General what action does the government intend to take with reference to of verifying, can be shown by the comthe appeal from the recent decision of pany." the superior court re the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

RAILWAYS.

The railway committee reported the preambles proved in the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway bill; Victoria, Van-couver & Westminster bill; Cariboo Railway bill; and the Delta, New Westminster & Eastern bill.

STATUTE REVISION. Mr. Macpherson asked the Attorney-General: 1. Have any payments been made to the late commissioner to revise the statutes since the first of May up to the period of the cancellation of the first commission, or to the present time? 2. If so, what are the amounts and the dates of such payments? 3. If so, under what authority are such payments made? 4. Has any claim been made by the said late commissioner, verbally or in writing, for any amount in connection with the completion of the revision? 5. Does the late commissioner claim that the revision of the statutes has been

completed? Hon. D. M. Eberts replied:

1. "Yes." 2. "July 3, 1896, \$1,000; Sept. 4, 1896, \$500; Jan. 4, 1897, \$1,000; Feb. 27, 1897, \$3.500.

3. "The first three amounts by a vote of the legislature and the last under section 7 of the Revised Statutes Act. 1895, and by special warrant issued under authority of an order in council dated Feb. 27, 1897."

5. "I cannot say; they are being re-

Wednesday, March 17, 1897.

RETURNS AND PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. Turner presented a return asked for by Dr. Walkem with reference to the Kamloops Fire Company. Mr. Helmcken presented a petition

from the West Kootenay Land Co., protesting against any interference with their lands by private bill legislation. Mr. Rithet, chair and of the railway committee, presented a report to the effect that they had examined the bill of the Nanaimo Alberni Ranway Company and begged to submit the same with amendments. The report was received. Hon. Mr. Martin presented a return including correspondence relating to the

application of Miss Davey for land on Rock Creek. Major Mutter presented the sixth report of the printing committee. SUPPLY.

The house went into committee with Mr. Hunter in the chair to consider the reported the resolution. The report will be considered on Tuesday.

Dr. Walkem expressed the hope that returns asked for before going into supvertising, and he why the return should not be brought

down. GAME PROTECTION.

Mr. Graham asked leave to introduce an act to amend the Game Protection Amendment Act, 1896. Leave was granted. Hon. Mr. Martin moved that the bill be read this day six months. The motion was lost on division and the second reading was fixed for to-morrow. PRIVATE BILLS.

The house went into committee with Mr. Huff in the chair to further consider the West Kootenay Power & Light Company's bill. After several sections inserted in the bill. The report of the committee on the

consider the Cassiar Railway bill. The sured, but it was a wrong principle t committee rose and reported.

The recomplete with amendments. The re-to pay more than the actual loss entailed. ting of the house.

of the Lardeau Railway bill. He said nedy said he was surprised at the arguwas read a second time and will be con- surance companies had no souls. sidered in committee to-morrow.

ing of East Kootenay Railway Com- hed out of the house by the insurance pany's bill.

tions to construct the railways. The bill was then read a second time. of the Victoria, Vancouver, and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company's division. There were thirteen for the bill. He briefly outlined the objects of bill and thirteen against. Mr. Cotton the company and said the matter had al- voted with the government, who opposed ready been fully discussed throughout the country and it was therefore un-

necessary to say much. The bill was read a second time. Mr. Helmcken moved the second reading of the Stickeen and Teslin Railway Navigation and Colonization Company's The bill was read a second time. Mr. Hume moved the second reading of the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway bill. The resolution carried.

FIRE INSURANCE. Mr. Kennedy moved the second reading of the Fire Insurance Policy amend-ing bill. His object, he said, was to pro-last year qualified to act as councillor, dence of Mr. C. Booth, 65 Chambers of the Fire Insurance Policy amend-ing bill. His object, he said, was to pro-

ion parliament apply to the before men- ments thereto, pay the full amount of Mr. Macpherson said the government oned waters of this province? such policy, unless fraudulent misstate—were responsible for the incorporation of North Vancouver, as it was they that

possible to obtain fire insurance on such advantageous terms as at present. If the bill was passed every fire insurance be referred to a select committee. company would be compelled to have a valuator for each piece of property sured. He was of the opinion that Mr. Kennedy had a personal grievance or his company had a grievance on account of a loss they had sustained.

statement.

