leal of expense.

to the election could vote?

cept for effluxion of time. (Laughter.)

The Attorney-General-We didn't have

Mr. McBride asked if the government

had drafted the bill since receiving the

cersus on Saturday night.

of Atlin were consulted.

why the writ was withheld.

to a basis at last.

(Hear, hear.)

prove on it in committee?

The Attorney-General-Certainly.

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urn, Neb., writes: heavy cold about nd tried all kinds c? and drugs recomor heavy cough, but lp me until I comruna. My age is and I am he en for years. I still eat medicine, and am ealth. I recommend th coughs and colds

est Remedy Knowr

ens, 97 Seventeenth ., writes: "It affords testify to the merits nedy for catarrh, I time with chronic after five months' which time I used runa I am pleased to ely well, there being ee of the catarrh left. doubt the greatest catarrh."-Chas. H.

dhood With Catarri hards, Milton, Conn.,

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say that I now cony free from catarrh. na occasionally nov my sincere thanks terest in my case. ers of age, has been mber of weeks for d and has obtained t S. Richards. hirty Years. rrett, 910 N. Kidzie

at pleasure to testify a worthy remedy ur Peruna, I had years from this very and had tried many but until I used Pelesired effect. onnected with the artment for the past

I can cheerfully to anyone suffering drew Barrett. ve prompt and satism the use of Peruna. . Hartman, giving ur case and he will

rtman, President of ife," which can be se-

all catarrhal diseases

CONCESSION.

lls of Feeling in Daw h For Gold.

business man of the Dominion. He has awson. He says that naturally considerable ers of Dawson as Treadgold concern, that the Federal ig what they thin afeguard the interevery way possible numbers are leaving of the action of the

ith him a sleigh load ectors to the Koyn-400 being met on ny in. The attraction strike on the Hamof the claims are unbut the river is above discovery of was taken out in a his is stated on the nformation having who has an interest who was communi partner.

season in Dawson experienced in the d of March, the day son, that a change thermometer drop-

## TELLIGENCE.

tion in Chambers this Justice Walkem was case of Stewart & F. Higgins for deet aside a receiver dship adjourned the to consider the ques o go by default, had the application withe court's jurisdicfor plaintiffs, H. B.

appeals are still ec-

ion of the Full court the respondents, this his argument in the y case, and Mr. Maerd in reply this after

## Society.

and eastern candiing on their examinaexpected that canthe preliminary and ude operations toilts, however, will not the Benchers meet

a bushel of clover.

holdings, but they were shut off from markets.

PROCEEDINGS OF

LENGTHY DEBATE ON

House for Several Hours Yes-

terday Afternoon.

The members could talk nothing but

Lead Refineries.

smelted and refined:

On the adjourn debate on the follow-

Therefore, in the opinion of this

sideration of the establishment and oneration by them of lead smelting and

whole silver lead district was practically

bankrupt; no new properties were being opened up; no new capital coming into

\$1.15, while the United States miner got \$3.50 a ton. About 72.200 tons of lead

the American smelting refinery trust.

of British Columbia for four years past

in 1900; Lead per 100 lbs., \$4.37; silv

emained stationary since.

worth last year.

per oz., .61.33 cents; in 1901, lead, \$4.33;

silver, per oz., .58.95 cents. In Decem-

ucer helped to find a market.

saved with a government re-

ry. He felt sure that it would be

government to engage in this

It was estimated that in 1901 50 529 -

as possible. (Applause.)

Mr. Martin adjourned the debate.

adows road or trail.

Seeking Correspondence.

, that has taken place or been made

ing the last nine years, in any way

He said that for years past petitions

about 40,000 acres of the finest alluvial

been carried on with a view to the isability of opening up the Squamishemberton meadows. This valley, two miles wide by 40 miles long, contain

ng to the Squamish-Pemberton |

Lead, the Silver, oze.

measure of relief would be afford-

refiring works within the province

Press Gallery, March 24th.

