WAGES.

Joint Conference of Coal Operators and Union Officials at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 20 .- The second oint conference of the coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, comprising Illinois, Indiana a C. P. R. engineer, and his playman and Western Pennsylvania, which is Cecil Gay, son of a C. P. R. firema the result of the efforts of President | were burned to death in a stable which Roosevelt to effect a continuation of they were playing in to-day. No one peace in the coal regions, adjourned knew they were there until the bodies this afternoon, after referring the de- were discovered after the fireman had mands of the miners to the joint scale extinguished the flames. committee, which will begin its deliberations to-morrow. The conference was called to order

by President Mitchell. The conference organized at once by the election of George Baer, an operator of Chicago, as permanent chairman.
On motion of President Mitchell, the rules of the prayious joint conference, requiring that the vote of the operators on "all main and principal ques tions" be cast as a unit, were adopted This action empowers Mr. Robbins, retiring chairman of the operators, and Thomas Lewis, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, to prevent any action of the wage scale committee which they do not favor.

President Mitchell, being recognized by the chair, delivered a brief address, at the close of which he moved the adoption of the scale of wages demanded by the miners m the joint conference which adjourned February 2nd. The scale provides for an increase of 12½ per cent. The motion was lost on a strictly partizan vote.

In calling the joint conference together President Mitchell said: "This which quantities of jewelry and jewelconvention has reconvened under what ers' supplies were brought from New are possibly the most extraordinary York to Canada, much of it by way circumstances that have ever pre- Detroit and Windsor. A woman a vailed in the industrial history of our cused of being the leading operator, country. When we adjourned, more under arrest. The officers yesterday than six weeks ago, it seemed to us, as seized jewelry worth about \$12,000 it did to the entire people of the two rooms of the woman's residence country, that a great industrial strike Toronto. was imminent. So far as I know, each of these forces made preparations for a great industrial conflict. Fortunately, or unfortunately, as circumstances may develop, the president of the country intervened and advised that we make a further effort to reconcile our differences. As a consequence of his intervention-for which I believe the entire country feels grateful—we have met here to-day again to consider, not only our own personal and collective nterests, but also the interests and welfare of our common country.

"I have given to this situation

much thought, as much considera I presume, as any one here. I hav viewed in my own mind the ca which led to a separation six weeks ago, and I have tried as best I could to review this situation, not so much He had a stroke of paralysis some time as a miner, but rather as an official and man charged with certain public the premium income in salaries, which responsibilities, and gentlemen, after six weeks of thought and consideration companies, 5 per cent. for renewals, I am convinced beyond doubt that the and from 64 to 65 per cent. for new claims which were made in this hall business. If the salaries and miscelhe began to abuse her by beating her found in a house this morning and six weeks ago were founded on facts laneous expenses exceeded 5 per cent. and justice, and that the industrial then the business was not likely to be prosperity of our country justifies the a profitable one. coal miners in asking that they shall A long report prepared by Mr. Black-Caron, Sask., March 20. — About fits that result from the great indus- Mr. Fitzgerald in March, 1905, and it trial activity. I believe that the claims appeared to be in the department until load at this village this spring. Land we made then have been confirmed by the next November. The report was then struck the father in defence of the is moving rapidly and is being eagerly facts since our adjournment. It may a drastic and radical one. It said that son, whereupon the father turned purchased by Amreican settlers and be that because of our environments, if the management and expenses speculators. An Omaha syndicate last because of our training and special in-the Royal Victorian were not considered to the constant of the Royal Victorian were not considered to the constant of the Royal Victorian were not constant of the Roy of the snowslides all mines in the an axe and struck his father on the week secured a tract of ten thousand terests we are unable to view this situation impartially, but as stated in our as the business was carried on at resolution adopted some days ago, we loss. The report was forwarded Robt are willing to meet with you who rep- MacKay in November. The witness resent the ownership, who are the could not say why it lay so long in the owners of these mines, for the purpose department. of trying earnestly and conscientiously Witness was next examined on a re

to adjust our differences. "I take it for granted that the ex- Home Life Company, which was run a perience of the past eight years has an assessment company until 1898, an satisfied even the most sceptical among then changed to a regular life c for our mutual interests than the old equal to the premium receipts. method that prevailed years ago, when report Mr. Blackadar said that if the every year saw a strike or a lockout, company had put in their report the rights. I believe, gentlemen, first, we would have been a loss of \$108,000. At owe to ourselves, then next to our the time he made his inspection in 190 is within us to reach an agreement was then being conducted at a loss that will preserve and maintain industrial peace in the coal fields of this \$60,000. country. In order that there may be some concrete proposition before the convention for discussion, I desire to offer on behalf of the miners, the scale The Lord's Day Observance Bill-Dele of wages and conditions of employment proposed by us at our recent joint con ference."

