

COAL MINES REGULATION.

A judgment of much importance was rendered by the Full Court to-day, upholding the constitutionality of the Coal Mines Regulation act, which prohibits the employment of Chinese underground in the coal mines of this province.

that the government will evolve a vigorous and progressive policy, and that it will give satisfaction, etc., it can hardly expect these to be accepted without question.

THE KOOTENAY MINES.

In his latest report, just issued, Mr. Carlyle, the provincial mineralogist, gives a great mass of interesting information regarding the Slovan, Nelson and Ainsworth districts.

THE WAR EAGLE SALE.

People who feel inclined to invest in the shares of mining companies incorporated in Washington state for operation in this province would seem to have an object lesson in the sale of the War Eagle.

PLENTY OF PROMISES.

Some very strong assurances in regard to the coming session of the legislature are offered by the Vancouver World, which professes to enjoy special confidential relations with the government.

the government agents, to whose judgment the determination and carrying out of this work is entrusted, are already fully employed by their other necessary duties.

"Well directed assistance in this line is money well spent, as the more rapidly this country is made the more rapidly will be its certain development, as not only are the prospectors and miners better able to reach their finds, and to spend the slight capital they can command in actual work on their claims.

It would be curious if "the miners' license law had been on the books all these years and the opposition never have discovered how wicked a thing it is until just now."

The Globe says: "A manufacturer of Middletown, Conn., proposes to establish a factory in Quebec for the manufacture of cotton hammocks, which is a reduction of the duty on webbing cloth can be obtained.

SEALERS THANK COUNSEL.

A deputation of the sealers having claims before the Behring Sea Claims Commission which has just finished its labors in Victoria waited upon the British counsel and Mr. R. N. Venning of the fisheries department at the Driad hotel yesterday evening and to show the way in which they have appreciated the services rendered them.

The address to Mr. Peters was the first one read it was as follows: Hon. Fred. Stewart, M.P., for Her Britannic Majesty, Behring Sea Claims Commission.

"We feel that, whatever may be the final result, our interests have been in safe hands, and that all has been done by you and your associates that could in any way prove or support our claims.

"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure; Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit.

Hood's Pills. In the best, in fact, the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

D. Warren, Chas. E. Clarke, James J. Gray, C. Spring, Hon. Mr. Peters, Mr. Belue, Q.C., Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and Mr. E. V. Bowdell replied expressing pleasure at appreciation of their services.

Dear Mr. Venning: We cannot allow you to depart from Victoria without expressing to you our very high appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the country for the past period of nearly ten years.

Mr. Venning replied, and in a few words thanked the sealers for their acknowledgment of the services rendered by him.

The counsel on both sides left for home yesterday evening by way of San Francisco, save Sir Charles H. Tupper, who went by way of the C.P.R.

Canada Under Laurier. The "Thunderer's" Views Upon Our Dominion Affairs. London Times, Jan. 15.—The announcement made in the Canadian papers that Mr. Wilfrid Laurier has for the present given up his intention of visiting England, will be read with regret.

She Is Over Sixty Days Out from Shanghai for the Sound. Port Townsend, Feb. 2.—The fine four-masted schooner Aida was not one of the deep water fleet which arrived in port in the last day or two.

The Aida has the record of having made the quickest passage from Shanghai to this port—twenty-six days. Her master, Captain A. Anderson, was a fortunate navigator, and on account of his marvelous record for making quick passages, was envied by many ship masters on the coast.

Fourteen days after leaving port the Aida in all probability encountered the same typhoon in the China sea which almost wrecked the bark Fresno.

STATE CAPITOL BURNED. Loss to Pennsylvania Will Amount to Over a Million and a Half. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—The Pennsylvania state capitol was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

The house was in session and the senate was about to convene after a few minutes' recess. It was about 1 o'clock when the flames were discovered.

Win Your Sat. Ask your grocer for it. For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

Study Economy... Everybody considers it a luxury to use Johnston's Fluid Beef, and so it is, but when it can be bought in 16 oz. bottle for \$1.00 it is also economical.

ANGELES STEEL WORKS. Col. Coolican Arrives from the East With Some Workmen.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—Col. Coolican, the president of the Port Angeles board of trade, with headquarters at St. Paul, and the advance agent of prosperity as far as the interests of Clallam county are concerned, arrived in this city yesterday from the east.

Col. Coolican is a genius, and his fine head is seen in the direction of business affairs in the Port Angeles board of trade, of which the Colonel's partner, M. J. Carrigan, mayor of the city, is secretary.

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Experience the Test. IT SEPARATES THE BENEFICIAL FROM THE WORTHLESS. A Vancouver Lady, After Using Various Medicines for a Period of Eight Years, Pronounces Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the Best Medicine She Knows.

Among the most popular residents of Vancouver is Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dawson, and the following statement from Mrs. Dawson will no doubt be of advantage to other ladies.

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THE BYE-ELECTIONS. Liberal Candidates Have a Good Lead in North Ontario and Brant. Intense Excitement Prevailed in North Ontario During the Election.

Hon. Mr. Mulock Receives a Rousing Ovation at the Closing Meeting.

Cammington, Feb. 4.—The campaign in North Ontario ended here last night with a large and enthusiastic meeting in the interests of Duncan Graham, Patron-Liberal candidate.

Beaverton, Feb. 4.—Intense excitement prevailed in connection with the North Ontario election to-day. The weather is fine and so keen is the interest that every available vote will be polled.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Hon. R. R. Dobbell has just returned from England and expresses satisfaction at the feeling in England in regard to Canada.

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