He had heard that the government wa THE LEGISLATURE giving tracts of lands in Bulkely valley policy thereon. But if these advantages were to be given to settlers in a remote part of the province, surely they would pay some attention to the wants and suf-

erings of these settlers.

The settlers there also wished to be REDISTRIBUTION BILL luded in the New Westminster district in redistribution The Chief Commissioner moved the ad-

ournment of the debate. The Measure Occupied Attention of the Vancouver & New Westminster Railway Mr. Garden introduced a bill to amend

the Vancouver & Westminster Railway Act, 1901. It was referred to the rail-Fraser Bridge.

Mr. Gifford moved, amid applause, this an order of the House be granted for a

redistribution this afternoon. Every other item of business was hurried out 1. What tenders have been received prepare for the second reading of the of the substructure of the Fraser river long-desired measure. The speech of the bridge, with particulars of sum tender draft a bill agreeable to all classes. Attorney-General was in general defence of the bill, which he described as or securities deposited by the different ment theorem. In 1898 Victoria had four members, which she still retained. The government theorem, which she still retained. The government theorem, and they nonpulation was the fairest measure of the kind which tenderers.

of person or persons tendering, and of populated population the old lists and have new lists prepared. while there was a smile of incredulity different tenderers.

on a general election, but that the gov-on a general election, but that the gov-bridge, with full particulars asked in 1 ernment would continue to do business until the conclusion of their nautral term

He considered, he said, the building of the bridge to be one of vital importance to Westminster. That city had suffered by the sentinel of British Columbia, The Mr. Smith drew the attention of the very heavily owing to the great fire and Minister of Mines to the fact that the was having an up hill fight, and it was Minister of Mines to the fact that the local press of Kootenay reported that oil was being bored for by the C. P. R. on the lands which he had complained of as being set aside for that company.

The minister promised to look into the Was having an up hill fight, and it was the bonden duty of the government to assist them. The sum of \$500,000 had been appropriated, but he understood this was insufficient.

What he wanted the government to of that district amounted to 1,260 souls.

ract with Marconi to erect a station on Mr. McBride complimented Mr. Gif- North Nanaimo has been wiped out,

work would be proceeded with at once proval. (Hear, hear.) But where, province labor in not being able to have the product of their mines economically House, the public interest requires on the part of the government the serious con-The Chief Commissioner appreciated of the Mainland A Voice—How all he concern of the lower Mainland members. The bridge would be of interna-

the country. The prospect was anything but bright. He did not wish to be istic, but lead mining was in any-

hing but a good condition.

The British Columbia miner got only ore, netting about 25,500 tons of lead, had been mined. All this had to pay tribute

Mr. Waddell had been in Mexico, but right, for instance in

benefits of competition. The people of to five members. his district were convinced there was unnecessary delay in proceeding with this 5,784, each retained a member. 31.603. 4.292.401 work. The people wanted the contract 21.8°2,436 2.937,413 let at once. If the government was in oarnest there would be no difficulty in 1901, estimated ..... 50,529,260 2,624,002 letting Mr. Waddell knew the figures.

The average price in New York was Time was of the greatest importance. He believed that it would take the contractor from now until next spring low water to get his material on the ground.

, 1901, lead was only \$4.15, and dropped to \$4 in January, 1902. Silver was 55.1 cents in December last, and had ing the Pacific & Omineca Railway Act, 1900. It was read a first time and If a government refinery was establishreferred to the railway committee. product could be held and the Questions.

Orient was the most promising field for British Columbia lead, but it was sold Mr. Houston asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following there through England. There was 1. Is the West Kootenay Power &

from the smelter, about \$10 of which Light company in arrears for fees under the provisions of the "Water Clauses lidation Act, 1897?" 2. If so, for what amount?

established as a business proposition for Hon, Mr. Wells replied as follows: 1, Yes, 2. The amount to be paid by the con

pany is a matter which is now under COO pounds of lead was raised in British consideration.

