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MR. DRURY'S APPOINTMENT.

ment of Mr. R. L. Drury of this city were fighting for. They called it a as a representative of Canada at Tokio 'fight for freedom'; and the great will be received with general satisfac- mass of the Liberal party believed that tion throughout British Columbia, Mr. | the battle was not misnamed." Drury has been a resident of this pro- The Star further points out what has Drury has been a resident of this province for many years. He has always happened in Great Britain and the taken a keen interest in public affairs, United States to meet just such cases has abilities have been acknowledged as that which has become intolerable by the citizens of Victoria in electing at Ottawa under the dictation of the him as their representative for one irascible Foster. In Great Britain the term in the provincial legislature, he closure was adopted. In the United has a particularly wide knowledge of States the minority is at the mercy of the question at issue between Japan the Speaker. The Star continues: and this province, and we believe there "Obstruction is the heaviest piece of will but be one opinion respecting his siege artillery available to an opposispecial fintess for the post to which he tion. It is, moreover, a gun which can has been assigned by the Canadian gov- very easily blow itself to pieces. At ernment. Mr. Drury's advice, because Westminster, it has blown itself to of his familiarity with the subject of pieces, and that is a free Parliament. Japanese immigration and the senti- At Washington, the very pieces have ments of the people of British Colum- been buried out of sight, and the minbia thereupon, ought to be of great assistance to the British ambassador in the effective working out in Japan of the Lemieux agreement. We congratulate Mr. Drury upon the important ap- ton cannon to brush away a fly. If pointment he has received. We believe the Minister positively refused inforhe will render Canada good service and with an enhanced reputation,

frid Laurier that Parliament will sit until the snow flies is going to be fulif it insists upon flagging the fast ex
be made public for the edification of the people was quickly dispelled by in the papers for something besides the people was quickly dispelled by political reports which precious few customary for the House to complete has been delayed." business in three or four months. And at that every question before the legis- AN IMPERIALISTIC JEREMIAH. lators was thoroughly discussed and the important political controversies of the day. What is the cause of the change? There is no apparent reason for it except the old unreasonable Tory conviction that the people made a missing article is the first lord of the day. What is the cause of the change? There is no apparent reason for it except the old unreasonable Tory conviction that the people made a missing article represents the influence of the public comprehend the beneficial admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, who conviction that the people made a missing article represents the first lord of the admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, who agreed with the receipt of Emperon Qualified sergeant at arms. Nor does not will always the public comprehend the beneficial admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, who agreed with the receipt of Emperon Qualified sergeant at arms. Nor does not will always the public comprehend th acceptance by a Conservative constituency in Toronto after having been repeatedly rejected in his native province,
the Parliamentary session were not indoleful lucubrations that Canada must talk might have been shut off to a considerable extent with advantage alike of fact, there is imment danger of to the country and the country and the country being submerged by a sentatives. After Mr. Foster's re-appearance it became necessary to call of resisting the inundation is the de-

and reprehensible state of affairs? questioned gifts, saving and excepting ther conditions or accident, but such as bouncer, next takes the Lieutenant-might be expected in the regular Governor under his protecting wing. There is no secret about the matter. Last year the Conservative leaders accuracy of observation, "vigilant and Last year the Conservative leaders would not consent to reasonable diswould not consent to reasonable dishigh-souled Imperialists" are not a was made by the engineer of the long with the server with the patch in the business of the country "happy few," but a confident and irreunless given a pledge that there would sistible "unanimity." he another session before dissolution. This year there is an absolute convicthe last of the Parliament. Thus we centres of distribution ladle out pubhave practically a confession that lic money, public offices, public con-

of the Conservative party does not ap- ing hook could be applied in many diprove of the tactics which have been rections. pursued during the past few years. And it is a noteworthy fact that during the three days in which the busi- John Haggart's castigation of his ness of Parliament was continuously colleagues who were opposing the Otblocked the Conservative leader was tawa and Georgian Bay Canal was a obsent from his post, Mr. Foster was refreshing interlude in the orgie of obthe leader in the absence of his chief. struction which was hugely enjoyed by A section of the Conservative party is the Liberal members. This cry for in open rebellion against the majority more information, declared the veteran in resorting to tactics which have ex-Minister of Railways, is getting a was in Germany, where on several oc- in session assembled, approach Your brought the party as a whole into con- bit monotonous. The government tempt. One ex-minister has publicly benchers cheered loudly. He might a winner in several famous races.

