

# Assessment Act Advanced

**Passes Second Reading in the Legislature Yesterday After Brief Debate.**

**Measure Will Give Increased Latitude in Redemption of Claims.**

**Petitions for Private Bills Received - Many Questions Answered.**

The passage of the second reading of the Assessment Act constituted the feature of yesterday's session of the local legislature. There was a brief debate participated in by Messrs. Curtis, McBride, Neil, Tallow and Martin, but no opposition developed, and the second reading went through without a division. In presenting the bill, Hon. Mr. Preece briefly explained its scope and character, and also stated that since the first draft was made, it had been arranged to make the tax levied upon mineral or placer claims, 25 cents per acre, instead of 50 cents, as provided in the bill. The measure also provided for an extended period in which back taxes could be paid before the lands could be sold. The minister gave a detailed explanation of the features of the act, and announced that he had made out a bill for the assessment of the Trail Creek, Grand Forks and Greenwood lands proposed for three months, and would be brought under the provisions of this act.

Mr. Curtis made a vigorous appeal on behalf of reduced taxation on mines, contending that the present rate of taxation was unduly disproportionate as compared with agricultural lands, etc. In respect to the two per cent. tax, a question which he asked the Premier was answered with the information that a bill will be submitted later for the extension of this impost, or its correction to that extent that it will not be an undue impost upon the mine owners to whom the Premier indicated that the assessment should be upon the gross income, with respect to which the Finance Minister observed that "the present law had a better scheme than that."

The leader of the opposition favored a general rate applicable to all classes of properties, and hoped the Finance Minister would not forget his promise with respect to the exemption of placer claims from transportation companies from what was actually constituted a double charge.

Mr. Martin also dealt with this latter subject while advocating that the tax should be raised, not by increasing the government to make stricter collection of the taxes, but by increasing the rate particularly to certain corporations, the C. P. R. in particular, which had not been the subject of a double charge. He also urged that the cost of advertising tax sales be reduced by having the notices in the Gazette and whatever local paper was selected for the notice.

Included in the routine business of the afternoon was the receipt of petitions, and a report from the Private Bills committee upon a number of objections to the Railway Extension Bill, which would meet again on Wednesday at 10 a.m. to consider the petitions of the Kootenay, Fernian, Kootenay Development Company, the Kootenay Development and Tramway Company, the Quintano Railway Company, and Robert L. Paterson et al.

The bill amending the charter of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company passed its first reading, and was referred to the Private Bills committee, while the Kootenay Central Railway Company's bill, the Cariboo and Pacific Railway bill and the Adams River Railway bill were read a first time and referred to the appropriate committees.

The bill to amend the Children's Protection Act, to provide for the support of illegitimate children and to amend the Benevolent Societies Act passed their first readings and were ordered for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Debate arose upon the motion by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hawthorthorpe, that the House should resolve that the government should have a resolution of dissolution of the legislature and an appeal to the electorate immediately after the present session.

Hon. Mr. Preece contended that such a motion was clearly out of order, as involving an extension of the session, and that the House, which Mr. Curtis expressed himself as willing to amend the resolution by leaving out all reference to dissolution, would be quite within the competence of the House; while Premier Preece maintained that dissolution was within the prerogative of the government. The Speaker reserved his decision on the point of order until the next sitting of the House.

Upon the motion of Mr. Curtis, a return was ordered of correspondence with respect to the employment of Hea, T. Mayne Daly as King's Counsel in the prosecution of Colliery and Beamish for intimidation in 1901.

The bills to regulate immigration into British Columbia, providing for the employment on works under franchise granted by private acts, and to amend the "New Westminster" Relief Act, 1880, the Dairy and Live Stock Associations Act, and the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act, passed their third readings, and were ordered for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

# Distribution Committed

**Passes Ottawa House and is Referred to a Joint Delegation.**

**Judges Have Yet to Pass on the Legality of Maritime Claims.**

**Hawkesbury Lumber Strike Settled - Professor Saunders for Central Farm.**

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "1. Budge, Fraser River, at New Westminster. 2. '53 and '54. No.'"

Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier the following question: "Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation, by amending the Railway Assessment Act, or otherwise, to provide that railway companies shall, with respect to private claims, have the same powers over their respective railways as members of this House?"

The Hon. Mr. Prior replied as follows: "No."

Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question: "Is it intended to change the name of the Trail Creek Mining Division to the Romant Mining Division?"