Columbia; much of this might be used Mr. Fulton asked the Chief Commisat home, as Canada imported \$580,016 sioner of Lands and Works the following

cost of establishing a refinery would probably be \$250,000, and the cost of treatment about \$12 a ton, with a ton profit. This would be a neat pointment of a road foreman at Salmon the province, while the pro- Arm?

cer would be protected and encour-2. If so, what were such instructions? Hon, Mr. Wells replied as follows: He thought it was the duty of the Do- Yes.
 That when such appointment is rerovernment to take this matter ut they showed no disposition to do

quired to be made, the road superinten-Mining was the paramount industry dent is to communicate with the Chief British Columbia, and it was the duty Commissioner, who will give instructions the government to foster this matter as to whom the road superintendent is Mr. Kidd asked the Minister of Agri-

culture the following questions:

1. What is the amount of claims still unpaid for cattle killed on account of upt Tatlow moved that an order of spondence, reports and other docu-2. Is it the intention of the government

to ask for a sum to be voted during the

ridge, at Eburne not in order? Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows:

No security-cheque accompanied ten settlers on very favorable terms. He aund no fault with the government Protection Act of British Columbia" was

read a third time and finally passed.

Redistribution Bill. All the other bills were passed in su ession until the Redistribution bill was ached, when the Attorney-General, on rising to move the second reading, was

The Attorney General reviewed the nature of previous redistribution meas ures, and of how the number of members had been increased from 27 to 33, and a year or two up to 38, by granting five more seats one to Varcouver city, ne to Cassiar and three to Kootenay.

The present bill increased the representation to 42. He believed he could convince the whole House that it was eing his first parliamentary effort, that as fair as any that could be drawn. It was not a simple matter. When the paucity of population, diversified interests and the topographical features of of the way with scant examination to by the government for the construction prepare for the second reading of the substructure of the Fraser river

consideration, and that population was could be brought in British Columbia. 2 What tenders have been received by coming in rapidly to other districts, they There was an outburst of applause the government for the construction of when he stated that on second thought the superstructure of the Fraser river bridge, with particulars of sum tendered, by the considered it advisable to strike out opulated. While it had not a big opulation in regard to the voters' lists when the Attorney-General intimated 3. What tenders have been received hundreds of thousands of dollars were that there was no intention of bringing for the construction of both substructure spent there. From the fact that it was garrison, and that it would probably have many fishing stations, it would likely increase very much in population. It was an important place, and practica government regretfully withdrew a member, leaving the boundaries the

Salt Spring Island about the time of the election.

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A Voice—How about Orientals?

Hon, Mr. Eberts—I think there are efiring works within the province" tional character. If the opposition were about the same number on each.

Mr. Green, the mover, said that the would be facilly and the contract. He acknowledged the cordial co-operations are supported by the contract of the province of the contract of the province of the contract of the province of the contract of would be let fastily, and the difficulties tion of Census Commissioner Blue, who he foresaw would follow. Mr. Waddell had sent a type-written statement of tion of Census Commissioner Blue, who the limit, was now on his way to Victoria, and the census, not waiting for its being when he arrived no time would be lost. printed, in order to assist the British ple in Alberni in a few years. She tion.

uscless making a contract.

Mr. McBride recalled the singular fact that ten days since the Chief Commissioner had reported Mr. Waddell as en reute here. He was surely making a member, giving it five representatives. The general basis had been in regard to large the contract of the boundaries of Atlin as she stood and put Texada in the Islands wonderfully. Vancouver city, with a population of 26,617, received another member from Lillooct, as proposed in the boundaries of Atlin as she stood and put Texada in the Islands wonderfully. We would thus be able to give the additional representatives to the country south of the C. P. R.

In drafting the bill political reasons was acquired. The Attorner the country south of the C. P. R.

