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#### NOTICE

s hereby given that application will be de to the Parliament of Canada at its ext session for an act to incorporate a mpany with power to construct, acquire, operate and maintain a railway of ther standard or narrow gauge by either team, electricity or any other motive ower for the conveyance of passengers, reight and merchandise from a point at or ear Pyramid Harbor on Chilcat Inlet at he head of Lynn Canal in the Province of ritish Columbia, thence up the Chilcat ver to Chilcat summit, thence in a northerly direction by the most feasible route. the most feasible route near Five Finger rapids company all necessary roads, julp, charter, navigate, control, operate ad maintain steam and other passenger, eight and ferry steamers and vessels upon he rivers, lakes and streams on or adjacent the line of said railway or in connection herewith or with the other operations and the line of said railway or in connection berewith or with the other operations and works of the company, and to carry on a ceneral express business, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines; and with power or acquire and build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of compressing air or generating electricity for lighting, heating and motor purposes; and to utilize herefor the natural water power of the dispitct; and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same or of the products thereof, and of any surplus electricity or other power generated by the company's works and not equired by the company for operating its allway or other works. And with power o expropriate lands for the purposes of the expropriate lands for the purposes of the mpany; and to acquire lands, bonuses, vileges, or other aid from any government, municipality, or other aid from any government, and the second sec eges, or other persons or municipality or other persons or corporate; and to make traffic and arrangements and connections with dy corporate; and to make traffic and or arrangements and connections with her railways or steamboat companies; if with power to build wagon roads to used in connection with the construction such railway or other works of the company and in advance of the same or otherwise, and to levy and collect toils from all titles using the same or any other roads the company, whether built before or and to levy and collect tolls from an using the same or any other roads company, whether built before or the construction of the railway, and all persons using the said railway, s or ferries of the company, and on eight passing over any of such roads, ay, ferries, wharves and vessels; and nower to buy, sell, manufacture and h power to buy, sell, manufacture and in all kinds of goods, wares, imple-nts, provisions, chattels and merchandise ents, provisions, chattels and merchandise; establish and maintain stores and trading susts, and to carry on any other business hich may be capable of being carried on connection with the company's other orks; and with power to carry on in all s branches a mining, milling and smelt-g business and to exercise mining rights and powers, and to erect or acquire all list and other machinery or contrivances cressary for the purposes, including the ection of saw mills and smelters; and ith all other usual, necessary or incidental that, powers and privileges as may be cressary or conducive to the attainment the above objects or any of them.

CARTHY, OSLER, HOSKIN' & CREEL-

CARTHY, OSLER, HOSKIN & CREEL-Solicitors for the Applicants. Toronto, 1st December, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company of Ontario for an act to enable the said company to carry on business anywhere in the Dominion of Canada and to consolidate, define and declare its Habilities, obligations and rowers. obligations and powers.

Solicitor for Applicants. AKE NOTICE that application will be AKE NOTICE that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited, for an act conferring on the company the following powers, in addition to those now possessed by them: To purchase or otherwise acquire the whole or any of the property and rights possessed by any raffer or charters from the Legislative Assembly of the Povince of British Columbia, and to rarry out and perform the works specified in such charter or charters, and to equip, work, maintain, improve and operate the said railways, and to carry on the business of telegraph and telephone companies, and to carry on the business of carriers by land or water, warehousemen and forwarding agents.

BODWELL, IRVING & DUFF, Solicitors for the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited.

Sth Nov., 1897. Toronto, Dec. 14 .- Mrs. Janet Carlyle anning, sister of Thomas Carlyle, the thor, and the last member of the mily, died last night in this city aged

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### SPAIN IS TOTTERING

Members of the Royal Family Prepare to Fly to Escape Impending Revolution.

Weyler's Reception Most Significant -Menacing Attitude of the Populace.

London, Dec. 17 .- According to the St. James Gazette private letters received here from Madrid say that Gen. Weyler's reception there was most significant and the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery have been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, cannot be relied upon.