Mr. Rithet said he had Mr. Kennedy's assertion for the statement. If the bill turns printed they should exercise their was passed it would so increase the premiums that poor people could not afford to pay. Like the money lenders, it was the insurance companies who made the terms, and if those companies were nut to additional expense the insured would suffer. At present an aduster goes fully into the matter of the

loss and expert evidence is taken. The company has to pay the full extent of the loss and Mr. Rither considered nothing could be fairer than that. Rates were now as low as anywhere, and if the clause Mr. Kennedy suggested was inserted the rates would be materially increased. He moved that the bill be read this day six months.

Mr. Kennedy explained that he first spoke about introducing the amendment one year before the fire occurred, and while he might have given Mr. Rithet cause for making his statement, wished to make this explanation.

Hon. Mr. Turner opposed the second reading, and said he could fully agree with the arguments used by Mr. Rithet. The bill, if carried, would have a ten-The Speaker took the chair at two dency to encourage incendiary fires in o'clock; prayers by Rev. Canon Bean- the province. He read from an insurance journal to show that such an amendment would tend to make us a nation of firebugs.

Mr. Semlin said that that was the case of the insurance company, but there was another side to the story. If a man was asked annually for large premiums, it was surely not justice to have an insurance adjuster cut down the amount of the policy on which the premiums were paid. It was an outrageous theory to say that if insurance companies, were compelled to pay what they agreed to to pay that this would make a nation of

Mr. Rithet repudiated the charge that he was acting for the insurance companies. He was acting purely in the interests of the public. Mr. Semlin said he was well aware that Mr. Rithet represented the city of

Victoria, but he was also aware that his company represented one or two insurance companies. Mr. Huff asked for information re-

motion "That a supply be granted to garding the adjusters, and Major Mut-Her Majesty." The committee rose and ter said that the public has much to complain of regarding the insurance companies Mr. Macpherson said Mr. Rithet and the government would bring down the Mr. Turner were representing the in-

terests of insurance companies against One in particular, that relating those of the people. The insurance comthe Western World advertisement, panies on the coast have a combine had been asked for some three weeks and there is no opposition with regard to ago and had not yet been brought insurance. The public are compelled to down. He believed the government had pay what the insurance companies are paid the Western World \$803.50 for ad- willing to accept. Instead of compangood reason ies making reasonable profits, it shown that the premiums amounted to three times the losses paid. Mr. Macpherson considered insurance companies ought to be compelled to make returns annually, and it could then be shown what a lucrative business fire insurance was. He suggested that legislation should be introduced allowing municipalities to undertake the business of insur-

> Mr. Graham was in favor of the sec and reading. He instanced cases where adjusters inflicted great hardships on those whose properties were destroyed

Mr. Williams was opposed to the bill. were considered the committee rose and Insurance companies should be compelled reported progress in order to give the to pay the full amount of losses and no Attorney-General time to draft a section more. The trouble arose from insurance that the committee considered should be companies insuring at a higher amount than the property was worth and accept-The report of the committee on the ing premiums on that amount. He Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend would be in favor of a bill compelling Telephone Comany's bill was adopted, the insurance companies to refund the The house went into committee with premiums paid on the amount in excess Mr. Williams in the chair to further of the actual value of the property incommittee rose and reported the bill say that a company should be compelled

Mr. Booth and Col. Baker both op-Mr. Home moved the second reading posed the second reading, and Mr. Kenthe proposed railway would run through ments advanced against the bill. These very rich mineral section. The bill arguments showed that at least the inpublic should be protected against the Mr. Hume also moved the second read- companies. The bill should not be bul-

companies. Sword said two years was too | Mr. Sword said the dishonesty was on long a time to give companies to com- the par; of those who accepted premiums mence building operations. He also on the amounts which they never intendconsidered that companies should give ed to pay. He certainly thought the some security of their bona fide inten- bill ought to go into committee and be

there amended if necessary. The six months' hoist was defeated on Mr. Booth moved the second reading the casting yote of the Speaker, and the There were thirteen for the the bill, and Mr. Stoddart voted with the opposition.