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"I think the Burrard and New West in mombership, and that there had not ed on Thursday, and the census returns. Yet it was the census returns and the census returns are the census returns and the census returns are the census returns are

Some measure of relief would be afforded if private refineries were established in the province, but even so, the profits would probably go the refiner and not the producer. The establishment of a government refinery would overcome a government refinery would overcome and to the sovernment refinery would overcome and to the solution of the producer of a government refinery would overcome and to the solution of the producer of the lower fraser, to Vancouver and to the solution of the producer of the lower fraser, to Vancouver and to the solution of the producer of the solution of the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the solution of the producer of the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the solution of the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the lower fraser, to New Westminster, to Vancouver and to the producer of the producer of the producer of the producer of the minimor and fast rule in British Columbia. It was fairer to approved by the Finance Minister.

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The object of renaming the districts names, West Yale had been slightly changed. The southern portion about Granite Creek had been put into Simil-

kameen and Savonas had been put in Kamloops, but in turn part of North Yale had gone to Nicola. Mr. Gilmour moved the adjournment had gone to Nicola, Further up the Fraser a member had been taken from the Lillooets. Old Cariboo remained with two. At one time it had three members.

Kamloons had been changed. Savonas being included in it and Nicola lake taken Revelstoke had lost territory, but the ing of a bill in which they were so vitally the bill, it is certainly not on the census,

had been taken away and joined with Kaslo. This was wise, because a rail
ernment had refused to give any reason

for instance, the 'Islands' with a populaway was being built from Trout lake to Kaslo, and commerce would go that way. The give population to Kaslo division order that the North Victoria writ could tation as Nanaimo and Rossland, cities

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bia. those who had no one in the House to their agricultural, fishing and other inspeak for them, and he thought he was dustries in which large capital is invest two by the Kootenay river, called Fernie and Cranbrook. and Cranbrook. Nelson City got a member alone. It The Speaker ruled Mr. McBride out of with a population of between 1,000 and

nuestions:

1. Have any instructions been given that a population of 5,172. Ymir, Wan-order. eta, Trail City, West Robson and other control of the control o points had been constituted into Ymir. Geographically the Ymir division might framed. He hoped existing arrange ber; 9 constituencies, between 3,000 and stem peculiar, but the northern prolongation was commercially joined with Nelson and Rossland, and was shut off from only after great care had been taken to population, each one member; 4 constiprevent hardships. Slocan by a range of mountains.

Rossland city got a member by itself, having a population of 6,133.

The Rossland division had been cut up, part'going to Ymir; a member for Trail, one for Grand Forks and vicinity, one riously handicapped, Greenwood and vicinity and one for Similkameen. Population had gone in there so rapidly that it was thought bet- thought the government had acted wise- and Similkameen, with 4,557 people be-

claims?

Hon. Mr. Preatice replied as follows:

1. \$800.

2. Yes.

Mr. McBride asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question:

In what respect was the tender of D.

Skeena. Part of Cariboo had been put careful not to establish a precedent which was a fair presentation it must be remembered that the constituencies had been let alone careful not to establish a precedent which was laud-and the influx of population into certain portions the bill, he thought, was a fair to me, although doubtless with defects.

They had brought down what they re
Skeena. Part of Cariboo had been put careful not to establish a precedent which was a precedent which was laud-and the influx of population of 19,092, have nine members.

But I am told I need not complain to establish a precedent which would right because Vancouver has another member. It do not think the city of Vancouver which was laud-able to give Vancouver proportionate representation it must be remembered that it was easier to increase than to destinate the cast in North Nancimo at the careful not to establish a precedent which was laud-able to give Vancouver has another member. It do not think the city of Vancouver was a good fair bill. Of course if the figure of the cast in North Nancimo at the careful not to establish a precedent which would right which would right as far as possible. Victoria he held had to do not some the cast in North Nancimo at the careful not to establish a precedent which would right lature in future. While it was laud-able to give Vancouver has another members.