The wildest rumors are current with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the members of the royal family to France at the first sign of re-

Madrid, Dec. 17 .- The man who was found the other day in a ditch near Sargosa with his hands and feet tied, dressed as a woman, and who travelled on the same train as Gen. Weyler, has confessed he was tied and dressed in woman's clothing by three members of a secret society because he failed to as-sassinate Gen. Weyler. The latter says he was warned of the plot and was conscious through the journey that he was being followed by an assassin

ALPHONSE DAUDET DEAD, The Celebrated French Author Dies Suddenly During Dinner.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Figaro, according to a special to The Herald from Paris, gives the following additional facts about the death of Alponse Daudet, the anthor:

At half past 7 the whole family met at dinner. Mme. Daudet, the two sons, Leon and Lucien, Mile. Edmee Daudet and Mile. Allard, Mme. Daudet's mother. The gathering was a merry one and there was plenty of chat and laughter. Suddenly M. Daudet gave a cry and his It Is Rumored in Vienna That the head fell back. He had fallen into a syncope. It was then a quarter past S. Everything was done that could be done. A messenger was at once sent for Dr. Gilles de La Torrette. The family's anxiety was extreme, for M. Dandet showed no signs of recovering consciouspess. He had been carried to bed, pale and almost cold, and it was in vain that his wife and sons bent over him and called him by name. After a few minthe room the priest caught the doctor's view. eves and fell on his knees reciting the prayers for the dead. Every resourse of science was called into requisition, strong restoratives were administered and even an application of electricity was tried, but it was too late. Alphonse Daudet was dead.

#### A PECULIAR PROCEEDING.

Investigation Into Charges Against Judge Spinks Somewhat Farcical. Vancouver. Dec. 17.-Some people thought that Justice McColl was a little too previous and presumed somewhat on position when he condemned the socalled "extraordinary conduct" of the people who made charges against Judge Spinks, and which charges Justice Mc Coll was appointed a commissioner to investigate. Justice McColl sat at Vernon on Wednesday. Now all the witnesses in this matter are located in the vicinity of the city of Midway and Grand Forks. They had good authority for believing that the commission would be held next Tuesday at Midway, consequently they did not go to Vernon. It would have been a hardship to make them go there, and it is claimed that Justice Mc Coll should have consulted their convenience more. He lays himself under the charge of suiting Judge Spinks, by holding court at Vernon rather than at Midway, which is more convenient to accusers. The case must be re-opened if the ends of justice are to be met.

BRANCHING OUT.

Postal Telegraph Cable Co. Contemplate Large Extensions New York, Dec. 16.-At a meeting of the directors of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company Vive-President Baker

"We are going to spend a million dollars in reaching out into new territory. We intend to extend our line in the west Odgen and Salt Lake and in the Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho states, Moreover, the chances are that we shall sconer or later have lines to the Klon-dike. Our understanding is that our Canadian company is getting ready to equip a line to Dawson City, and it is only a question of time until it will be in operation. Our lines now penetrate nearevery state in the union, but with the extensions contemplated the coming year we shall be able to compete with the Western Union in about every city in the country. We shall build one extension from Leadville to Odgen and Salt Lake, and another to Helena, thus connecting with our Rocky Mountain and Canadian

Pacific systems." BANK PRESIDENT GUILTY.

Salt Lake, Dec. 17-James Z. Bacon was found guilty in the United States Circuit Court at midnight for making false entries in his reports to the Comptroller of the Currency when president of the National Bank of this city. He was found guilty on two counts, differing only technically. The penalty is from five to ten years' imprisonment, Bacon's prosecution grew out of the failure early last year of the Bank of Salt Lake, a private institution of which he was cent. of the debt which he considered

president.

AIMED AT CANADA.