FOREST FIRES.

Bellingham, Wash., March 20.-Three fire are now swooping down on Lynne. the Lord's Day Observance Bill. A telephone message from there late this afternoon states that half of the citizens are fighting the forest fires. A the House, new blaze is coming from the northeast, to the right of the old fire, or first one, which started ten days ago. It has already jumped the road in one Growers' Association opened here to place and has partially destroyed the day when there were present delegate barn of a rancher named Tom Handy, who lives but a mile and a half from Fisher presided, and suggested som

Men are turning up ground wherever possible with ploughs and shovels, fruit. while others beat back the flames with wet blankets and sacks. Others are stationed on the roofs of barns and houses in the path of the flames and with pails of water put out all sparks and wet the roofs so as to lessen the danger. It is impossible to estimate this vicinity by forest fires during the way Company, respecting the Kootenay past few days, and it will perhaps & Arrowhead Railway Company, the never be known, but \$100,000 is not Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company considered too high a figure

Moscow, March 20 .- As the officials were closing the Mutual Credit Society's bank this afternoon twenty Macpherson introduced a bill respect armed men surrounded the building. which is near the Bourse, and covering the employees of the bank with pistols they pillaged the place, getting away has on its shelves something like 2,000 wishing them every prosperity and suc-written and printed mathematical works, with \$425,000 and made good their es-cess in any enterprise they may be-

INO LITTLE BOYS BURNED TO DEATH

BODIES FOUND AFTER

FIRE IN A STABLE

Old Woman Killed by Engine While Taying to Escape From Boys Who Were Snowballing Her.

Calgary, March 20 .- Two little boys, Gordon McRae, aged five years, son of Killed by Engine.

protection from a crowd of mischiev boys who pelted snowballs at her, My Matilda Conroy, a widow, 62 years age, was killed by a Grand Trunk

Toronto, March 21.-While seeking

engine. The woman was trying to get in her back door to avoid the when she was struck by the engine, Crossing Fatality. London, Ont., March 21.-While crossing the Grand Trunk tracks at Egerton street, in a single rig last evening William Farmer and William Pugsley were struck by a freight train. The horse was killed and the two men were hurled a considerable distance. Farmer was fatally injured, and died in the

hospital a few hours later. Pugsley received a few scratches. Farmer was a married man about 50 years of age, Alleged Smuggling Windsor, Ont., March 21.-Customs authorities here claim to have unearthed a wholesale smuggling game by

Winnipeg, March 20 .- R. F. Struthers, chief inspector of time service of the C. P. R., has been promoted in th department. In addition to his forme duties as inspector he will in future act as chief examiner of color vision

INSURANCE INQUIRY. Mr. Blackadar Gives Further Evidence Before the Commission at

Ottawa. arch 20.-There was furevidence given before the Blackagar, actuary of the department. After presenting some correspondence regarding a chargeable gift, he said that the Royal Victorian paid 16 2-3 of was larger than the average of other

port made by him in May, 1905, on the you that annual or biennial agreements pany. For the seven years it ran as an between you and us are much better assessment company the expenses were a serious conflict as to our different building value paid for it the result country, to make the best efforts that before making his report the business

OTTAWA NOTES.

gation Waits on Government.

Ottawa, March 20 .- A delegation clergymen from the Anglican at Presbyterian churches, with senator and members of parliament, waited the government to-day in support Wilfrid Laurier asked them to assi in putting it through the committee of

Fruit Growers.

The annual convention of the Fruit

D. Ross Improving. Duncan Ross, M. P., who is in the hospital with diphtheria, is improving. New Bills. W. A. Galliher introduced in the House to-day bills to incorporate the the exact amount of domage done in Kamloops & Yellow Head Pass Rail-

amendment to the Fruit Marks Act. H

going to provided for second grad

and Columbia Kootenay Railway and Navigation Companies; W. Sloan troduced a bill respecting Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, and R. ing the White Horse & Alaska Railway

Tall persons usually live longer than short'ones, while those born in the spring nstitutions than those born during the other seasons,

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Park school drawing

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proposal of more th ance will be introduc meeting, namely, the of Victoria's public s favor of such a move cided upon the result rial reduction in t and, consequently, th the annual salary expended extent. It rustee Miss Camer most ardent suppor duction of such a m tention is that ther duction in teachers' the number employ without in any way of the instruction pils attending the v This and other m for discussion at th the school board.

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Mining and Agricultu that Section - R. H. From I

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Visiting the Cariboo

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prosperity.