MUNICIPAL ACT. Mr. Sword moved the second reading of the Municipal Elections Act, 1896, amendment bill. He said that the object of the bill was to remedy the mistake made last year in debarring non-resident ratepayers from their right to vote. Mr. Williams said the bill should go further and make provision to re-income porate such municipalities as North Vancouver, which had only one elector

ernment any jurisdiction as to fishery said fire insurance company, in the event cipality can be formed where there is matters on the inland waters and non- of destruction by fire of such building, only one resident qualified to vote. He

> the company, or its agent, had no means issued letters patent for incorporation. Mr. Forster said provision should cerpany."
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> It is made for municipalities almost in a similar position public generally that it would be in to North Vancouver. The second reading was then carried but it was understood that the bill would

Before the house adjourned a dis-cussion took place as to whether all returns brought down should be printed Major Mutter, chairman of the printing committee, pointed out that many of the returns were voluminous and were Mr. Kennedy said there was not the of little public interest. After some disslightest foundation in fact for that cussion the printing committee were informed that when they received no explicit orders from the house to have re-

discretion.

Mr. Williams asked the Attorney General whether it is the intention of the government to introduce legislation at the present session for the relief of those municipalities disincorporated by reason of the disfranchisement of the electors thereof by the Municipal Clauses Act, 1896, and the Municipa Election Act. 1896?"

Honto Do M. Eberts It is the intention of the government to appoint a spe cial committee, to which this matter will be refrred along with other matters. Mr. Graham asked the Minister of Mines:

By section 39 of the Mineral Act, free niners are obliged to pay \$5 per acre upon the issuing of a crown grant for a ineral claim within the railway belt. 1. Have the provincial authorities any ontrol over this charge?

2. Does this money go into the proincial or Deminion treasury? 3. If into the Dominion treasury, do ny agreement or compact exist with the Dominion authorities for the insertion of such a provision in the Minera!

4. If such a compact or agreement door exist. What is the nature of it? Hon Cel Baker replieds; "The money is paid into the Do

treasury. 4, "The agreement has been nubshed in the sessional napers of 1890. NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Hume-For a return showing the umber of town lots sold by the government in New Denver and Nelson, giving date of each sale, purchaser's name, amount sold for, amount paid down, bal-

Dr. Walkem on Friday-For a geturn of all correspondence between the Attorney-General's department and John sheriff.

the third reading of the Cassiar Gentral all with whom he came in contact. bill recommitted for the purpose of conoldering the insertion of a clause pro-Jananese laborers. Mr. Macpherson—On the motion for

he third reading of the Cassiar Central mencing the work of construction within the time specified in the act. QUESTIONS.

Dr. Walkem on Friday-Have any of those delinquent taxpayers whose pro perties were advertised for sale at last sale for taxes in New Westminster received rebates? Mr. Williams-To ask the Premier on

Friday next: 1. Did business of the province re quire the attendance of the finance min- fore the police magistrate this morning ister at London, England, during the charged with vagramcy, the charge of vear 1896? • 2. What was the nature of such busi-

3. Could such business have been attended to by the Hon, F. G. Vernon. the agent-general of this province? If 4. Was the agent-general competent ing Company. Of these map No. 4. just transact such brisiness?

of this country? 6. How many days at London were

isiness aforesaid? 7. Has any relation of the finance inister an interest in the firm of Woolston & Beeton, who received a commission for management of loan author-zed by British Columbia Loan Act, 1891? Also nature of relationship and interest?

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-Bishop Oridge yesterday evening solemnized the marriage, at the residence of Mr. C. Booth, 65 Chambers in the most advanced manner.

LOCAL NEWS ! Store

From Tuesday's Dally -Mr. Davis, a milkman who lives the vicinity of Victoria Arm, has, it is said, been a great sufferer from the depredations of owls. He has within a short time lost eight turkeys, a peacock and a large number of hens.

The Empress Gold Mining Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with capital of one million shares, 250,000 of this being treasury stock. The offi-cers are: President, A. K. Munro; Secretary-Treasurer, J. T. Bethune; Directors-Hon. Edgar Dewdney, A. J. McLellan, J. A. Fraser (Vancouver), J. T. Bethune, Lawrence Goodacre, A. K. Munro and John W. Coburn. It is the intention of the company to develop the Empress mine, which adjoins the famous Crown Point.