duct of the Foster wing. Another Con- obstruction has become me unless there be a change he will sever his connection with the Conservative party completely. The Montreal Star,

a Conservative newspaper, says: "An opposition, before it holds Parthe issue is a grave one, obstruction is justified. When the Liberals set out to fight the famous Franchise Bill by systematic obstruction, whatever we might think of the justice of their position, they were at all events facing an important and far-reaching issue; and they made it perfectly plain to the The announcement of the appoint- country and to Parliament what they

the Minister positively refused information, then the situation would be changed. If the information, when it with an enhanced reputation.

comes down, reveals scandalous wastealty, in which, it has been charged His
of the people for the nonce are strong;
Majesty attempted to influence Great the closing because of the great genthe opposition to make the most of it. Apparently the prediction of Sir Wil- But it will only weaken its power to filled. Previous to the present opposition it was wants to ask a mail clerk why a letter mons this afternoon. In a couple of As for the working days of the ses-

the people accurately informed upon all

We wonder what kind of people Mr.

Lord Tweedmouth had nothing to add the important political controversies of Harold Begbie had the misfortune to take in returning a Liberal government three main ways whereby those of us to power. The situation has been in Great Britain and those of us in should be treated as a private comparison of its sittings is edu-Turther aggravated by the reappear- Canada who love and reverence the munication. ance of Hon. George E. Foster on the great traditions of our race-'we few, floors of Parliament. Previous to his we happy few, we band of borthers'acceptance by a Conservative constitu- may fight for British idealism in the the table. duly prolonged, though the deluge of doleful lucubrations that Canada must portant question to be regarded in any associate with him and bask in his the members together in the fall of the of resisting the inundation is the deyear. At the present time, although voted brotherhood, composed of the Parliament has been in session about few, "the happy few," possibly we four months, practically no business might says "the exclusive few," Mr. has been discharged, and, unless saner Begbie happened to be associated with methods be adopted, there is every when in Canada. We hope this pessiprobability that November will find mistic litterateur will recover his spirits the unfaithful commoners still flounder- and entertain a more lively hope for ing in the turbulent waters of unprofitable political controversy. The press of Commons had to say THAT INQUIRED INTO the East irrespective of party is pro- of our House of Commons had to say testing with vigor against the ob- when the question of independence was now prevalent raised by the speech of Dr. Thompson pointing out the cost to the country of the member for the Yukon, a few days the unnecessary waste of time. The ago. There was nothing in the obser- Feat Was Attempted the Presextraordinary length of the sessions vation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier or of any furnished legislators with an excuse- speaker to indicate any doubts of the and a defensible excuse-for voting nature of the future relations of Canthemselves increased indemnities, A ada with Great Britain, Mr. Begbie few years ago the time of members was also oppressed by the thought of was not all consumed in attendance at the influence of Quebec upon whatever the House. Under the new conditions, modicum of loyalty he found in other for which unquestionably the opposi- portion of Canada. The press of Quetion must be held responsible, repre- bec has spoken, and we hope some sentatives are lucky if they can snatch thoughtful person will have the kinda holiday of two months' duration to ness to call Mr. Begbie's particular atspend at their homes in the constitu- tention to what it has said. In this country, notwithstanding the observa-What is the cause of this peculiar tions of this London journalist of un-

Montreal Star:-We have ten parliation that the current session will be ments to six millions of people, Ten party prospects are of more importance tracts, public lands, public timber, pubthan efficient, speedy dispatch of the lic charters and concessions, public country's business. The object in ob- gifts of all sorts to the hungry multistructing business is to prevent Sir tude. And yet we marvel at the deadstructing business is to prevent sir wilfrid Laurier from making a tour of ness of public conscience. These founthe West. This is a great compliment tains of out-door relief ought to be retained in out-ficient.

Incent for the task.

