POWERS FOR HE GOVERNMENT

NG RIGHT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXES

Bills Which Are Now Bee the Legislature for Consideration.

ject of the bill to amend the essment act introduced ture on Tuesday is alleged i uragement of railway con in the province. The govern-rein asks the legislature to give to exempt "any railway xtension for ten years" from

seems to have gained cu Liberal circles that the motiv rnment in asking for such a of power from parliament, an to the most careful anal ing apparently considered the slature itself is the safest trus ne public interests in such

tion of the bill, in which it d to arrogate the exemption reads as follows:

utenant-Governor in Coun empowered to grant to any an exemption from the asses tax imposed by section six o for a period not exceeding ter m the date of completion lway which may be complete e first day of January, A. D the date of such completion an the date of the certificat ids and works department that way is open for traffic and pas

ll now before the House the Coal Tax Act is calculated all the coal possessions of the iformly subject to taxation bill introduced by Mr. Hawvaite to amend the Settlers Act, the general purpose is to the principles of that measu many settlers, who were denerefrom by some of its gov

ns that the act of 1884 gave t tlers who resided upon the land to 1883 a right to title in fee cluding any mineral which found thereon. A stiuplatio oduced that those who wishe by the act must get in their ns within twelve months. And 50 have been shut out by failur with this stipulation. M

thwaite's measure seeks ne time a certain number to bring all the settlers within visions of the act. It is said er a thousand settlers are af the settlers' Rights organiza-in the city to-day to interview ernment in support of it. tation representing the recen zed Forestry Association is exat the capital in the near fu is said that a movement t, looking to the reconciliation divergent views, with reference administration of the timber re throughout the province in o any representations made rnment may reflect the on mill men, timber men and al clated with the lumbering in with approximate unanimity. eitch, of Cranbrook, and J. I n, of Fernie, prominent mem-the Mountain Mill Men's Assoare in the city in com ith M. S. Logan, of Vancouver minently connected with the Association. During their re they met some of the local en and talked over the n the business point of view sit to the coast is to attend th convention of coast mill me ouver to-morrow, the sugges as conveyed to a reporter that velopment of a 'united policy spect to the timber question phase in the calculations for eting. One of the visitors statat several other represen ntative n were expected from the inat the Vancouver meeting. possibility of regulating the out lumber so that over-production

prevented will probably g the matters to be discussed. IMISTIC ON

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

W. C. Van Horne Expresses elief That Rebound Will Come Soon.

w York, Jan. 22.-Sir Wm. C. Van , chairman of the C. P. R., who ed here from Cuba yesterday, i istic on the business outlook. He ssed the belief that the wheels of ess would soon be revolving at normal speed.

his has been a very severe depre he said, "and in my judgment ound will be speedy. One can why steel and copper industries en paralyzed so that not 50 per of the normal production facture is the case. Large corp could not get money because ould not sell their securities exat ruinous prices, now money is ning easy. The securities market, cially in bonds, is better, and soon prations will be able to sell the ities again.'

NEW INTEROCEANIC LINE.

temala City, Jan. 28 .- The cere nala railway on Sunday were ed the following day when ent Cabrera opened the nationa sition. An eight day festival has eclared in honor of the openin the new road.

COUNCIL HELD FIRST SITTING

WATERWORKS BY-LAW WAS FINALLY PASSED

Various Matters Relative to Year's Work Brought Up for Consideration.

the first sitting of the city council for 1908 was held Monday with Mayor Hall presiding and all the aldermen sent. Everything was harmonious the extreme. The new members emed to be quite at home and they tarted well by trying to get informaon on some things on which they ere not quite clear.

one of these questions is one which ge and foreshore between the mills Lemon & Gonnason and the Taylor III Company. In answer to a query m Ald. Norman the city solicitor exined that the matter had been in oute for a long time. The Dominion rnment had agreed to turn the shore over to the city if a lease ld be agreed upon with the mill lies in question.

pass between the wharves and s to the length of lease. The city ranted to make it for ten years, whereas the companies wanted it to be for less than twenty. As they could tot agree the matter had been allowed was passed. to stand over, but the solicitor thought The course stand over, but the sonated all dtable terms might be arranged all ght and the matter settled. It was ought up as a result of a petition om Jno. Dee and 71 others, asking an abatement of the sewer nuisance t Rock Bay.

