

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Interest in the Government's Local Taxation Bill. How the London Press Received Stanley's Giltspur Speech.

THE LOCAL TAXATION BILL. LONDON, May 14.—The vote on the second reading of the local taxation bill, involving the question of compensation to the keepers of public houses forced out of business by the reduction of the number of licenses, which is expected will be reached to-morrow evening.

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SPOKANE SCORCHED.

An Entire Business Block Burned to the Ground. The Fire Department Hampered by a Scarcity of Water.

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THE CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Last Night's Political Meeting at the Victoria. The Premier Outlines the Policy of the Government.

The first shot of the political campaign was fired by the government yesterday evening, and if the fight is anything like what last night's meeting would indicate it to be, it will be nothing else than vigorously, openly and manfully prosecuted.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, May 15.—Sir Wilfrid Lawson resumed the debate on the Food Taxation Bill in the Commons this evening.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

San Francisco, May 15.—Arrived—Barrett, for Port Gamble. Cleared—Stamper, Coast Range for Nanaimo, Columbia, for Port Hardy.

THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

The Steamer is Wash Fisher to be Built. The Kingston-Anchorage Bill.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

Two More Candidates in the Field for the District. A Team of Horses Drowned in the Fraser.

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