-luquiries were made in a recent is ie of the People's Journal of Dundee, Scotland, for William McRae and Geo. Wright, who were last heard of in this city and in Vancouver. It was in 1891 that McRae was last heard from, it being stated that he was employed on the Victoria and Sidney railway under contractor T. W. Patterson. When Wright was last heard from he was at the Grey bound botel Vancouver. Should this notice be seen by him his friends hope that he will communicate with his sister, Catharine Wnight, of 69 Foundry Lane. Dundoe off . nall

-A report has been going the rounds of the city for several days to the effect that Frederick Adams, late contractor for the government buildings, and who was supposed to have been drowned in the Velos disaster, had been seen in South Africa. Mr. McGregor, of Cormorant street, who has just returned from South Africa, and to whom the report was credited, denies it in toto. He knew Mr. Adams very well and believes that if he had been in South Africa he would have known it. There has been a doubt in the minds of some ss to whether Mr. Adams was on the Velos when she was wrecked, his body not having been found and none of the survivors, according to the evidence at the coroner's inquest, having seen him just, previous to the accident. It will be remembered that he had a large sum of money in his pocket to pay the men the quarry. The story seems an unlikely one, and there is very little on which to base it.

-Frederick James Stevens was brought to the city lock-up this morning ing clouds floated off to the south. and charged with being of unsound mind. He was arrested by Constable Walker this morning on the water front. When arrested he struggled violently, and Constable Walker's ance due, with interest to December, 31, while beautiful counterance now has a series of scratches and his body has many blue spots as a result of the strug-Stevens, who is a steamboat man, gle. and save that he lives in a cabin near Biggs, of Nanaimo, in connection with James Bay bridge, is suffering from rethe illegal seizure of some cattle by the ligious mania. When the Kingston came in this morning he boarded he Mr. Macpherson—On the motion for and Rible in hand, began preaching to Railway bill to move that the order for says that some evil spirit is hypnotizing the third reading be discharged and the him and endeavoring to make him sinful. He also states that he has been fasting for the space of eight days, as hibiting the employment of Chinese or he has been commanded to do so. THe fried to impress his belief on Jailer Allen, to whom he said that the book of James was written on his account. Railway bill to move the insertion of a he says that he is an American citizen clause obliging the company to give a the American consul will be interbond of \$3,000 to the government with viewed in regard to his case. Stevens Further Correspondence Relating to the in six months to guarantee their com- came here on H. M. S. Rocket twenty which vessel he desert ed, crossing the Straits in a canoe. He sottled on Vashon island and became

quite prosperous. From Wednesday's Daily. -News was received yesterday from Valleyfield, Quebec, by Mr. J. Perry, of this city, informing him of the death of his sister at that city.

-Lawrence Mooney was brought bestealing blankets having been withdrawn. He was convicted and sent out to Topaz avenue for the space of three -months.

A very useful series of mining maps is being issued by the Provine Publish issued, covers the Trail Creek and Nel-5. If the agent-general is not com- son divisions, with parts of Ainsworth, betent to transact such business, why Slocan and Kettle River. The main he retained in that position at the extended, map, which is a very well executed piece of work, is accompanied by supplementary sheets giving details. ectually required and occupied by the maps should commend themselves to finance minister in attending to the those interested in the mining business who at present include the great majority of the public.

-Rev. J. Jensen, of Tacoma. Wash., past acting as secretary of the Fort to select a new reserve; to value it and Scott Danish colony, arrived by the the present reserve, and assess the value Insignificant Beginnings—But they Steal on Dome same Thief in the Night, and Before One Has Time to Wonder What to go at the color of t to go at once. Those who have been the Indians as to arrangements for up report that the land is very good farming land. There are four hundred Will Break the Bonds and Liberate, acres available, and as there is a large area of marsh the settlers intend building a dyke, thus securing fully a thousand acres for cultivation.