The Hon. Mr. Prior replied as follows: "No."

Mr. Green asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question: "Has the government agent or the road superintendent of the Sicran Riding reported to the amount of money required for roads, trails and bridges in that riding, and if so, what is the amount estimated for maintenance and repairs, and, secondly, for new work?"

The Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows: "1. Yes. Government agent. \$18,800. New work. \$2,000."

Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier the following question: "1. Will a report of the recent visit of the Premier and his cabinet to Ottawa be laid before the House? If so, when? 2. Has the Hon. Mr. Prior replied as follows: "1. Yes. As soon as printed."

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

By Mr. Tallow—On Thursday next, motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance: 1. Has any portion of the \$322,500 of taxes in arrears on December 31st, 1902, been commuted? 2. If so, what amount of such arrears was originally due, and for how much was it commuted?

By Mr. Clifford, on Thursday next, motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance: 1. Has the amount of such arrears as was originally due, and for how much was it commuted? 2. Are the arrears included in the returns of expenditures to December 31st, 1902, and if so, what amount?

Mr. Curtis to move, on Saturday next, motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance: Resolved, That in the matter of government there should be a dissolution of the session by the Hon. the Minister of Finance.

By Mr. Neil, on Thursday next, motion of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. How many crown grants have been issued under the provisions of the "Canadian Contentment Exemption Act," and how many have been cancelled? 2. How many of these were issued to or served in South Africa, and how many were issued to or claimed for by persons to whom the original claimants had transferred their rights?

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**HUGE GUARANTEE.** London, April 14.—A despatch from Vienna today to the Central News Agency, asserts that it is authoritative news that the Emperor will guarantee the Emperor's personal liability for the expenses of the family of M. Storbinski, the Russian consul who was assassinated at Mitrovitz, that a chapel be built on the scene of the murder, and that the Emperor's troops shall maintain order.

**WORK IN BOUNDARY.** Deepening Snowshoe Shaft Continues—New Electric Power Hoist. Phoenix, B. C., April 14 (Special).—This week the work of deepening the main three compartment shaft on the Snowshoe mine, was resumed, and two shafts are now employed in that undertaking. The shaft is now down below the third level, and it will, for the present, be used for the transport of new Keweenaw station pumps installed at the third level, to keep the mine clear of water which comes in freely at this season.

The new electric 150 horse power hoist is now in position at the top of the shaft, and as soon as the transformers, which arrived this week, are in place, the hoist will be ready for use. The Cascade Water, Power & Light Company's lines will be laid from the hoist to the sub-station here. The ore will be hoisted in two ton skips.

The shaft is now being, already ordered, will be added to the Snowshoe equipment, being of 100 horse power capacity, and probably the largest yet installed at any mine in the Boundary. This will give ample power to run all the drills needed for the work of deepening the hoist is operated by electricity.

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# BESSON ACCUSES FRENCH PREMIER

**Charges That Two Hundred Thousand Was Offered as a Bribe.**

Paris, April 14.—The correspondent of the Figaro at Grenoble telegraphs that an article published in this morning's Petit Dauphinois, in which the editor, M. Besson, repeats in recent columns the charges made by the late editor of the journal, who offered an offer to secure authorization for the monks of the Grande Chartreuse monastery to remain in France on payment of \$200,000.

M. Besson declares that the person on whose behalf the offer was made by the intermediary approaching him, was Edgar Combes, the son of the Premier, and that the intermediary was a prominent politician named Vervoort. Vervoort explained that \$200,000 of the \$200,000 would go to M. Besson as his commission on the transaction. M. Besson challenges M. Combes, father and son, to take the case before the courts.

Edgar Combes, the Premier's son, has asked the minister to open an investigation into the charges made against him by M. Besson, the editor of the Petit Dauphinois, of Grenoble.

Le Soir tonight publishes an interview with Vervoort, who gives a complete denial to M. Besson's story.

**PAINTERS' STRIKE.** Toronto, April 14.—Three hundred fifty painters and decorators go on strike tomorrow morning. Only 14 voted against strike.

**UNKNOWN'S SUICIDE.** Oswego, N. Y., April 14.—A man who registered at an hotel here Sunday as S. Cook, Erewetown, and who shot himself twice in the head Monday morning, died tonight without having recovered consciousness. All efforts to identify him have so far failed.