7. The commissioners do not consider the specifications satisfactory or sufational districtions. to the oratorical gifts of the Premier duced in number and curtailed in out- ficient. to the oratorical gifts of the Premier duced in number and curtailed in outand to his unique personal equation as put. There should be no more than ing dead land for calculations at too quick enough. The clerk gives a long a factor in the public life of the Doi one government in the Maritime Prova factor in the public life of the Dol one government in the Maritime Provminion. But it does not constitute a inces. Two governments would have justification for the policy of obstruc- been plenty for the west for many a 9. The loss of life might have been as the public is getting ready to day. The number of paid Ministers prevented by the exercise of better him off the stage saves himself by We are told in extenuation of the might be curtailed, as the existence of judgment by those on the work. offence of obstruction that the leader Ministerial sinecures attest. The prun-

An Ottawa dispatch says: "Hon.

expressed his disapproval of the con- have added that the whole policy of LITTLE POMP AT servative has boldly announced that and not only monotonous but foolish.

When Premier Whitney and Attorney-General Foy of Ontario undertook to introduce a "comprehensive measliament up for three days by pure and that they would have the biggest fight even puerile obstruction, should take on their hands since the days of the the precautions of making it clear to Apostle who confronted the beasts at the country what it is all about. When Ephesus. The prediction has been fulfilled. A deputation from the law societies waited upon the Premier and legislature on Saturday last was atthe Attorney-General-and the "com- tended with probably less pomp and prehensive measure of law reform" has circumstance than any previous pro-

read this in the racing gossip of an term "a business government," Australian paper:-"A E. Foulsham leaves for Japan next week, under a ality and display which is three-years' engagement to train istic of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir

IS REFUSED BY

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Acting Premier Asquith Says Missive Had No Official Character.

London, March 9 .- The hope that

British minister's reply thereto, would be made public for the edification of "M's") and there will be room again

"It is clearly out of the question," cative in opening ortant matters. continued Mr. Asquith, "to lay private and personal correspondence on ever, that the House is seen at its best.

FINDINGS OF

QUEBEC BRIDGE COLLAPSE

ent Engineering Knowledge Did Not Warrant.

Quebec bridge was presented in parlia-ment to-day.

How many times the sergeant-at-arms and his

Phoenix Bridge Company.

sulting engineer. 5. The failure cannot be attributed directly to any cause other than to errors

French king going to execution and of judgment on the part of these two nervously bobs his head to the expec-

who neither lacked common profes-sional knowledge or neglect of duty or Horatius kept the bridge in the brave desire to economize, tried the most days of old.' difficult problems and proved insufficient for the task.

10. The work of the Phoenix comany was good.

11. The professional knowledge of the and His Honor being naturally anxious pany was good. present day was not sufficent to design to get rid of the man and his Chinese such a work as the Quebec bridge. 12. The professional record of Cooper ndicated that his selection was waranted, and complete confidence was

casions he rode for the Kalser. He was Honor at the close of our labors with

CLOSING OF HOUSE

All the Formalities Observed, However, in Dismissing the

The closing of the 1908 session of the rogation in the history of British Co-Japan seems to be getting on. We been in accord with the possession of what the government is pleased to may reflect the objection to all form "a plain blunt man who loves his friends and hates his foemen well." Whatever the actuating impulse, the prorogation ceremonies shorn of their ancient glories, and leries, expecting mediaeval rites were sorely disappointed. Nor did their faces indicate that they were sufficliently impressed with the collection of ntellectually gigantic patriots, who by the votes of the sovereign people enjoy membership in the most exclusive social club of western Canada. The British Columbia legislature

osts something more than \$65,440 per year, and there is occasional uncertainspeaking terms with the members only upon election eves as to what the tax-payers get for their money. It is to find this out that many people attend the openings and closing of the House. Others, of course, go because it is a hats. The opening and the closing days (as indicated by the attendance in the galleries) are, however, unmistak-

curt sentences Mr. Asquith, who was sion, the public votes them yawnfully acting premier, told A. J. Balfour and dull and drear. It fails to be duly imhis other questioners that he had pressed with the worth of parliamen-nothing to add to his statement of tary dignity. It does not sufficiently Friday, and that, so far as he knew, realize how much money it necessarily cative in opening the eyes to these im-