There will be no special audit of the acounts for the past year. The ork has already been done by Audit-r Raymur and the new council could see no good reason for spending a large sum of money on having them again

of these, the ones from Joseph Pierson and F. R. Sargison, were asking to make a special audit, while A. V Kenah wanted the permanent position The appointment of a special auditor was arranged for on a resolution of ex-Ald. Fell, seconded by ex-Ald. Ver-rinder, at one of the sittings of the late councillors last night that ex-Ald Fell, had a special object in doing this, but as no one seemed to know anythins about it, the idea of a special auditor was dropped and it was decided to ap-point a regular auditor to go through point a regular auditor to go through the books every three months. The finance committee at its first meeting will go into the matter and definitely iefine the duties of the office and then the next meeting applications will e asked.

expended in defraying current ex-enses, to be paid for out of the currevenue of the year.

election day and approved by them, was reconsidered and finally passed. In something should at once be done to answer to a question, the city solicitor said that they had now no power to change the provisions of the by-law without getting an order from the Lieutenant - Governor - in - Council. If this Worship said that while he was hey were answerable to no one but forced.

at once go into the matter of known. alling for tenders and making definite rangements for the work. A number of communications were

foul Bay road. J. F. Bullen asked for repairs to oughton street.

George McQuaker applied for a posias plumber. This was referred to e water commissioner. following matters, which had

een left over from the last council and had been referred to this one, were ported by Clerk Dowler: H. P. McDowell, assistant chief of fire lepartment, et at., requesting an inrease in pay Josiah Bull, release of corporation

nd, Elk lake. Reported upon by wamissioner Nov. 19th. J. Sullivan, Victoria Laborers' Protion, re-increase in pay o

oration laborers. Dr. J. C. Fagan's letter and report of Johun, C. E., on condition of James Bay flats Messrs. Mason & Mann, re consolida

lion of the Municipal Elections Act. Messrs. Mason & Mann, re amen ent to the Municipal Clauses Act and ity Waterworks Private Bill. The matter of a grant to J. Salt, in the Home for the Aged and of \$50 for special services. Sargison and A. V. Kenah and applying for the position of uditor of special audit. These were referred to the various.

report was received from Water ssioner Raymur objecting to cer-atements made in the report of Howe, which he said were incor of these was that the presord on the day of the fire was Premier Salonji's Address This was not true. Howe had r it at the pumping station ask for it. This was not done. Various committees were appointed.

drants had a gate attached, days and Saturdays.

whole system would have to be turned Mr. Raymur also asked the coun for a new horse and wagon for his de-partment. The communication was re-ferred to the finance committee. A tender for printing the annual re-bort of the council was referred to the finance committee. It was from the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. The offer was to print the report similar to last year, at \$1.45 for every printed page and \$3.00 for each page of illustrations, making the cuts 20 cents er square inch. The matter of preparing for the ex

hibition this year was brought up and Ald. Henderson was appointed a rep-resentative of the council on the exhibition committee and T. W. Paterson was the outsider appointed by the Ald. Henderson said the management

had been rather severely criticised last year and he thought this was unfair, for they had done their best to make the show a success. However, if they wanted him to do it he would try t find time to attend to the work again A question was asked as to why the street work which was so badly needed had not been done. Ald, Hen-derson said that the streets must take their turn. All could not be done at once. The work was done as fast as possible and this spring he thought tally affects part of the north end the city. The question of the sewerto do it. At this time of the year was unprofitable to the city to do the

work. Ald. Norman moved, seconded by Ald. Hall, that the clerk be instructed to write the manager of the Victoria Chemical Works, asking what steps had been taken since last summer to abate the nulsance caused by the fumes from their works. Ald. Gleason reported that he was

A lease had been drawn up, but had of been found acceptable. There was dispute as to the roadway which works. The fumes were distingtion of the set of the works. The fumes were caused by a defective furnace, and this could not he replaced in this country. A new me had been ordered in the Old Country, and as soon as it arrived the fumes uld not be as bad. The resolution

The council then adjourned.