**SETTLING STRIKE.** Schenectady, N. Y., April 14.—Steps towards settling the carpenter's strike were taken tonight when the contracting carpenters appointed a committee to confer with a committee to be named by the union tomorrow to see if an agreement could be reached.

**CARNegie's MUTILATION.** Ithaca, N. Y., April 14.—A communication was received by President J. G. Schurman of Cornell today from Andrew Carnegie, in which Mr. Carnegie asks that the students fund subscribed to aid those who became ill with typhoid fever during the epidemic, should be returned to subscribers, and that he be allowed to pay all expenses incurred by students on account of the epidemic, including those of the \$10,000,000, who died.

# Frank Rogers Rapidly Sinking

**Shooting the Outcome of a Row Between Strikers and the Substitutes.**

Vancouver, April 14.—Frank Rogers, who was shot last night, is sinking rapidly at this writing—10:30. He is sinking away in the house at 400 West 10th, and his attitude is becoming more serious every moment. He still declares he knows nothing about the shooting.

From information received from the police, and not disclosed, Alfred Allan, special policeman, was arrested for the shooting of Rogers. He was taken place on the C. P. R. track, six union men beating two substitutes. Twenty minutes afterwards, when these two substitutes were looking round their hats on the track, the shooting commenced. They were near, but could not see who shot.

The shooting evidently arose out of a row, and it will only be a matter of a little more investigation by the police before the whole matter is explained and the guilty parties discovered.

There was another chase after Jones at Moodyville tonight, but without result. It was believed that the morning chase that they were on the track of the jailbreakers, but darkness came on, and the chase was abandoned.

Ald. Morton and McPherson again introduced a resolution at the City Council to suspend Magistrate Russell pending an investigation into the recent decision given by him. The resolution received no support.

# BUILDERS' STRIKE SEEMS INEVITABLE

**Workmen in Montreal Have Nothing to Arbitrate - Deadlock Results.**

Montreal, April 14.—It is now believed that on Thursday or Friday one of the biggest strikes that ever occurred in Montreal, involving about 2,500 carpenters and joiners, will be inaugurated, paralyzing completely the building operations for an indefinite period.

This opinion is freely expressed by members of the Brotherhood, who are emphatic in declaring that they will accept nothing less than 22 1/2 cents per hour, and there is a very strong feeling that the original demand for 25 cents per hour should be adhered to in the event of no settlement. The men have been working for as low as \$8 a week, and they say they will not live on this wage any longer, and they do not intend to do so.

There was a meeting in the Mechanics' Institute building of a committee representing the men, and a large number of employers, when the matter was discussed at great length. The best offer for the employers would make was a minimum of 20 cents per hour, with an offer to arbitrate the other classes; the board of arbitration to be composed of three members of the union, three employers, and a Superior Court judge. The men claimed that they had absolutely nothing to arbitrate, so no decision was reached, and a general strike seems inevitable.

**A BURDEN TO SELF AND OTHERS.** "Take care of your health, you have no right to neglect it and six weeks a burden to yourself and perhaps to others." When the liver gets out of order, it sets your nerves and excites your nerves, and you will find yourself generally unwell, and more so, especially if you take a dose of two cents a week.

# GAFFEY STILL ON HIS STAND

**Opposing Lawyers Elude Li the New Matter at Session Yesterday.**

Toronto, April 14.—At the afternoon session of the Gamey commission, Johnson did not succeed in eliciting many of the facts, Gaffey said that during all the time he had conversed with the Sullivan boys getting \$3,000, and having a dispute in the matter, but he had never resented the proposition. Gamey said he did not want the money himself, but it was important to get it to catch the game. He considered being promised the patronage of the riding a bribe as important as getting the money. Payment of the money, he thought, would be harder to prove than commanding patronage. He considered there was something in the matter, but in the matter, and believed it was Mr. Stratton who was behind the Sullivan boys. He had learned from them, the Sullivan boys, that they had turned over to Mr. Stratton. Gamey said he had destroyed the agreement with the members of the Sullivan family. He had turned over to Mr. Stratton. Gamey said he had destroyed the agreement with the members of the Sullivan family. He had turned over to Mr. Stratton.

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# THROUGH SWING BRIDGE

**Engineer and Locomotive Fall Through Open Draw, Firemen Escaped.**

Glacier Bay, C. B., April 14.—Engineer James Parsy, and a 110-ton locomotive went through the swing bridge at Mira Out today. It was supposed that Parsy did not notice the bridge was swung. Fireman Dickson jumped. Parsy was drowned in 20 feet of water.