-Mr. H. A. Stewart, som of the chief South American Kidney Cure is the of police of Vancouver, arrived in this city from the north yesterday evening way of Vancouver, and is a guest at by way or vancouver, the Dominion. He reports that several new canneries are being constructed at Rivers Inlet. The many canneries in that vicinity are making extensive preparations in expectation of a big catch this season. The seam of coal that was discovered at Cape Caution some time ago, Mr. Stewart says, is of first-class quality and there seems to be plenty of it. A company has been formed, which will take over the property and work it

conscious by the smoke, so that when the fire had burned itself out his body was found himned to a crisp. The cabin was the property of Mr. Benj. Burto. of Wellington, and was valued at \$350. being insured in the Lordon & Canadian for \$250.—Nanaimo Free Press.

-Among the arrivals from Alberni to-day was Mr. C. Thompson, who has great hopes for the future of that mining district. Winter, he says, is just commencing there, there being a couple of feet of snow on the ground and con-sequently little or no work can be done. Vice-President, Lawrence Goodacre; As soon as this clears off, and the Al-Managing Director, A. J. McLellan, berni Consolidated Company have their new mill at work. Alberni will take her proper place among the mining dis-

> -By the fine weather now prevailing anyone would scarcely think that there was such a thing as snow. Two of Victoria's prominent business men were, in response to an invitation they had received, present at the police court this morning, charged with having allowed the snow which fell a few days ago to remain on their sidewalks longer than the law allowed, were rudely reminded that there was such a thing this morning. There were four originally, An Aleskan Mining Proposition That but two were not served. As the police magistrate did not think that these men were sinners more than all they who dwell in"-say Victoria-and, consequently, did not wish to make scape goats of them, he convicted them, and, with a warning not to let it occur again, as follows in the San Francisco Chrondischarged them.

Mr. Martindale's observations on Mount Baker are confirmed by the following from the People's Party News, published at New Whatcom: About 7 a.m., Friday, Emery McGinnis took a look at Mount Baker and discovered the old fellow smoking. The hoary old mount may have been smoking right along under cover of the clouds and dense vapor of the rainy season, but Robert Duncan, ir. superintendent of this morning Mr. McGinnis, who has been a very active and efficient United dividual canacities. The purchase was States deputy marshal in the past, was up in season to detect the old fellow in the act. Desiring to confirm his surmise, Mr. McGinnis brought a very fine binocle to bear on the mountain's crest, and, sure enough, the old volcano was in a state of mild eruption. The sky was West Virginia. They have placed the perfectly clear, not the faintest cloud capital stock at \$5,000,000, three-quarbeing visible. Later on others discovered the same phenomena, and many people, among them a News reporter, were able to verify the statements of Mr. McGinnis. The smoke arose in regular puffs from the crater, and form-

Happy Men.

Happy, contened men, on whose faces hillside about 1,500 feet above the sea no frown ever appears, are they whose level, and have been worked with satismothers, wives and daughters use Diamond Dyes for domestic dying. The coloring over of old, faded and dingy-looking garments is so easy, and

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SONGHEES RESERVE.

Removal of the Indians.

Yesterday the Provincial Secretary presented a return which included the further correspondence relating to the works will be required owing to the ore removal of Indians from the Songhees reserve. The first is an extract from a report of the meeting of the committee of the Privy Council at Ottawa, held a few weeks ago. It states that the delay in the commissioners getting to work is that, owing to a difference of opinion as to the scope of the proposed commission, no instructions have been sent to the commissioners. The order in-council accompanying contained the following suggestions for the consideration of the provincial government. 1. Province to bear whole cost of re-

2. That in consideration of a doubt weed in the summer and electricity in the fee simple of the land ownership of the fee simple of the lands, the province should hand over to the Dominion government the fee simple of the lands selected as a reserve in lieu of the pres-

3. The present reserve to become pro perty of the province. The Dominion, moreover, is of opin ion that the plan proposed was not sufficiently comprehensive to secure a final disposition of the question, and therefore recommends: who has been for a considerable time i 1. The appointment of commissioners

steamer Kingston this morning and is of difference; such difference to be made registered at the Dominion. He will good by the province; conveying the interview the government to-day in re- new reserve in fee simple to the Domin-