WILL MANAGE SAWMILL. John Erickson, C. P. R. Superintend of Cranbrook Division, to Settle in B. C.

Winnpeg, Jan. 20.-John Erickson, who has been superintendent of the Cran-brook division of the C. P. R. for many work has already been done by Addre or Raymur and the new council could see no good reason for spending a large sum of money on having them again gone through. In answer to an advertisement of the city officials there were three applica-tions for the position of auditor. Two of these, the ones from Joseph Pierson and F. B. for many brook division of the C. P. R. for many brook division of the C. P. R. for many brook division of the C. P. R. for many umber business, and is to take charge of a large sawmill in British Columbia. J. Brownlee, at present superintend-ent of the Moose Jaw division, is to suc-ceed Supt. Erickson at Cranbrook. John Erickson is one of the cleast employees of the C. P. R. west of Winnipeg, and one of the most popular.

MORAL SITUATION

IN VICTORIA CITY

After all the other business of the council had been disposed of Monday, and the members were just considering the possibility of adjourning, Alderman The necessary annual loan by-law was introduced and passed through its various stages, authorizing the bor-rowing of \$250,000 at five per cent, to last, which read as follows: "Vice is Gleason rose to a question of privilege. more conspicuous in Victoria to-day than it has been in ten years." Alder-The waterworks by-law, which had man Gleason wanted the mayor to state een submitted to the ratepayers on what action he intended to take in the matter. If the accusation were true something should at once be done to

hey did not spend the money voted in the chair the laws would be en

The incinerator by-law was also finally passed and the streets commit-ee will at once go into the matter

Alderman Fullerton said that if the statement had been made by some peo L number of communications were ple it would have at once been said clyed and referred to the respective that they were trying to knock the mittees. Neil McDonald wrote city. Crime had been less in Victoria plaining of the bad state of the than ever before, in spite of the fact that the city was growing.

Alderman Mable, who was a membe of the police commission for last year, said that the population of Victoria was getting larger all the time, but they had the same police force. they had the patrol wagon, but it was earning less every day.

Alderman McKeown said that during the past ten years the city had double in population and it would be queer if ere was no increase in vice. His Worship said he would take the matter up if they would leave it to him, and it was accordingly dropped.

MONUMENT TO NED HANLAN. Toronto Rowing Men Will Do Every-

thing to Preserve Memory of Famous Oarsman.

Toronto, Jan. 21 .- As a result of a conference between members of the board of control and representatives of the local rowing and canoe clubs, the following was agreed upon: To continue the work on the island regatta course, to erect a monument at the island containing the inscriptions of Hanlan's famous feats; a Dominion Day regatta to be called the "Hanlan Memorial Regatta;" a substantial monument to be erected in front of the city hall, and the family of the deceased oarsman to be given financial assistance if it was required.

> JAPANESE DIET. Expected

on Thursday. been told that it was in the Tokio, Jan. 21.-The regular session and he could get it there if he of the Diet opened to-day and the

Mr. Howe said that none of The Diet will sit on Tuesdays, Thurswas not true, for every hydrant valve between it and the main, the policy of the government will be the policy of the gove

INFLUX DUE TO LOCAL PARTIES **COMMISSIONER KING'S**

IMMIGRATION REPORT

and C.P.R. Contracted to Bring in Japanese.

apan. In view of this there will be to hesitation in accepting the assur-ince which Japan has given Hon. R. ance which Japan has given Hon. R. Lemieux for presentation to the Do-minión government that this country will have no complaints to make in the future against Japanese immigration.