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They had been let alone with the city, yet they must be careful not to establish a precedent which they as a fair as possible. Victoria he held had to not some precedent which which would it t

a population which justified an increase city of Vancouver would be quite satiscouver had over 4,000, of membership. He wanted to see the fied to remain as she now is. We want Moreover, he held the for their cancellation, but on second con- increasing membership, though perhaps share. sideration he thought it advisable to do the exceptional circumstances in British | "This bill, I believe, is based on the The government had therefore left the

m out. It would not involve a great could say unreservedly that he believed while it may be fair to the number of Comox, the government had been guiltless in that voters, the capital invested and the other Mr. Helmeken reminded the government had been guilless in that voters, the capital invested and the other respect. So far as the opposition was interests involved (I do not say that it ment that the lists in Victoria had been concerned, nothing would be left undone is); but while it may be so, there is one cancelled a year or two ago and only six to place a bill on the statutes which was interest not fairly represented, that is the The House then rose. weeks allowed on which to get the rolls fair and above criticism. Capt. Tatlow said: "Mr. Speaker, I the province.

in order.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said the government of the day did give a short time, but a repetition of it would be avoided.

If it could be shown that there had in order.

Capt. Tatlow said: "Mr. Speaker, I cannot help admitting a feeling of disappointment in regarding this act after hearing the repeated assurance of the Hon. Attorney-General that the bill when in the province.

Capt. Tatlow said: "Mr. Speaker, I the province.

"I find that out of the 61,889 people in yale and Cariboo only 20,049, or less than one-third, are women. Whilst on plause, there being only three dissenting than one-third, are women. Whilst on plause, there being only three dissenting the repeated assurance of the Hon. Attorney-General that the bill when the province. been little change in any district it might brought down 'will be satisfactory to over 20,000, or 40 per cent., are women, advisable to leave the list unaltered. cverybody.'

6 the election could vote? too large in proportion to our population Hon, Mr. Eberts said once every six and resources and there is no reason to months a man's name could be struck add a direct increase of over ten per off.

and a direct increase of over ten per off.

In Westminster and Burrard. The bill would not come into force imnediately. It was with a view to redisinediately. It was with a view to redis-

sure that it would not be dissolved ex- \$47,993.

to do his duty to British Columbia. (Loud Mr. McBride said the House was to loop-hole for a temporary escape from present bill. The agricultural portions are congratulated that the government facing this question on a broad and fair had received treatment dissimilar from had received treatment dissimilar from Mr McBride said the House was to had at last been prevailed upon to bring it down. Had it been possible to avoid doing so the government would undoubt
"According to the latest returns there does not be stable occupation. In Dewdney, are some 44,000 registered voters in the Delta, Chilliwack, etc., different treating those where people were engaged in a feternoon, and was listened to with great lines stable occupation. In Dewdney, interest, not only because of the intrinsic less stable occupation. In Dewdney, are some 44,000 registered voters in the Delta, Chilliwack, etc., different treating the possible to avoid the proposed at some length that afternoon, and was listened to with great lines. The proposed at some length the possible to avoid the proposed at some length that afternoon, and was listened to with great lines. The proposed at some length the length that afternoon is a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length the length that afternoon is a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that afternoon is a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that afternoon is a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at the proposed at some length that a few possible to avoid the proposed at the proposed at the proposed at the proposed at the p edly have withheld such a measure. But province. This proposed bill increases ment was accorded than in others. dent labor he had bestowed on the preparation of 5,074, reparation of his data, but because it is,

the Pressure of the opposition had forced it.

A redistribution bill necessarily met with various views. Undoubtedly in drafting it "there were others." He bematter.

Mr. McBride inquired for the North
Victoria wrif, with the usual results. He
observed, amid laughter, that he supposed the government would have a contract with Marconi to erect a station on

Was no wanted the government to
South Nanaimo had lost Lasquett,
Gabriola Texada and Cedar, because
mines had grown up at Extension and
Alexandra, with Ladysmith as a chief
town, thus increasing the population.

Was no wanted the government to 1,200 souts,
the return of votes cast in the last gento the suggestions of the opposition in committee. Regarding the dropping of a
seat for Esquimalt they could not
deny that despite the fact that it was the
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no promise of redistribution in the constituencies of Yale and Cariboo. 2. The country to the west of the Cas ades, comprising the Burrard and New Westminster constituencies.