It is at the opening and closing, how ing to get out of the gold-laced coat

ended—that is, when the government has got the money to go on another year and thereupon rushes the session o a speedy close—that the sergeantnd a commanding one. The sergeant at-arms attends, alert and confident Mr. Speaker slowly descends from the dais and simultaneously the sergeanttle billet of wood turned like the leg of a table and gilded even like unto a counterfeit double eagle. He grips the mace and throws it across his should-Ottawa, March 9.-The report of the er, and thus prepared for all emermission on the collapse of the gencies preceeds Mr. Speaker into the missioners' findings summar-gaudy weapon, ever in readiness, may thus have saved Mr. Speaker from bri-

1. Collapse was due to the failure of the lower chords in another arm of the main pier. The failure of these was due

Having seen Mr. Speaker safely to to defective design.

2. This was not to abnormal weaxious eves on Hawthornthwaite. His 4. It was approved by Mr. Cooper, the Honor tries to look as if he felt comfortable-and fails. He mounts the 6. The ability of these two engineers, piece. His bow suggests that it is go-

overworked clerk of the House at \$1, sounds like a hive of bees, and just

"In His Majesty's name His Hono

ranted, and complete confidence was put in him by all the parties concerned.

FAMOUS JOCKEY DEAD.

Dallas, Texas, March 9.—Charles Alex Vandusen, the once famuos jockey, died here yesterday. His last mount was in Germany, where on several ocsentiments of unfeigned devotion and Chippewana.

To-morrow Opens Our Exposition of Beautiful Millinery

O-MORROW will be the day of days to all interested in Millinery, and of course every lady is, and we will place on show for the first time this season the latest and most rotable creations of the different masters in the Millinery Art, and the different styles shown will be found both artistic and handsome. There are the Paris hats, beautiful exclusive models from that style creating centre then comes the London ideas, which are to be seen in all their beauty and grandeur, also the newest fancies from New York, modish, chic and original. At the same time we must not forget the productions of our own clever milliners. which will be found to possess much more than the ordinary merit. The hats this season will be found most pleasing, as the shapes are very becoming and tastefully stylish, very effective and dressy, still possessing the merit of neatness and moderation, and we extend a most cordial inviation to all to attend this opening, and know you will feel amply repaid by the magnificent showing we are able to make.

DAVID SPENCER

government, and humbly beg to present to your Honor's acceptance Bill No. 79 entituled 'an act for granting certain sums of money for the suits. that custom has put him in.

It is when the work of the session is

service of the province of British Co-

His Honor is a patient as well as a long suffering man, and he neglects to counter with any sarcastic remarks as to the date.

Members sit silent, erect and solemn; respectful spectators in the galleries breathe an occasional startled "Hush-sh" and peer with half-startled eyes upon the scene below. Mr. Speaker "In His Majesty's name," he dramatured data at the control of the House is ahead of him again.

"In His Majesty's name," he dramatured data at the control of the House is ahead of him again. hank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept Of course, His Honor has gone so far by this time that he has to see it through, and he again ducks his head in acquiescence, although it is apparent from his expression that the idea of taking anyone's benevolence is not exactly to the taste of James Duns-

> Then one of His Honor's private secretaries steps to His Honor's side and places in His Honor's hands the speech which His Honor has had written for him by His Honor's ministers. The speech is decorated with a long red ribbon like a girl graduate's essay; it is quite too horrible to contemplate what would hannen to constitutional His Honor clears his throat-murmurs "By dang," a propos of his choking collar-and reads his piece amidst a solemn hush, the members assuming the mien of men of destiny. The speech is punctuated with such splendid phrases as "Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly," and credits the legislature with accom-plishment; indicative of rare statesmanship and glowing patriotism. It talks of members' "arduous labors." and even the member who has found it

his heaviest task to keep himself awake feels that in the cause of his country e is wearing himself to skin and bone. There is some more crossfiring in very dignified terms and then to preyent further trouble the honorable the ovincial secretary in stilted terms inces that it is His Honor's will and pleasure that the members get off their homes and attend to their vn business again. Smothered applause from the galleries is hastily appressed, for at the sign of trouble sergeant-at-arms has gripped his club again and, clearing the way for

cate the galleries, and the members look at one another and fervently sing "God Save the King"—now that the

son, chief trader of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Mackenzie River dis-trict, died on his way out at Fort

NEGOTIATIONS OVER

Satisfaction for Hauling Down

Now, however, it is stated that they are to re-open in the spring, and everything will be busy again. There is also a big of Flag of Rising

Sun.

