(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)

Day of Routine In Legislature

Premier Considering Victoria's Patriotic Offer--Two Members' Isolation.

Grand Jurors on Pay List--Insane Asylum Trouble --Vancouver Franchises.

Members of the legislature did not seem in a hurry to begin their week's labor. It was getting on for a quarter past two yesterday before the Speaker could take the chair and the house was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wil-

Mr. J. M. Martin presented a petition Messrs. Prentice and Wells presented petitions with regard to the proposed con-solidation of Vancouver's charter act and amending acts. Their nature is illustrat-

ed by the following: From the B.C. Electric Railway Com pany, Limited, of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

1. That your petitioner is an incorporated company, in corporated in England under the Companies' Act, 1862-1893 (Imperial), and is duly licensed to carry on business in the province of British

Columbia.

2. That your petitioner is the successor in title of the Vancouver Street Railway Company, Limited Liability, which said company was by act of the Legislature of British Columbia, 53 Victoria, chapter 51, amalgamated with the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company, under the name of the Vancouver Electric

chapter 51, amalgamated with the Vancouver Electric Illuminating Company,
under the name of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Company.

3. The said rights, privileges, and franchises of the Vancouver Electric Railway and Light Company were subsequently acquired by the Consolidated
Railway and Light Company, and by an
act of the Legislature of the Province of
British Columbia, 59 Victoria, chapter
55, the acquisition of the said Consolidated Railway and Light Company of
the said rights, privileges and franchises
were confirmed and the same were vested in the said Consolidated Railway and
Light Company and were acquired by
purchase from the trustees for debenture holders of the said Consolidated
Railway and Light Company by your petitioners on the 15th day of April, A.D.
1897.

4. At the time your petitioner acquired the said rights, privileges and franchises the Vancouver Incorporation Act contained the following clause which protected your petitioner's rights, sub-sec. 6a of sec. 16, chapter 68, of 58 Victoria (1895)

and witnesses in support of the objections to the provisions of the act to which ob-jection is taken, with the right to read documentary evidence showing the rights, powers and privileges of your petitioner

Etc., etc. (Sgd.) F. S. BARNARD, Director.
(Sgd.) J. BUNTZEN,
General Manager.
Dated 27th January, 1900.

(1) The New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company;
(2) From Frank Stillman Barnard;
(3) Vancouver Gas Company.

TIME EXTENDED. Mr. Green presented the fifth report of the private bills committee, recommend-ing that the time for the reception of re-ports on private bills be extended until February 9. The standing orders were suspended to allow of this being done.

THOMPSON RIVER BRIDGE. THOMPSON RIVER BRIDGE.

Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Chief
Commissioner of Lands and Works:
"Out of what appropriation is it intended to pay for the bridge over the
Thompson river at Kamloops, for which
tenders are now being asked?"

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton said: "The
matter will receive consideration when
the estimates are being prepared."

B. C. SOUTHERN LAND GRANT.

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"1. Have crown grants for all or any portion of the land grant of the British Columbia Southern railway been issued; and if so, when, for how much, and to whom?

"2. If crown grants have not been issued, are the same in process of being issued?

"3. If crown grants have not been issued, have the government decided not to issue the same, and if so, why?"

Hon. Mr. CarterCotton replied: "Yes, on the 18th of August, 1899, for 611,533 acres, more or less, to the British Columbia Southern railway.

Questions 2 and 3 are answered by the above reply.

TORRENS ACT.

PREMIER'S SECRETARY.

Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Premier:

"1. When did Mr. C. B. Sword cease to be private secretary to the Premier?

"2. How much was paid to Mr. Sword altogether as salary, and when was the last payment made?"

Hon. Mr. Semlin in reply said: "Mr. Sword ceased to be private secretary on August 31, 1899. He was paid \$423.33. Presumably the last payment was made on August 31, at the time he left."

Mr. Martin said he would like the Premier to inform him exactly as to when the last payment was made, as that was really the important point.

FOUR RETURNS. Ministers presented returns as asked or by resolution as follows: Hon, Mr. Cotton—Copies of all corresfor by resolution as follows:

Hon. Mr. Cotton—Copies of all correspondence between the Provincial government, or any member thereof, and the Imperial and Dominion governments, or any member thereof, relative to the proferred provincial grant of \$1,000,000 towards the cost of laying a trans-Pacific cable.

Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Attorney-General: "Is it the intention to bring into force the Torrens Act passed last session, and when; and if not, why not?"

Mr. Henderson answered: "This matter is still under consideration."

PREMIER'S SECRETARY.

Mr. Joseph Martin asked the Premier:

Mr. McBride said the correspondence he desired related particularly to certain observations made by the Lieuten-observations made by the Lieute were anxious to know what His Honor did after giving utterances to his determination to make certain representations to his government with respect to the administration of affairs in Atlin as a result of his visit to the district.

The motion was agreed to.

NEW WESTMINSTER ASYLUM.

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The bill to amend the Companies' Act was next considered in committee, with Mr. Robertson in the chair. This is the bill which provides that the registrar's certificate of incorporation need not set out where the registered office is situated, that the memorandum of association need not specify the part of the companies' the second reading was agreed to.

A CANCELLED PRE-EMPTION.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton presented the return asked for her asked fo

change from four weeks to one week.

Mr. Higgins altered his amendment,
Mr. Martin's having partly covered it,
and moved that the advertisement must
be placed in two issues of a newspaper.

Mr. J. Martin strongly opposed the
amendment on the score of the expense
to the companies.

Hon. Mr. Henderson endersed Mr.

Soulid be. (Laughter.)

Col. Baker remarked that the house
was now a triangle. The members of
the third party must be remembered in
the naming of the committees. The
amendment on the score of the expense
to the companies.

Victoria shall undertake to raise and equip 50 men.

"Resolved that these resolutions be communicated to the provincial government, with the request that they be transmitted to the Dominion government forthwith, and also to the cities and municipalities throughout the request the province. unicipalities throughout the prov

Hear, hear."
Mr. Helmcken—"That is all right."
Hon. Mr. Henderson—"Very good."
Mr. Helmcken: "Will the Premie give us his views as to the resolutions?"
Hon. Mr. Semlin: "I asked Mayor.
Hayward to give me until to-morrow
morning or later this evening to reply.
I am not in a position to answer favorably at this women!" ably at this moment."

The house rose at 5 p.m.

with the construction and operation of a saw mill industry on Deadman's Island, in Burrard Inlet."

GALLERY NOTES.

The usual notice of motion precedent to the budget has been given by the Finance Minister, as follows: To move, "That the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Monday next."

The usual notice of motion precedent to fill a transport, and thereby do away with the possibility of British Columbia's offer being declined on the ground that there was not room in the transports secured for other troops and transport.

The meeting of the committee at which

There are two new government bills that the Finance Minister will father The first is to amend the New Westminster Relief Act, 1899, the other will amend the Revenue Tax Act. Notice has at last been given by the Premier of the bill to amend the Public Schools' Act.

LOCAL NEWS.

"From Natural Causes."—The inquest on the death of the old man William Frost, who was found dead in his cabin near the Jewish cemetery on Saturday, resulted in a verdict of death from na-

Benefit Concert.-The Daughters of St. George at a meeting held last night decided to give a grand patriotic concert in the near future for the benefit of the British soldiers now serving in South

Attended. The Hockey Club gave its second annual dance last evening in the A.O.U.W. hall. The decorations of flags and evergreens, both in the dancing and supper room were very tasteful and the rooms when filled with the well-dressed dancers made a very pretty picture. The attendance was large, perhaps a little more so than was quite comfortable for the dancers, but Victoria young people are accustomed to a crowded floor on occasions of this kind and the guests enjoyed themselves thorougly. Dancing was begun at 9 o'clock and was continued until a late hour. Bantley's orchestra furnished the music.

bones to go to any public institution. Mr. Against around; proposed the same and the composition of the same and the same and the composition of the same and the same and the composition of the same and the same and the composition of the same and the same

Fifty Men.

with a request for their co-operation."
At the conclusion of their reading by the Premier there was a chorus of ing of the Patriotic ing of the Patriotic Committee.

> Citizens to Raise and Equip Fifty Men for African Service.

The citizens of Victoria, through the patriotic committee appointed by Mayor Mr. Joseph Martin has given notice of a want of confidence motion as follows:
"That this house disapporves of the action of the government in failing to take such steps as would allow Mr. Theodore Ludgate and his associates to proceed with the construction and operation of a saw mill industry on Deadman's Island, number so that with those offered by the

the decision was arrived at was held yesterday morning at the city hall, those present being: His Worship the Mayor, Colonel Baker, A. C. Flumerfelt, Ald. Cameron, C. H. Lugrin, A. G. McCandless, H. Cuthbert, G. Jeeves and W. Ridgway-Wilson.

The Lieutenant-Governor wrote that he had received a letter from Colonel Erwin, secretary of the Canadian patriotic fund, describing the objects of the association.

It is rumored that the government will drop the Coal Mines Regulation bill, the opposition to it being very marked. Its provisions are considered to be too drastic.

had communicated with Mayor Hayward. The subject matter of both letters was considered, and it was decided to adopt the suggestions offered in His Honor's letter, the matter being left in the hands of the mayor.

It was moved by Mr. Cuthbert that the correspondence be received and asknowledged, and that the press and banks be asked to allow the subscription lists to be placed in their offices for the convenplaced in their offices for the convenience of the public. And that the ministers of the city be asked to represent the objects of the fund to their congregations in whatever manner they think best. And also that a subscription list be open

ed at the city hall.

It was moved by Mr. C. H. Lugrin and seconded by Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, as follows: "Resolved, that this committee

British soldiers now serving in South Africa.

Paper for Princeton.—The Similkameen Star is the name of a paper about to be started at Princeton by Mr. R. E. Gosnell, late provincial librarian, now of the Greenwood Miner, and Mr. James Anderson, one of the Princeton delegates who are to meet the board of trade this evening.

Death Came Early.—Essie Partridge, a native of Westmeath, Ireland, died on Sunday at the residence of Mr. Neil Cunningham, Victoria West. The funeral will take place at 9.15 this morning from Mr. Cunningham's residence, Robert street, and at 10 at St. Andrew's R.C.

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Seconded by Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, as follows: "Resolved, that this committee believe it to be the duty of the people of British Columbia to aid by contributions of men and money in strengthening our arms in South Africa; "Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of the British Columbia legislature of one hundred mounted men being further post-poned because the number is too small to load a special transport, this committee british Columbia to aid by contributions of men and money in strengthening our arms in South Africa; "Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of the British Columbia to aid by contributions of men and money in strengthening our arms in South Africa; "Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of ability of the acceptance of the offer of ability of the acceptance of the offer of the offer of the strengthening our arms in South Africa; "Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of ability of the acceptance of the offer of the offer of the offer of the strengthening our arms in South Africa; "Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of

The Weather Moderat

Steamer Danube Home After a Plesant Trip to Skagway.

Henry Macaulay and Party From Dawson-Openin the Railway.

The steamer Danube arrived fro

way yesterday afternoon, having layed at Lynn Canal by a heavy trip for this season of the year, th er on the run south being very that in Lynn Canal being nothing encountered by the Tees, for altho by frost, in fact the weather had moderated. The Danube had 26 gers, almost all recent arrivals fro son, among their number being H. selay, who brought down \$30,000 Macaulay left Dawson on Januar like his companions was delayed neft by the big storm. During the there was an unprecedented fall cand for a time travel was blocked Bennett and Cariboo Crossing, the ing considered unsafe, and the was also blockaded, but trains are running again now, as the rotary had cleared the track as far as th mit and was at work beyond tha while 200 men were also engaged ling. On the lake, Mr. Heney is teams through the ice giving away. The line to Dawson was down, following weather reports from pol tween Skagway and Bennett show the weather had moderated on Janu Skagway—Cloudy, south wind, mi

White Pass-Cloudy, high southw Log Cabin—Cloud drifting, 24 above. Streng northwest wind. rifting, 22 above

Ne Yukon Basin weather; whee d The Danube brought no Dawson but one bag from Glenora, which brought down the river by T. T. Po Canadian Officers Change Their Qu

From Log Cabin to the Sumi Mr. D. Stevens, Camadian collect customs, has moved his hediquarter Log Cabin to the Summitteef White In explanation of the move Mr. E. by, supervising officer at Sisngway, s "We have moved the customs hous Log Cabin to the Summittelimply bed as a natural place for such a house, a veniences can mow be had there the were unobtainable at the point. "The first Canadian customs ho White Pass was at the Summit, but

White Pass was at the Summit, but of the absence of wood there for was moved to Middle Lake, to the and later to Log Cabin, where the wood to be land without hauling it 'Now that the railroad gives th Now that the railroad gives the tage of service to the very summand the taken there on rail, we had just the taken there on rail, we had just the at that point. It is customary custom houses right at the bound "Furthermore, in this instance, the "Furthermore, in this instance, the 'States customs officer is stationed Summit, and in case of any me standing as to routine affairs the can be settled right on the spot representatives of the respective ments without parley or delay the be occasioned by having them far "All who start from Skagway trail should get a manifest of the at the Canadian customs office for tation to the officer at the Summi

rat the Canadian customs office for tation to the officer at the Summi goods will then be examined and at the Summit. If it is desired through the British territory in the valley to American serritory beyo instance, Forty-Mile, Eagle, Ci Nome, the man with American go have to put up a bond at the eamounting to a cash ideposit equal duty that would be collectable goods were they destined for Brititbery. Upon his arrival in American the amount deposited as a better the control of the collectable and the collectable goods were they destined for Brititbery. tery the amount deposited as a bibe refunded upon application thro impoper officers there.

"In regard to shipments over the mail, all work in connection with thoms is done at Skagway and at

thus obviating delay of trains "As there are no bended winte between Bennett and Dawson, is expect to ship freight from through to American territory w through to American ceritor, ing their own evidences of sure are even no through freighting Dawson as yet. Next winter I see as great strides in interior tion facilities as there have been Mothing but a few small

scarcely worth noting have thus made thirough in bond this winter ican accustory." **All Points To** Double Mu

Arrivals from the North do much reliance on the theory Clayson, and Lynn Relfe, peared so mysteriously while way out from Dawson, have some new disgings. They, police, believe that the men w nurdered, and that the men rest at Lake Tokish and Wh could explain the disappearan would. Mr. B. Cockerill, a la

from the interior, said: "We left Dawson a week a son and Relfe, and have bee eleven days at Bennett by eleven days at Bennett by the Having heard on our way out men had disappeared at had nowing. We underst good authority that the draft O'Brien, the man arrested a was drawn in favor of Belfe police stated they were satistheir arrests of the men held and at White Horse.

"The general impression is missing men have been done a and I firmly believe they have, strikes have been made anywi