Purpose of the Bill Relating to Pelagic

oped that the bill relating to pelagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress and is before the president contains a provision of far reaching importance which has thus far escaped attention. This is an absolute prohibition of the further bringing of seal skins into the United States from any source whatever. As the United States is the largest market in the world for seal skins, this complete stoppage of trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadians who take and care skins and dispose of them largely in the United

States. When the bill was proposed, it was generally understood that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens engaging in pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one which attracted attention during the discussion. At the close of the bill, however is a section which is not restricted to Americans, but applies to sealskins in general. "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which includes the whole Pacific ocean.

The provision is as follows:
"Section 9. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of the furs of seal skins taken in waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect, shall not be permitted to be exported but shall be seized by

the proper officers of the United States.' Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say that this provision is of far more importance in its effects than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

#### GERMANY'S BIG GRAB

Said That China Will Agree to Her Retention of Kiao Chan Bay.

Russians Have Occupied Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 18 .- A dispatch from Shanghai asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiao tated at Germany's precipitancy, thus utes of dreadful suspense the doctor prematurely disclosing the plans of Engreached the house and with him the land and Japan in a manner likely, says

na says it is rumored there that the Russians have occupied Port Arthur.

cheered by a large crowd of people.

Kiel, Dec. 18.—The North German board a number of soldiers bound for | United States territory. China, and an immense amount of war marterial, which sailed from Wilhelmsfar east. The steamer Crefield will follow with the rest of the volunteers and more war material.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Capt. Sparling Dead-A Brakeman's Narrow Escape From Death.

Montreal Dec. 18.-Capt. W. Sparling, of the fire brigade, is dead.

Barrie, Dec. 18.—E. Donnell has been appointed town clerk and treasurer of

Barrie. Stratford, Dec. 18 .- John Brown, exmayor of Stratford, is the Liberal nomnee in North Perth for the assembly. Brantford, Dec. 18 .- Brakeman Wheeler, of the Grand Trunk railway, fell between the cars. Fortunately he fell between the tracks and by lying pros-

trate escaped injury.
Kingston, Dec. 18.—George Arnold was sentenced to five years in the Kingston penitentiary for a murderous assault on Turnkey Bruce in Whitby on the occasion of his escape in 1896.

HARMSWORTH'S GENEROSITY. Presents the Arctic Steamer Windward to Explorer Peary.

London, Dec. 17.-Alfred Harmsworth, proprietor of the Daily Mail, has presented the steamer Lieutenau: Peary. He will bear the expenses of overhauling her and sending her to the United States.

STUDENT ROBERT PEEL

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 17 .- Robert Peel, a grandson of Sir Robert Peel, the. great English statesman, is a student in Boone's Academy in Beckeley and will enter the College of Mining of the State University next year with the class of 1902. Young Peel was a student at Eton before coming to Berkeley and has two brothers in the British army.

AT MONTE CARLO New York, Dec. 17 .- A special to The Herald from Monte Carlo says: There is good authority for stating that farther concessions of lifty years have been granted to the Casino Company.

MARK TWAIN PLAYING UP. New York, Dec. 17.-The World says Mark Twain has recently paid \$25,000 to the creditors of the publishing firm of W. L. Webster & Co., in which he was a partner. He has now paid 75 per himself in honor bound to make good.

#### TO COERCE CANADA

Washington, Dec. 17.-It has devel- Six Members of a Family Lose Their Lives in a Fire on

> Arranging a Date for the Opening of Parliament - Government Considering Yukon Matters.

Ottawa, Dec. 17 .- A frame building on

Freil Street.

Freil street was burned down this morning, and Patrick Leahy and his five children were burned to a crisp. The names of the children are: Thomas, tiatio Patrick, 2. Mrs. Leahy and her son Frank were the only ones saved. It is thought that Leahy, who was in the habit of going around the house carrying a lamp at night, set fire to the building, which was a veritable fire-trap.

A letter was received at the interior department to-day from Major Walsh, who said that he and his party had got over the White Horse Rapids safely and were starting to go across Lake Labaerge, which he expected to do without any trouble. No doubt he is now safe at Fort Selkirk.

At the cabinet meeting of yesterday the government gave attention to the date for the meeting of parliament. A minister of the crown put it to your correspondent in this way: "Some members of the government think the 27th of January would scarcely give us time for the preparation of all the bills, so that t might better be left till February 3rd. Still nothing is finally decided, and January 27th may be kept for the opening." adian trails to Alaska. This concession

is given the United States for the privilege we enjoy at Dyea and Skagway. Letters were received at the militia department to-day from the officers of the Sixty-sixth Battalion, Halifax, withdrawing their resignations, which accordingly will be returned.

ment of trade and commerce, states that he does not believe there is any possibility of lucrative trade between Canada and Brazil, owing to the depressed con-Chou Bay. Russia and France are irripending in Brazil both politically and said he could not understand why it had not already been employed.

ownership has become a Municipal A dispatch to the Standard from Vien- irg this permission it is proposed that subjects of Great Britain.

Mr. Hitt answered some the existing electric and gas companies.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Canadian gov-Wilmelmshaven, Dec. 18.-The North ernment have decided to permit Ameri-German Lloyd steamer Darmstadt, hav- cans to ship goods to Alaska through ing on board a detachment of troops for Canadian territory in bond wherever China, has sailed from here. She was there are regular and bonafide transportation companies: where there are not. then customs does will be collected, and Lloyd steamer Darmstadt, having on afterwards refunded upon reaching

J. T. Bethune, of Victoria, is here asking the government on behalf of the haven yesterday, left here to-day for the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transportation Co., Sir Charles Tupper's company, for assistance to build a wagon road by the Stickeen route into the Yukon. The company is also looking for a liquor permit

Application will be made at the next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point on the international boundary line near Cascade City, B. C., thence in a westerly direction, following the valley of the Kettle river, to a point on the boundary line near Carson; also from another point on the boundary line near Midway; thence northerly, following the valley of Boundary creek, to a point about twenty miles north of Midway, with power to construct and maintain branch lines and to connect with the Spokane Falls &

Northern Railway Company. Application will be made at the next session to incorporate a company to construct and maintain tramways for the carriage of passengers, goods and boats over portages at Miles' Canyon and White Horse Rapids, respectively, on the Lewis river, and collect tolls and to

construct landing stages, etc. Application will also be made at the ext session by the Columbia & Western Railway Company for an act declaring the railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and to extend the time for the completion of the road, and

for other purposes. The East Kootenay Railway Company will apply to parliament for an act to wealthy young man of Lafayette county. declare the company to be for the general advantage of Canada, to authorize it to issue bonds to the extent of \$30,000 ly she consented and the wedding was per mile of its railway and to empower

The Great Commonwealth & Development Company, having a British Columbia charter, is asking power from the Dominion to construct a toll stage road, trom, electric or steam railway, or water nevigation course, or parts of each, with a branch from some point on the Edmonton branch of the C.P.R. to the Klondike, with the necessary powers for each department, and to construct and operate ferries within certain distances o bridge rivers or streams, or to utilize waters for power of other purposes, to improve and navigate with vessels rivers, lakes or streams and collect tolls for the use of same.

Yorkville Fire Station. Toronto. March 3rd, 1897. Dear Sirs,-Having used Dr. Chase's Pills for costiveness, I am pleased to say that I consider them superior to any pill I ever used, as they have perfectly cured me of this trouble. THOS. J. WALLACE, Fireman.

The Bill to Prohibit Sealing Causes an Interesting Debate.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- In the house of representatives this afternoon Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, secured unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill proposed by the senate yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by citizens of the United States. He explained its scope and purpose and the necessity for its enactment. Mr. Hopkins, (Ills.) thought that a time limit should be placed on the operation of that act, so that in case the negotiations should col lapse American citizens would not be at disadvantage.

Mr. Hitt said the United States government did not admit that pelagic sealing was a right. It was a barbarity. We were pressing upon Great Britain negoons for the protection of the seals aged 8; Mamie, 6; Maggie, 4, and that the governments had already agreed to. If we were sincere we would pass

Mr. Johnson (N.D.), made a vigoron speech of an hour in oppisition to the bill. He said he had been humiliated and shamed by the complete surrender of American rights and honor at the Paris in his reference to Hon, Mr. Foster, who he termed the "great surrenderer," great was his reputation in that line that China had paid him \$100,000 for surrendering to Japan. He created much amusement by enumerating some of the expenses of the Paris tribunal, and said he did not marvel that the experts, who had already made so much out of the government, should desire to keep up an agitation which permitted them to draw big salaries and rove the world at the expense of the public. Mr. Johnson, as another phase of the question, described the destruction of food fish by the seals. The recent increase in the catch at the fisheries on the Pacific coast and Alaska he attributed to the diminution of the seal herd. If these wolves of the sea The Council to-day will consider the had been exterminated, he said, we would conditions under which Americans will not be sending relief to the miners in be allowed to take their goods over Can- Alaska. Each seal requires ten pounds of fish per day. The coast of Alaska would become the greatest cod fishery in the world if these enemies of the fish were destroyed.

Mr. Hepburn (Iowa), expressed the opinion that the United States had the power at any time to compel Canada to this whole question as to the E. E. Sheppard, trade commissioner to seals. Pelagic sealing was not worth South America, writing to the depart- more than \$250,000 per annum. The bonding privileges granted to Canadian roads, over which we had absolute control, is worth twenty times as much to Canada as the right of pelagic sealing. dition of the finances of Brazil. Mr. He advocated retaliation as the weapon Sheppard says he believes a crisis is im- to be used to bring Canada to terms and

not already been employed. live issue in Ottawa axing to the desire the bill, argued that if American citizens of a new electric lighting company to do business in this city. In place of grant-they should be bound jointly with the cure of Saint Clotilde. As they entered the dispatch, to defeat the objects in business in this city. In place of grant- they should be bound jointly with the

> cisms which had been advanced. The said, was pelagic sealing, which evil resulted in the killing of 30,000 seals an- miners to American territory." nually. And yet the gentleman from absolute slaughter of the entire seal herd. on other nations? Mr. Hitt referred to the barbarity of the practice of killing the defenceless seal pups. After further de-

#### MAY WHEAT AT \$1.50.

bate the bill was passed; yeas 148, nays

Chicago, Dec. 17.-George B. French. the recognized agent of the Leiter interest in wheat, has imparted a hit of information which wheat speculators for many months have been anxious to know. He also ventured a prediction on the

future of May wheat. "Our wheat costs us very near 70 cents," said Mr. French, "and at that price we think we can afford to take it in, pay for it, and see what it looks like. Our proposition, as we have said right along, is simply that of merchandisers. As soon as the deficiency of supplies and the urgency of the demand become more apparent I will not be a bit surprised to see May wheat at \$1.50."

While Mr. French would give no infor mation as to the size of the line of wheat which he represents, he said: "We expect that all the wheat we have bought will be delivered to us."

CLUNG TO HER FIRST LOVE.

Kansas City, Dec. 17.-Jesse Wall,

young man well known in Independence. killed himself a year ago because he could not marry Miss Leona Corder, the daughter of Jackson Corder, one of the old settlers of the town. Her parents had always favored J. H. Webb, a They insisted upon the marriage when Webb asked for her hand, and final-

set for last night. It was to have been it to convey or lease the company's rail- an elaborate affair. As the hour for the ceremony approached Miss Corder became hysterical and declared that she could not forget Wall. Ten o'clock came and the supper was served, without the presence of the bride or groom, and it was finally announced that Miss Corder could not leave her room and the marriage ceremony would be performed there. So in the presence of only her parents and the most intimate relatives of both, Mr. Webb and Miss Corder were married in her room.

I write this to let you know what I

would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you ecommend it to do and more. -J. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the word, and invaluable for rhenmatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros. wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

#### THOSE REGULATIONS

Miners at Dawson Regard With Disfavor Any Attempt at Their Enforcement.

More Strong Resolutions Protesting Against the Imposition of Royalty Tax.

Dawson, N. W. T., Oct. 17, 1897 .-There is a possibility that the Canadian officials will insist upon the enforcement of the law relative to the collection of royalties and the reservation of every alternate claim for the government. The officials are reticent and are averse to discussing the subject, and, through sources emanating from the officials themselves, I am reliably informed that the principal officers of the government are strongly opposed to the contribunal. He was particularly sarcastic templated enforcement of the law. I asked Mr. Thomas Fawcett, the gold commissioner, if such a law had been

"It is the law of this territory," he re-

"Will it be enforced?" "I am not prepared to say." "From your knowledge of the official reports forwarded to the government at Ottawa relative to the practicability of such legislation on the eve of a grand effort to develop the mineral resources of the country are you of the opinion that the law will be enforced next spring?" I asked.

"I don't think I will," he replied after moment or two in deliberation. He positively declined to go into details and said that his official position barred hn from freely discussing There can be no doubt but that Mr. Fawcett realizes that 'he enforcement of such legislation would put a stop to the mineral development of the territory and robably close down more than one half of the mines in the district. One of the oldest miners in the camp,

Henry Thibert, a citizen of Canada, and a pioneer of this portion of the North American continent, and who has been a great assistance to the governmert in compiling maps of the country, is strongly opposed to the law. He

"What inducement is there for a man to spend years of his life in this country, living on meagre supplies and travmonutainous region looking for gold when the government will confiscate onea year ago the immense gold fields of Mr. Hitt answered some of the criti-

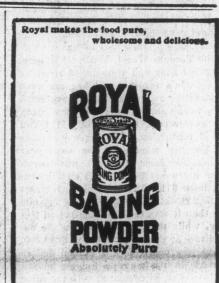
> A miners' meeting convened this afterthat the law was about to be enforced, and in a few hours the miners determined to exhibit their disapproval. The at- fits at Lake Tagish. tendance was equally divided between sent out broadcast to the effect that reasonable solution is hoped for at an and misleading, and here were less claims were leased on a basis of one- his outfit be exempted? sioner Fa weett was present and declined | tors."

marked. enough to protest when the laws went will be any retaliation." sively attended.

At the conclusion of the meeting I ficulty upon the heads of every again and he said:

those provisions." from the states it would seem to me vised, and there are many mine owners here who regret that the proceedings took place. They apprehend that the government might look at the action as an intimation or threat.
WILLIAM J. JONES.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, which are made expressly for weak, sleepless, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents.



SIX BURNED TO DEATH.

BOYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK

Victims of the Fire in the Hotel Da-kota at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 18.-Six persons lost their lives in the burning Hotel Dakota here yesterday morning. The names of the dead have not been learned, except those of Mr. and Mrs. C. Howe on the third floor. Two commercial travellers are believed to have perished, and a dining room girl and a railroad man, whose names are unknown, are also missing. As the register was burned, the number of the dead cannot be definitely given.

## SLAP IN THE FACE

Dyea to Remain a Port of Entry Spite of the Ravings of Rampant Ignoramuses.

Eastern Politicians Point Out the Absurdity of the Sound Cities'

Demands. Allan B. Slauson, Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer,

sends the following to his paper: Washington, Dec. 16 .- From conversations held with treasury officials regardeling through a wild country uninhabited ing the proposed abolition of the sub-port of entry of Dyes, Alaska, it seems reasonably certain that this will not be sonably certain Mr. Loud (California), in opposition to fifth of what you take out of the ground done, in spite of the strong presentation

that the Canadian government would covered. Such legislation discriminates promptly retaliate and do more injury against the development of the resources to American miners and prospectors than admitted evil of the present system, he of the country, has a tendency to dis-

cities. Senator Wilson said to-day: "Secre-M. D. (Mr. Johnson), proposed to meet noon in the public square and appointed tary Gage stated to Senator Perkins and this evil of a partial slaughter by an a committee to draft and prepare resomyself that several grave questions are lutions protesting to the Canadian gov- involved. His understanding, and that Was this a humane proposition from a government which was urging humanity royalty. A report had reached here that by reason of the concession grant-

"'Now,' said the secretary, 'if we abol Canadians and Americans, and they all ish the sub-port at Dyea, will not more seemed to be of one opinion. The chair- burdensome charges be laid upon miners man said the object of the call was to entering Canadian territory? This quesformulate a petition to the Canadian tion is now undergoing an investigation government asserting that the stories by the department and an amicable and

gold was to be easily gotten was false early date.

gold misleading, and here were less "'It is true,' said the secretary, 'that than forty claims that had proven ex- we can abolish the sub-port at Dyea, and cessively rich, and that it was the opin- thus deprive for a limited time British ion of the assembled miners that the Columbia from certain facilities now engovernment had been misled by unre- joyed, but will the American miner and liable reports into enforcing a royalty prospector be any better off? Will he not tax. It was reasoned that most of the have to pay more duty, and will any of

half and that 20 per cent. additional was "The secretary," continued Senator necessary to pay for sluice boxes, cab- Wilson, "will meet the senate committee ins and winters supply of wood and on commerce at an early date to thorthen, after deducting another 20 per oughly discuss the matter and reach the cent. royalty, there would be left but 10 | conclusion which will be to the best inper cent, for the owner. Gold Commis- terests of American miners and prospec-

to take part or make any statements | Senator Turner believes the sub-port with reference to instructions received ought to be abolished, but does not think from Ottawa, and said that any remarks it will be done. He recalled that some from him would be impolitic. "How- of the citizens of Seattle opposed its esever, when such laws go into effect it tablishment and that he himself at that will be time enough for me to make a time had objected to it. "It gave," said statement, and not till then," he re- the senator, "the British Columbia people some advantages to which they are not Some of the miners advised against the entitled on the score of comity, and I objects of the meeting and averred that it was ill advised and that it was time to dis-establish it. I do not think there

into effect. The suggestion was frowned Representative Jones does not give down and a committee of five old min- qualified assent to the contemplated acers was chosen to embody the object of tion. "The abolition of the sub-nort at the meeting in form of resolutions and Dyea," said he, "would be regarded as was ordered to report to-morrow after- discriminating against Canadian comnoon at a meeting which will be exten- merce. Canada is in a position to retaliate in a way that would bring difinterviewed Gold Commissioner Fawcett whose action contributed to provoke such retaliation, and the mass of thousands "There is an old provision on the sta- of our own citizens, who, under the tute books, enacted by the council, to liberal mining laws of Canada, have lothe effect that oyalties can be collected, cated mining claims all the way from but, like certain other laws in some of Rossland to the Klondike. While we the territories, there is a conflict, and do not permit Canadians to locate a foot it may be that it will not be enforced. of mineral bearing ground on this side That is an intimation only. Thus far I of the line, Canada permits our citizens have not been instructed to enforce to locate and own mines in her dominions on the same terms as her own With the limited information at hand citizens. The fact that we are less gencrous to her citizens than she is to ours that the meeting was Lasty and ill ad- might alone furnish her a legitimate excuse to discontinue this liberal policy. But if in addition to this discrimination against her miners we commit an act which her people without exception construe as a discrimination against her commerce, she may take steps that will make our commerce with the Klondike of little value. I for one do not wish to share any portion of blame for provok-ing such action on her part." ALLAN B. SAUSON.