> their removal and to fix the time, the expense to be borne by the province; 4. The expenses of leach commissioner to be paid by his government. 5. Nothing agreed upon in this mat-ter to affect the claims of either govrnment as to other Indian reserves. 6. The report of the commissioners to be subject to the approval of the respec tive governments and the Indians to be consenting parties to the removal division of the Indian reserves in British Columbia, the Dominion government do not think it advisable until the sworeme court decides respecting the rights of the Dominion and province as to the Indian reserves in the

province. A copy of the report of a committee of the Executive Council of British Columbia, dated 15th March, contains Mr. Kennedy moves the North Insurance Policy amending of the Fire Insurance agents, he said, was to protect the insurance agents. If insurance companies accepted premiums on policies the should be compelled to pay the full yature of those policies. The main clause in Mr. Kennedy's bill follows: "If any fire Insurance company, through an agent or otherwise, issues a policy on a continues from time to cime to accompanies and continues from time to time to accompanies and continues from time to time to accompanies and continues from time to time to accompanies accepted premiums on policies. The main clause in Mr. Kellie was the case and he was the case and he was the case and he was in lighthouse keeper. The trouble was a lighthouse keeper. The trouble was a lighthouse keeper. The trouble was been connected with the provincial asserts of the intention of any content of the Indians of Indians of Indians

spite of their customs, habits and avocations, and although the Songhees Indians claim by a deed of sale of their lands to the Hudson's Bay Company, dated April 30, 1850, the use of the lands "that our village sites and enclosed fields are to be kept for our own use, for the use of our children, and for those who may follow us," it does no bar a voluntary surrender of the rights of location in consideration of another serve being given in place of it. In asmuch as the province agrees to vest fee simple of the new reserve in the Dominion it is only equitable that the title of the fee of the present Songhees reserve should continue vested in the province. "If an agreement can be arranged," the minute continues "with the minute continues, "with the Dominion government in accordance with the aforesaid views of the prov ince the remaining clauses, 2, 3, 4, 5 and of the proposal as contained in the Privy Council report may be agreed to by the province as a basis upon which the joint commission may act." minute is approved by the Lieutenant-Governor.

ON A GIANT SCALE.

Outrivals Treadwell.

An Alaska mining proposition in the Silver Bow basin that will outrival the Treadwell plant in the scale on which it will work a low-grade ore is reported

The most extensive mining operations in North America are contemplated by the Alaska-Juneau Gold Mining Company. Its property is located in the Silver Bow basin district, and was bought a few weeks ago from Charles D. Lane and Archibald M. Campbell by Captain Thomas Mein, of the Exploration company, of London; Alfred Beit of Wember, Beit & Co., London, and made on the recommendation of Sapt. Duncan, and from the knowledge of the property gained by Capt. Mein be-

fore going to South Africa. "These gentlemen have now reincornorated the company under the laws of ters of which will be held abroad, and \$1,000,000 of which is estimated to put their plans in working shape. Meanwhile a reorganization of the corporation has taken place, with the following board of directors and officers, all of whom are Californians: Henry Pi-choir, president; Thomas Mein, vicepresident; R. M. Mein, secretary and treasurer; Joseph H. Mooser and W. W. Mein.

"The mines show outcroppings on the factory results to a depth of 180 feet. Next summer diamond drills are to be put to work, and holes are to be bored to a depth of 800 and 1,000 feet. If the results so magnificent, that the joy the vein holds out at that depth three of the women is always shared by the or four companies are to be formed to work the various claims, and a 500through.

"A mill of the size contemplated is That used at the Alaska is the largest in the world. That on the Juneau property will be nearly twice the size, and from this may be imagined the magnitude of the operations should the expectations of owners be realized. A working tunnel will be run at the 1,800-foot level, and double-track tunnel will from the mines to the mill, a distance of three miles. No hoists or pumping

being on the steep hillside. "The Alaska Treadwell ore was milled and mined last year for \$1.35 a ton, and it is estimated that the work carried on on a larger scale at Juneau can be done for \$1.25 a ton. The value of the ore mined on the latter property last season was \$6.81 a ton, and the total mint value, working 11816 days, with a 30-stamp mill, was \$80.677. This would make enormous profits, and the purchasers are convinced that the Junneau mines are bigger than all of the famed Douglas island. They can be worked all of the year, water being

TWO TARIFF QUESTIONS.