**CHAMPION WRESTLERS.** Struggle For New York, Three Hours, But Result is Draw. Baltimore, Md., April 14.—Harvey Barker, of Brown, Mass., the champion water wrestler of the world, and Gus Schoenfeld, (American) of the city, were on the mat two hours and forty-five minutes, neither man gaining a fall. Both men seemed strong when the referee called the bout a draw.

**BIG STRIKE IMMINENT.** One Hundred Thousand Workmen on Great Lakes Await the Issue. Chicago, April 14.—On the result of a meeting to be held tomorrow, depends the fate of the big strike of the one hundred thousand workmen on the Great Lakes. An ultimatum on the part of the International Longshore Marine and Transport Workers' Association, was issued to the managers of the lake lines. The demand just furnished Chicago, is said to have made \$10,000,000 out of his immigration which would mean a place the amount of \$10,000,000.

# Session Again

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# GERMAN COMMANDER RETIRES

**On Fiftieth Anniversary of Entry Asks Emperor for Discharge.**

Berlin, April 15.—Gen. Count von Binseler, commander of the Sixteenth Army Corps, who by many critics is regarded as the most able man in the German army, has asked Emperor William to accept his resignation on April 30, the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance in the army.

**WOMAN PLANNED KILLING.** Mrs. Shirley Inicted Guard to Shoot and He Gets Five Years. Quebec, April 15.—John Gard, accused of shooting Charles Shirley with intent to kill, pleaded guilty this morning, and urged in extenuation that he had been incited to the crime by Mrs. Shirley. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Shirley was arraigned for inciting Gard to kill her husband, but pleaded not guilty. She was remanded for trial until tomorrow.

**MONTREALERS IN TROUBLE.** Prominent Citizens Accused of Serious Crime; Two Women Implicated. Montreal, April 15.—A sensational case was brought to light this morning when the police arrested two women, the arrest of Thomas Burns, Dr. Dumont, Duval, both well known citizens; March, the mother of the child, who is dead, and the mother of the woman who made the arrangements for the crime. Should the mother of the child be sentenced to life in prison, a critical condition, die, charges of murder are likely to be laid against her mother.

# CHILD LABOR IN FACTORIES

**New York's Governor Signs Bills For Amelioration of Their Conditions.**

Albany, N. Y., April 15.—Governor Odell today signed the second of the important child labor bills passed by the present legislature. The first was the bill providing for the licensing of new boys in cities of the first class. The second bill signed today, was a bill regulating the labor of women and children in factories. The bill forbids the employment in or in connection with any factory in New York State of any child under 16 (the present law forbids only children under 14) without a certificate issued by the health authorities of the city or town, showing his age and that he had attended school the equivalent of 120 days in the year prior to his 14th birthday. It limited the hours of employment of such children to 24 hours a week, and to nine hours in any day, and to the hours between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. The present law in any factory in prohibited hours is to be prima facie evidence of violation of the law. The hours of women are limited to the same hours, but may be 60 hours in a week or ten hours in a day, and longer only under a special arrangement in order to shorten some other work day in the week.

**LOST THEIR RETURN.** Rescued From French Asylum Home-ward Bound to Claim Millions. New York, April 14.—Moses Exler Chase, a wealthy young man of Lafayette, Ind., who recently was found in a sanitarium near Paris by Consul-General Gowley, reached here today on the Kron, Prinz Wilhelm. The young man, who is heir to his grandfather's estate of nearly a million dollars, is said to have been taken abroad some time ago and secreted near Paris without the knowledge of his father.

**FIGHTING IN DOMINGO.** Islanders Still Killing a Few in Skirmishes and Battles. St. Thomas, D. W. I., April 15.—The British cruiser Tribune arrived here today from San Domingo. She reports that fighting took place there Sunday night and Monday morning between the revolutionists and the government forces, during which several men were killed, and many were wounded. Among the latter was a seaman of the German cruiser Vindex, who is supposed to have been fatally hurt. The Dominican government troops captured a fort, but were eventually repulsed and the fort retaken. The Dominican revolutionary forces, who have been in the north of the island. Another fight was momentarily expected when the cruiser Vindex was engaged with the government forces to pursue President Diaz and his troops.