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no hesitation in accepting the assur-

Kenora, Ont., Jan. 21.-Three mor

are Russians.

EXCHEQUER COURT JUDGE.

MORE VICTIMS OF DYNAMITE. Seven Deaths in G. T. P. Construction Camp Near Kenora. leaths have occurred through the seri-us dynamite accident at Thompson and Egan's camp, on the G. T. P. con-struction work, last Thursday. All three Merchant Says Statements of

This makes seven deaths from the explosion. The accident is attributed to the carelessness of the foreman in handling dynamite.

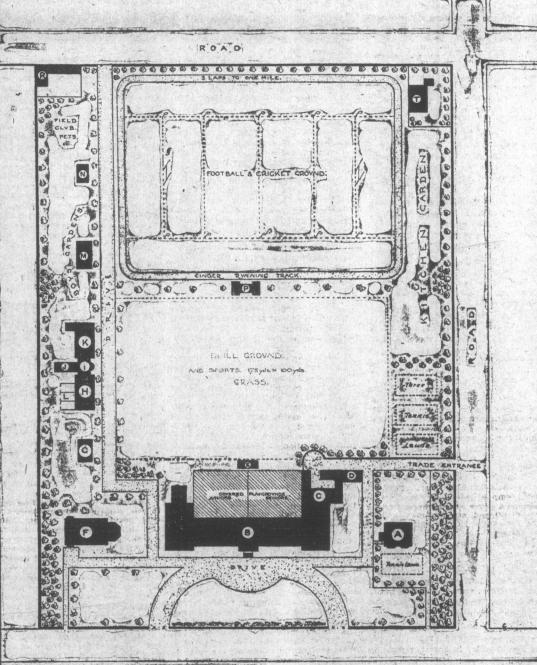
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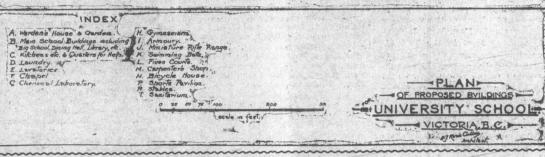
Rev. Mr. Pringle Are With-

out Foundation.

RESIDENT DENIES

DAWSON CITY





THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

In Saturday's issue of the Times appeared an article dealing with the proposed extension of University school, under the charge of W. W. Bolton. The accompanying illustration explains itself, setting forth the plan which Mr. Bolton has in view. The proposal is to locate on a piece of land with a roadway surrounding it. The school proper and all the accessories to it are shown in the illustration.

This shows the model character which is expected from the enlarged school. The financial arrangements are now being perfected, and the buildings are soon "expected to be commenced.

With this work carried out there will be no better school in Canada than this one representative of Victoria.

arrived in British Columbia. Of these STATE EMPLOYMENT 50 per cent. went to the United States Most of those that remained found work on the railways.

Mr. King will go fully into the manner in which Japanese were brought Demand of Mass Meetings Orfrom Honolulu. He will show that ontracts were made with the Canadian Nippon Company of Vancouver to bring in Japanese for the Wellington Colliery pany and for the Canadian Pacifi

the agreement they had with the Can-adian government at the time of the treaty entered into for the restriction of immigration. Mr. King's report will favor absolute restriction, not exclusion, and it will suggest a manner in which this can be done. Coming in advance of the Lemieux statement the report is a valuable one, and will satisfy the pub-e lic mind that the fault of the influx is the due to Canadfan parties and not to

FOR OUT-OF-WORKS

ganized by Socialists in Berlin.