3. The Island of Vancouver. Regarding the geographical freak called Alberni, the placing of Texada "The population of the province 177,272, which is on my basis divided as follows: East of Cascades, 61.889:

and the Interior 18 members. There was every reason, too, to believe "A House of 36 members would give one member to every 5,000 of popula-

would astonish the world with her

cities a member for 5,000 people.

Representation by population was all have been divided, as proposed by the minster districts would for the present number. Ontario, but it Semlin government, severing the mining be content with their present number

Mr. McBride-I don't think the people errment and this House.

"Now I will ask you to look into a Mr. Neill-Well then why did the gov- few of the incongruities of this proposed ernment double Alberni two times and a measure, which I claim is an unjust and Mr. Rogers—The member for Alberni I can only support in the hope that it is not honored with the confidence of the will undergo great changes in committee. "On two occasions in this House-in Mr. Neill-Oh, that's it. We are down 1900 and in 1901-a resolution was brought in asking for a Redistribution Continuing, Mr. McBride said it was most important, now that the bill was defeated by the government on the ground that it was not expedient to frame And in saying that, he thought it most were at hand. We now have these re- wouldn't. nfair to preclude the constituency of turns; but is this bill in any way framed North Victoria from a voice on the fram- on them? Whatever may be the basis of with Mr. Semlin.

tion of 1,359 (in both of which are in The Minister of Mines took a point of cluded Indians) have the same represent not be discussed. | of over 6,000, or Richmond and Delta Mr. McBride said he was speaking for | with over 5,000 each, to say nothing of

"I find there are. Three constituencie

2.000 each represented by one member Continuing, Mr. McBride thought the 7 constituencies, between 2,000 and 3, Revelstoke riding had been injudiciously 000 population, each having one mem ments there would not be seriously dis- 4,000 population, each one member; 5 con tuencies, between 5,000 and 6,000 popu-He was glad to see Boundary recoguized. Its mineral wealth had recognized. Its mineral wealth had recognized to see Boundary recognized. "Is there any fairness in this? I find ized. Its mineral wealth had not been the New Westminster district with a exaggerated, but the country had been population of 18,851, with its wealth of lumber, fish and agriculture, has four Regarding the lower Fraser, he members, while the Islands, Columbia there so rapidly that it was thought but the fer to increase the representation to that the giving of five seats to Vancouver extent.

The House had been increased by four, the House h the Mainland getting six. Cassiar had been divided into Atlin and Skeena. The the mainland getting six are provinces. In Toronto with 300,000 peocles of Islands, Similkameen. Columbia, of the member to sure been divided into Atlin and Skeena. The there were only four members. The Equimalt, Atlin, Cranbrook, Revelstoke, affected him and go ho

women and children-the home life of

single men and 11,800 married. On Vancouver Island there are 18,484

So that an injustice is done to the more tributing British Columbia as the population now indicated. It was not the inten\$29,506; 1893, \$30,675; 1894, \$48,019; much larger proportion—are married men with families settled in the country, thinks Alberni, from the peculiar contion to bring on an election at once, 1895, \$39,479; 1896, \$30,884; 1897, \$31. men with families settled in the country, Looking around the House he thought it 504; 1898, \$39,152; 1899, \$43,003; 1900, whilst in the former bachelors predominate and many of them are only transi-"But as I say it shows a steady in- tory residents. This alone, I say, proves cated in his remarks that he would op-

roposed to increase the same by over cultural portion of the province. This ten per cent. It simply appears to be a had been signally departed from in the

He favored a fair measure of redistri-

the government, while outlying districts country could, for purposes of redistributed for rely on written communications; country could, for purposes of redistributed for rely on written communications; country could, for purposes of redistributed ditted/stability had not been considered to Cariboo, over and above the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in Alberni, which he considered a most impossible to the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in Alberni, which he considered a most imposite to the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in Alberni, which he considered a most impossible to the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that there had been a gross gerrymander in the foregoding of the was astonished that the was astonished the was astonished that the was astonished the was astonished the was ast 1. The country to the east of the Cascade mountains, contained in the Federal ed properties which would some day be ed properties which would some day be among the biggest shippers. To bracket to a disquisition, historical and learned, with it an island, Texada, that had no community of interest with Alberni, and the House would have been treated to a disquisition, historical and learned, on the potentialities of that old district. It is held by the opposition that one properties which would have been treated to a disquisition, historical and learned, on the potentialities of that old district. which could only be reached via Van-couver, could be construed as nothing but of that constituency. a plain attempt to throttle the free voice had been made at the instance of a mem-fended the increase in members. The proper basis. But if the large number of Japs engaged in cutting wood on the island was deducted it would be found that the inclusion of Texada in the Island 22 members, West of the Cascades (Vancouver, New Westminster city and would not bring the total beyond and district and Cassiar) 12 members, and district and Cassiar) 12 members, which is a feeted and it was odd that it affected and it was odd that it affected affected, and it was odd that it affected affected. only members on the opposition side.

In Revelstoke, Trout Lake, which was tributary to Revelstoke, was cut off and put into Kaslo, because its voice was "Considering the immense area of the regarded to be in opposition to the gov- pressed the conviction that the govern-On the Mainland the population of Kootenay and Vancouver had increased wonderfully. Vancouver eity with a construction to 14 and by taking a construct to the formal ment would have been in a more dignificant to the worderfully. Vancouver eity with a construction to 14 and by taking a construct to the field position had they adhered to the construction to 14 and by taking a construction to 14 and by taking a construction to 15 and of the construction to 16 and they adhered to the construction to 16 and they adhered to the construction to 17 and by taking a construction to 18 and they adhered to the construction to 19 and

there had been an unnecessary increase in membership, and that there had not ed on Thursday, and the census returns been fairness and equity to all classes. what business it is of the leader of the proposition, and as such I would ask for opposition.

Stituoneres of the government anected, it was most fair. The Semlin government attitude when skating on thin ice, and this was just such a case. equinalt. A line had been drawn taking However, he was bound to accept the Extension out of South Nanaimo, and statement that it would not come into the region why he would not support case the bill was a delusion and was to keep the old British Columbia half to take in Texada? (Laughter.) unfair bill in many respects, and which that bill, although much had been made and a waste of time. A Redistribution of his refusal to vote for that bill.

> Mr Martin-No. Mr. Kidd-I say yes.

ad the famous agreement -Mr. Martin-But they wouldn't change creased demand made on the governsuch a measure until the census returns it. I asked Mr. Semlin and he said they ment which must yield just before each Mr. Kidd-Your agreement was not

Mr. Martin said that his agreement Revelstoke had lost territory, but the population was in keeping with the basis started with. Trout lake mining division had been taken away and joined with Kaslo. This was wise, because a railwould agree to it.

or Agrith—I never agreed to vote 10:

ip second reading and have these prolims struck out in committee.

He held that the cities were being un-Opposition members—That's exactly duly represented, country members have sions struck out in committee.

ot one he aproved of, but came in in nicmbers. the shape it was because its supporters' seats had to be protected.

The Islands, he said, had 1,100, compared to 1.500 in Alberni. The latter

Mr. Neill-It has over 100 Messrs, Martin and McInnes said it ad fallen away to 25. He defended the Alberni arrangement because it was necessary to bring up the tion that it was regarded as one of the

Mr. Curtis-It's the place you add. Continuing, Mr. Curtis said why not dd Rossland to Alberni?

cult for a member to support a bill which present session for the payment of such One member lived at Atlin and one at government justified this on the great Kaslo and Grand Forks, with a total people, he thought the held growth of that city, yet they must be population of 19,092, have nine members. that the constituencies had been let alone careful not to establish a precedent "But I am told I need not complain as far as possible. Victoria he held had not complain as far as possible. Victoria he held had

lands. A few settlers had taken up F. Adams for North Arm, Fraser river garded as a very fair and equitable take away a member from a city once ourselves, but in a fair measure—a it was printed about that it was intended measure.

it was granted.

measure that does not unduly increase to take a members from Victoria. Victoria. With the size of this House—I believe the toria had only 3,000 voters, while Van-