Complications Are Promised Over the Dingley Measure Washington, March 18.-Two amendments to the tariff bill which will be offered in the senate promise to complicate the Dingley measure before it gets through the upper house. The most inportant is that of Elkins, proposing a discriminating duty on all imports coming to the the country in American bottoms. This measure is supposed to represent the wishes of the American shipowners, who hope by making such legislation to promote American shipping interests. Opposition has developed is that of Pettigrew, proposing that any importer who could prove that the arti cle he wished to bring in was controlled this country by a trust should be entitled to enter his goods duty free. This undoubtedly receive some support in the senate, as it is aimed at the trusts, but its adoption would result in ruining the Dingley measure as a revenue producer; hence there will be a most vigorous effort to kill it. It may prolong the discussion of the bill.

George Gray and Frank Willis, Nanaimo, are in the city for a few days and are staying at the Queen's. They will take the Northern Pacific for Denver, Col.

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"No Danger of Precipitate Action Part of Government." Says Mr. Blair.

. B. Osler Declares C. P. R. Wo

Need Subsidy if They Con-

struct the Road.

The Ontario Government to Incre Number of Judges of Appeal to Five.

Toronto, March 19 .- At the Board rade meeting, held to discuss ow's Nest Pass railway, a letter ad from the minister of railways, lair, to the secretary of the bo ating: "I think I am in a position ssure you that there is no danger ecipitate action on the part of rernment in respect to the Cre est Pass railway."

E. B. Osler, speaking as a C.P.R. tor, said that the Canadian Pa Railway would need a subsidy ere to construct the road. Other would be thought the governm sapproved of the plan, and the c any would be unable to obtain finar d in the markets of the world. inted out with regard to the ch at the Canadian Pacific was opport the people of the North-West railway had voluntarily red freight rates 25 per cent. se approved by the government. nadian Pacific could have its nced by the government as so paid ten per cent., while other

ies were not in that position till fifteen per cent. He though tly in the interest of the Cana ple that the company should all dividend every year. The Ontario government has intromeasure to increase the number ges of appeal to five. A large delegation of citizens of Kingston, Rat Portage, Fort Port Arthur and other places l

titioned the Ontario governme sidize the Raday Rever railway extent of \$5,000 per mile for es. Premier Hardy promise nsideration and said some of his gues were convinced of the nece the road. The will of the late James Aus sident of the Dominion Bank estate of \$71,699. The dec

re away the greater part of his e before his death in order to a death duties. Picton, March 19.—At the meeting Grand Orange Lodge of On Grand Master Bell, M.P., dis the school question, and said he posed to separate schools and sp islation for any sect or religiou

FIGHTING IN CRETE. Big Battle Near Candia—Three T

and Men Engaged. Athens, March 19 .- An official r the fighting yesterday outside shows that the insurgents atta military cordon from Yeferech nyro, about four miles west of Reinforcements were sent as

needed until eleven compani

culars and seven companies of arily enrolled gendarmerie-alto 3,000 men-were engaged in the t, which lasted six hours. The the insurgents are unknown. There was fighting on Wedne hich was provoked by the Moha ns. Both the insurgents and ohammedans had seven killed iny wounded. Fighting was c d to-day at the village of Monas Telegrams from the Macedonian r describe the situation as one

most activity, and there is an exp on- of war at an early day. reeks are working hard at im ents. Both the Greeks and the e suffering much from the cold. own Prince is expected daily. Telegrams from the European ca licate that the powers are still ating for a joint occupation of ith 1,000 troops.

THE RICHEST YET. en Thousand Dollars Taken O

One Miner at Clondyke. Mr. J. Smith, of Circle City, A at the Oriental. He has been m the mines for some months the Sound met several old m have recently arrived from the new placer diggings in territory. These miners tol ith as a matter of fact that er of the best claim in the camp aging from \$75 to \$125 to the

had already taken out \$1 en it is stated that \$1.50 to the onsidered pretty good the ric the Clondyke placers can be ju ith has every confidence in ory. His informants, he says, ar ners who have been through n one "rush," and they are not come excited or to exaggerate