roving will clear up and the oper tions may be carried on to the fullest extent as originally planned. If that done it will mean that millions will be recovered from the ground and the best days of the camps will follow. Mr. Pinkiert is very indignant at the umors circulated outside to the effect that the laws are being openly violated in Dawson. He says this is all nonsense. Dawson is as law abidng as any city in Canada. He was questioned SENSATIONAL REPORTS about representations made by Rev. Mr. Pringle, of the northern city. which had resulted in petitions being sent to Ottawa on the matter. Mr. Pinkiert was most decisive in de-

nouncing such representations as Mr. Pringle made. He thinks it is a pity that damage should be done to the good name which Dawson has acquired by an agitator like Mr. Pringle Dawson, he says, is quiet and the citi-zens law abiding. He lived in New Zealand mining towns for years and none of them compared with Dawson Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Mackenzie King will nave his report on Japanese immigra-tion into British Columbia and on the Vancouver riots ready for presentation to parliament to-night. It will show that for the ten months ending October last over 8,000 Japanese data and as the portion. and violations result in heavy fines and to the keeper of the bar the loss of his license. At any time of the night the streets of Dawson are quiet and no one need fear molestation. The conditions on the creeks during the mining Dawson. Major Wood and his force of mount-

forcement of the laws.

The commissioner, Alex. Henderson, is giving splendid satisfaction. His the objects which Mr. Pringle has in the objects which Mr. Pringle has in say, someoory give in the down of tobacco quick," said Brown. "I'm on in Dawson, He (Mr. Pinklert) has the bum all right." With a happy laugh he was led off by a comrade to the change room. tone is as high in the northern capital as anywhere else in the Dominion. "I have seen worse conditions in the east ern cities," he says. He is incensed to think that a wrong impression should get abroad. Commissioner Henderson when it was brought to bis attention that Mr. Pringle had made representations reflecting upon the moral conditions and the enforcement of the laws n Dawson, at once denied the truth the statements made. It is too bad Mr. Pinkiert says, that such unfounded statements as those made by Mr. Pringle should receive credence.

FIRST MEETING OF OAK BAY COUNCIL

Struck and General Business Transacted.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Brevity characterized the first meeting of the council of Oak Bay muni- to meet her husband at their home cipality which was held in the Foul Bay school on Monday. The most import-would be watching. Balley soon de-

In a short address Reeve Oliver welplaces. His suggestion that the roads given to the care of those anxiously waiting, a brother and several friends.

The accounts were referred to the On the morning of December 4th, Mcfinance committee, and the clerk was Donald, Brown and Balley and two instructed to return the assessment roll Greeks were working in the bottom of for 1908 to the council by February five feet below the pump station and

prietor of the Oak Bay hotel, to me

granted Messrs. Wilson & Anderson, builders,

licitor stating that the council had no power to prevent minors carrying fire-

arms, was received and filed.

Bay was submitted by the reeve, from inquiries made he stated that the rights of the foreshore were in the hands of the province. the men crouched, while at intervals they could hear the rocks and timbers crashing above them. The following committees were ap- At first it was thought that all the

collections which has been brought

But besides this Mr. Pinkiert has

other business to transact pertaning to

his large stock of general merchandise,

before he leaves for Dawson again. Seen at the Driard to-day Mr. Pink-

iert discussed general conditions in the north and none are in a better posi-

tion to know the real state of affairs

from the north for a long time.

man), Newton, Noble, Pemberton. Noble, McGregor.

which is regarded as second to none in the North. This will occupy some time so that it will be several weeks Noble (chairman), Henderson, Mc-Gregor.

CHINESE MINING PROJECT.

Organization With \$2,000,000 Capital to

ENTOMBED FOR FORTY SIX DAYS **IMPRISONED MINERS**

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AT LAST RELEASED

Reception to Nevada Men on Their Reappearance in Daylight.

Ely, Nev., Jan. 19.-After spending forty-six days entombed in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine, A. D. Bailey, rush into the northern camp condi- P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald have been rescued.

At 8.30 o'clock last night Bailey was brought up. Fourteen minutes later McDonald came to the surface, while ten minutes afterwards Brown was the bar. The law is strictly enforced brought up. Whistles all over the district blew loudly, while crowds cheered in the streets of Ely and every bell in the town was ringing.

"Ah!" This was the first exclamation of Bailey when he reached the season are similar to that described in outer air. Without another word he tottered forward into the arms of comed police exercise the greatest vigi-lance in maintaining the strictest en-Alpha shaft, where he soon recuper-

The commissioner, Alex. Henderson, is giving splendid satisfaction. His influence is all on the side of law and order and his influence is exerted for ward and embraced him after nearly the uplifting of the moral tone of the place. "It is utter nonsense," says Mr. Pinkiert, "that is contained in the reports of this Rev. Mr. Pringle." The northern visitor cannot understand the objects which Mr. Pringle has in "Say, somebody give me a chew of

All Are Happy.

These expressions were characteristic of the temperaments of the released men. All were extremely happy. -News that an early escape would be afforded by the men reached Ely shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning by telephone. About 8 o'clock last night the fact that an entry to the surface of the debris in the main way had been effected was telephoned to the men anxiously awaiting on top. The entombed men had been working sev-eral hours in digging their way to freedom form the 1,000-foot level. The rescuers at the same time did all in their power to remove the earth that was blocking the mouth of the 1,000-

To the anxious crowd waiting around the shaft mouth the bell signalled "One, two, three, hoist away!" Then a loud Standing Committees Were the burst forth from the throng. Suddenly the bucket rose to the surface. In it was one of the rescue party supporting Bailey. His first coherent question as he was carried to the shaft house was about his wife.

Wife Not Present

Mrs. Bailey was not present. One of her children was ill, and she preferred clared himself sufficiently rested to ant business disposed of was the selec-tion of the various committees for the afterward, supported on either side by a friend.

Another shout of joy echoed when omed the councillors back to their Fred McDonald was brought out and committee meet to-day was agreed tion from the crowd as either of the

The general debt by-law was given ts final reading, and will shortly be unbmitted to the voters. submitted to the voters. The application of J. A. Virtue, pro-The application of J. A. virtue, pro-thousands of tons of rocks, debris and house across Newport avenue was timbers fell down into the shaft. From the bottom of the compartment which the men were working to the complained of the water flooding their construction work near Foul Bay. This was referred to the roads and bridges committee falling rocks and timbers streaming A letter from the municipality's so- down upon them the five struggled up these ladders.

Greeks Killed.

arms, was received and filed. A reply in answer to the council's in-quiry as to the municipality's rights on Todd road was referred to the roads and bridges committee. The respective rights of the province and the municipality in regard to the drift wood on the foreshore of Shoal Bay was submitted by the reeve. From and the stated that the rights

pointed: Roads, bridges and sewers—All the hours after the cave-in the three men council, with Councillor Henderson chairman. who occupied the pumping station man-aged to make themselves heard by tap-Finance-Councillors Fernie (chair-nan), Newton, Noble, Pemberton. Law-Councillors Newton (chairman), the surface. It was this pipe that was the surface of saving the lives of the Government and city-Councillors three men. When communication was once established with the world above and the men had made known the fact that they were still alive, food and arink were immediately lowered through the pipe.

A large supply was sent down, as it was thought possible that the pipe Mr. King will also deal with the re-lations of Japan to Canada in connec-tion with this immigration. He will show that responsibility for the influx of Japanese was due to parties in Can-ada and not to Japan. This is an important point because it will establish that the Japanese au-thorities are not guilty of violation of the agreement they had with the Can-adian government at the time of the utside world and messages of cheer.

LORD CURZON'S TRIUMPH.

Dublin, Jan. 20.-Lord Curzon, of Kedle ston, ex-viceroy of India, to-day received a majority of the votes cast in the elec tion to fill the vacancy among the rep death in November of Lord Kilmaine