Moreover, he held that to take away There had been some discussion on the bill as stable as possible. He would not redistribution, not to gain more seats for a member from Victoria would suggest voters' lists, and the bill did not provide commit himself to the advisability of ourselves, but to give others their fair that Victoria had gone backward, which

so. (Applause.) They were incumbered with names of men who were dead
or removed. It is thought better to wipe rymandering in the bill. He wished he Comox, for these were all small enough

He moved the adjournment of the de-

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absence of Messrs, Garden and Hunter. and in New Westminster and Burrard The three members who objected were Mr. Curtis—In the event of any list "To commence with, I find the House out of 65,000 population there are nearly members who consider that the bill deals not being cancelled would you make a is to be increased from 38 to 42 mem-provision in the act that only a resident, bers. I do not see how this can be justi-taken into consideration?

To the first of bold of bol provision in the act that only a resident bers. I do not see how this can be justi-or one who was one up to a month prior fied, as our House to-day is, if anything, In Yale-Cariboo there are 29,110 as Japanese, Indians and Chinese being luded in the census returns upon which the representation of other constituencies were based, it is most unfair to exclude In Westminster and Burrard there are from consideration in the case of Esquimalt the large force of sailors and soldiers, for whom roads, sidewalks and public works have to be maintained, but who in return spend annually in his district the sum of \$1,100,000. Mr Neill figuration of it under the new arrange The measure was due to a promise crease in the cost of legislation which is ande last session by Hon, Mr. Turner, to-day proportionately too high for our Mr. McPhillips thought a great deal population and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and revenue and yet it is of attention should be paid to the agripopulation and yet it is of attention should be paid to the ag nation at what he regards as the inin poses the bill, spoke at some length this afternoon, and was listened to with great-He favored a fair measure of redistri-bution, but there must be fairness to strength of the opposition. His content mault, with a population og 2,051, man a neamber, and Delta 5,074. Yet in the former there were thousands of men not included in the census returns. If Japanese, Chinese and Indians were included in the census returns, and the census returns are set the men. been disproportionate to that of other than increased as proposed.

Inan increased as proposed.

In such a measure as this the government had an opportunity of once for all obligerating the unhappy sectional feeling which for a time prevailed. The character of population which in the character of population which is the character of populatio

> Alberni. It was odd that this change | Continuing the debate, Mr. Martin dewho at the last election could not larger the House the greater the safe-

Mr. Neill said that he previously exsidered here, too, that an injustice had resolution of the Premier's, to withhold been done, In drafting the bill political reasons was acquired. The Attorney-General

outting it in North Nanaimo. That was effect for two years, and such being the bill was brought down on an average Mr. McBride-You were to do it in every four years. What business man would buy goods which would be half worn out before he needed them.

He objected to the increase in member Mr. Kidd—I say yes.

Mr. Green then jumped to his feet and ship not because of additional cost of legislature, only, but because of the ingeneral election. Every member then became more or less a parish politician. The evils of over-representation had been brought to his attention in New more cosmopolitan. The member Mr. Martin-I never agreed to vote fo: Varcouver had contended for this prin-

country members had to do an excessive The bill Mr. Semlin introduced was amount of work compared to the city He also drow attention to an injustice

constituency would have no more than in cities, but it would distranchise many 300 or 400 yotes. Texada had only 25 voters in a scattered district, such as the

one he represented. The lengthy attempt to bolster up the proposal to gerrymander Alberni by such a political general as the senior member for Vancouver was in itself an indicaweak points in the government's armor. He only hoped that Mr. Martin would take the platform in Alberni and tell the people there, as he had stated in the add Rossland to Alberni?

Mr. Martin said there were 3,301 Infind with Alberni was that it was still altogether too large. Alberni was about Mr. Neill disputed the accuracy of Mr. 20 times larger than South Nanaimo, Its Instead of dealing consistently with the figures, he had added to the vote cast in 1900 in Alberni, the vote he expected rould be cast in North Nancimo at the