Pekin March 9 -The incident of the Tatsu Maru, the Japanese steamer which was held up by the Chinese authorities in February off Macao in the belief that the cargo of arms and ammunition on board was intended for the Chinese revolutionists, has not ye

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese ister to China, had a conference to-day with Yuan Shihaki, Grand Council of the Empire, but they failed to reach R. L. DRURY TO SUPERVISE an understanding on the question of the release of the steamer, which is still held by China. With regard to the indemnity, China has, however given satisfaction regarding the haul ing down of the Japanese flag on the Tatsu Maru by Chinese officials, and Baron Hayashi to-day assured China that Japan would meet her desires re-garding the supervision of the traffic of arms to Chinese territory. He the ultimate disposition of the cargo of the Tatsu Maru, after which he again set forth the full demands of exercised on Yuan Shihkai to get him of Victoria was appointed to proceed his government. Influence had to be to act in the matter.

be settled without a thorough investigation. The Vicercy of Canton is opposing the punishment of the Chinese naval commander who boarded Canada. the Tatsu Maru and lowered the Japanese flag. In view of the present will be deferred for two days by

There are in town to-day two prominent citizens of Cumberland, the little min-ing town of the foothills in the Comox district. John Matthews is the general manager for the Wellington Colliery Co. at that place, and reports the mines working regularly and everything doing well. T. E. Bate is a prominent hardware merchant. He reports business J. A.

ommon to tell in connection with a is no backward movement in the city. The Colliery Company is building a number of cottages near the railway station for the accommodation of their men. There is work there for everyone and the trade in Comox coal has kept up in spite of the slump in other localities. The fact of the matter is Comox Coal is one of the best steam coals in the country and there is always a brisk demand for bunker pur

At Courtenay, which is enly six miles from Cumberland, the logging camps have been closed down during the winter on account of the tightness of logging camp to open a few miles this side of Union Bay, so that a general development of the district is going on. Messrs. Matthews and Bate will go over

ATTACHED TO BRITISH EMBASS

LEMIUX AGREEMENT

Victorian Proceeds to Tokio as Representative of Canadian Government.

Ottawa, March 9,-At Saturday's meeting of the council, R. L. Drury The foreign board riterates its pre- Canadian government to supervise an vious statements that the case cannot agreement made by Hon R. Lemleux with the Japanese government regarding the emigration of Japanese to

> Mr. Drury will be attached to the his duties under Sir Claude Macdon

Mr. Drury received an intimation that he would be asked to perform these new duties unexpectedly within arrives in time he will proceed by the next Empress, which sails on Monday The duties connected with the pos tion will require his absence at least five or six months and probably lo Mrs. Drury will accompany her hus

BILLS WHICH

NEW STATUTES COME I

His Honor's Spe rogation of the on Satu

(From Monda The prorogation of Saturday afternoon the assent being giv

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sessment Act, 1907. An Act to amend th An Act to Establish a University for the Pi Columbia. An Act for the Prote Employed in Factorie An Act to Establis

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Act, 1899. An Act to amend a certificate issued to the Waterworks Compar visions of the Wate dation Act. 1897. An Act to amen Foreshore Act. An Act further to pretation Act.

The speech read by roguing was as foll Mr. Speaker and C Legislative Asser In relieving you fr the close of the sec leventh parliament

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entific studies.

ating you on the liberations.
Your ratification made between my g Grand Trunk Paci pany, which provide

struction of the rail the Pacific coast, ca speedy settlement the magnificent te railway will travers It affords me satis you have provided nent of a provincia which will, I am s proval among all munity, as you har for faculties in the

J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposi-