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of my time during the past six years to the mining industry, and having visit-ed a large portion of this province in-vesting my money in a good many dis-tricts, I feel justified in expressing my views regarding the present mining laws, which. I believe, for the bast interactic

Tim Rayle and partners, working Boulder creek, and sluicing direct from the drift, washed 72 ounces last week, with six men working. Their winter poke will exceed \$30,000. On the same prock uill exceed \$30,000. which, I believe, for the best interests of the country, should be changed at the next session of the Legislature. I believe that deputations will wait on the Mining committee with the should be the creek La Societie Miniere continues to meet with the phenomenal success which characterized its late summer hydraulic

the next session of the Legislature. I believe that deputations will wait on the Mining committee with the object in view of having the Placer Mining Act amended, whereby ground now held un-der hydraulic lease may be Crown granted the same as mineral claims. "As the law now stands, companies only hold the ground under a 20 year lease, and, after expending possibly a million or more dollars, and having only worked out a portion of the ground, they may find themselves at the expira-tion of the lease subservient to the mercy of an erratic Government. "Now, if anything will tend to keep capital from investing in hydraulic min-ing in this country i. is the absence of proper title to the ground, so for this reason alone the law should be changed. Of course it may be argued that it is not advisable to permit immense fields of alluvial ground to be tied by Crown grants for indefinite periods, but this can be safeguarded by proper restric-tions.

The proper value of the law should be changed. of course it may be argued that it is not advisable to permit immense fields of alluvial ground to be tied by Grown grants for indefinite periods, but this can be safeguarded by proper restric-tions. "Another change which I claim should be made is that individual placer claims lying within the boundary of a lease, when once abandoned should revert to the lease, and not be open for reloca-tion as at present. This change will work a hardship on no one. I know full well that this will meet with certain op-position, particularly from the class of so-called miners who are nothing more or less than "jumpers," looking to see

or less than "jumpers," looking to see who they can get money from for noth-ing. If I stake a lease today and if the Gold Commissioner recommends it, the Government grants the same, re-serving to individual miners who may own claims within the limits of the

boundary of this lease the right to work or dispose of such claims as they see fit. "Now I do not propose to ask the Gov-

ernment to take away the rights of any one, but I do think when the owner of such a claim finds that he cannot work his ground so as to make it pay

work his ground so as to make it pay and accordingly abandons it, that it should revert to my lease and not he open for relocation, possibly years after. I consider that the pioneers of a new mining district should receive every pos-sible protection. For this reason leases should not be granted until the Gov-ernment is satisfied that the ground could not be worked profitably by indi-

Before adjourning, the meeting requested the representatives of the press to extend a cordial invitation to all in-

door branch, box factory branch, and MINER KILLED terested in mining to attend the meet-ing, which will assemble in the Board of contractors' branch. The annual meeting of the Conserva-Trade room this afternoon at 2 o'clock. tive Club took place last night. The re-ports of the officers of the club were THE DELEGATES.

THE DELLEGATES. The following were present: W. M. Loveridge, representing the Pine Creek Power Co., Atlin. E. M. Baynon, Lower Spruce Creek, Attin. A. L. Belyea, Pine Creek Power Co., and Victoria Lease, Atlin. W. W. E. Cameron, British American Dredging Co., Atlin. Moses Jackson Crushed to president, H. F. Ross; secretary-treas-urer, A. B. Potteger; ward committees were also elected. A company represented by Capt. Gar.

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WINNIPEG'S PROGRESS.
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the bill. Washington, Jan. 14.-The Senate CREAMERY FOR took up the coal duty bill and passed it as soon as it was received from the House. A committee amendment was adopted by the Senate, adding a section to prevent the imposition of a duty on anthracite coal after the expiration of the time provided for in the bill, granting a rebate on all coal.

be passed by Congress, applies to all brings five cents more than dairy butter, parts of the country. "The effect of the bill is to remove the duty of 67 per cent. on coal, thus per-mitting Nanaimo coal to come into free competition with Washington coal and with California oil. The Pacific Coast delegations do not like this at all, but they say a coal stampede is on, and that it would be as much as a man's political life is worth to oppose the popu-lar demand for the removal of the duty on coal during the present stringency in the East. No opposition will therefore be made by the Pacific Coast representa-tives to the bill. At least they will not go to the extent of voting against it."

THE AGE OF BRAIN WORK.

THE AGE OF BRAIN WORK. "In these days, half our disease come from the neglect of the body in the over work of the brain. In this railway age the wear and tear of labor and intellect go on without pause or self-pity. We live longer than our forefathers, but we suffer more the finer strength of the nerves." Dr Chase's Nerve Food is the greatest medicine of this age because it is best saited to the needs of the present day. It restores and revitalises waste nerve cells and makes the pale, weak and exhausted strong and "Bear father, we are all well and happy. The baby has grown ere so much, and happy thag revised the inore sense than he used fo hare thony has grown ere so much. (I speak to the daughter. Mollie."

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st it." The local miners are the project. have a co-operative store. The project. which has been under consideration for some time, took definite shape Saturday. when the Nanaimo Co-operative society, ilmited, was formed, with shares at \$25 each, and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for stock. Iv is metable that, a buginess already estab-

BY ROCK FALL