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A FEDERAL MINISTER OF MINES.

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BUY A HOME.

The Miner would draw special atat one's own figure. It would pay any an extraordinary contrast between the a home now, if he has not one already. The future of Rossland is assured peyoud all question. This city is destinod to double its population in the near fature. There are many men who have been working here steadily for several years who have spent enough money in rent to pay for a well situated lot and a comfortable house. Those who buy now will not only cease paying rent, but make an investment which will double in value in the next 24 months.

McBRIDE CORNERED.

According to The Miner's Ottawa dispatches this morning the Dominion government has no intention of disallowing Bill 16, which was passed by the legislature last year in order to elear up all doubts as to the title of the province to blocks 4593 and 4594 in theast Kootenay. No one expected that the Dominion government would disallow this legislation, but Premier mal statutory period of one year, in the hope that before the year elapsed ed, as brave above other men. British P. R. If McBride had been willing to grant the rights of the applicants for Laurier by telegraph if the Dominion vernment intended to disallow Bill 16. It is not to be expected that Sir viscial government's horrible tengle without solicitation; but now that he head prospectors a cruel injustice by unnecessary and vicious delays, he has intimated that the common people shall be fully protected in this in-

trolled by the railway company, he dare not recede from the position he

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A. H. MacNeill, the last president,
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Japan asserts that her own proposto the contrary. Japan withdrew her legation and diplomatic relations eased between the two nations. The term "independent action," employed meant, according to Japanese inter-

see why it would not have been as con-Mady, per year, by carrier...... \$ 3 % venient for Japan to have made her waited till February 10, two days after the attack was made.

THE JAPANESE SPIRIT.

In war the moral outweighs the material as three to one; so said Napoleon, who was not in danger of laying too much stress on the spiritual side tention to an article in another col- of life. The important thing is not tumn of this issue which shows the ex- the weapons with which men fight, or traordinary opportunities that exist in their numbers, but the spirit which Rossland today to acquire real estate moves them. The present war presents permanent resident of the camp to buy two nationalities which face each other. The Russian character we know fairly well. It displays stubborn and enduring bravery, remarkable and exemplary patience, a stolid self-possession, a rather dog-like fidelof fire and resourcefulness. A certain day of the assault he dragged himself ity and lovalty. Its weak point is lack enterprise, of an intellectual rather than an emotional nature, sometimes shows itself, but in general the Russians have been sluggish in war, and not able to adapt themselves quickly teristics the Japanese offer a profoundly interesting comparison. Their ready has been shown to the world. They have other military peculiarities which have not yet asserted themselves, but which may be illustrated from the war of 1894-95. Dauntless courage and self-devotion

are the virtues of good soldiers of all races and all periods. The Japanese least of all would desire to represent the exceptionally fortunate torpedo officers, who not only got into Port Arthur, but actually got out unscathtorpedo officers, and doubtless those ple out of their rights to this land and the same time restore it to the C. P. R. If McBride had been willing to grant the rights of the applicants for pects to return. The best they hope for is to get in, destroy a ship or two, immobility of the Russian. Feudal de-Flathead country, he need not have their boat is destroyed. To drown beside a wrecked battleship of the enemy would be a high success. To adopt in cold blood a branch of the professi anese officers share in this common self-devotion. They share fully, as is proved by their dogged work at Wei-Hal-Wei in February, 1895. Some men were scaled to death, some were frozen to death, in unsuccessful at-for copper the world over and a corwhich holds out such grim prizes is in frozen to death, in unsuccessful at- for copper the world over and a cor- the cares and duties of that part of The timbered valleys only require tacks; yet they tried again. Admiral Ito gave the order with a heavy heart.

The followers of Mars are liberal The followers of Mars are liber

"which they were detached."

has taken with regard to the full statutory period of one year; on the other hand, he will lose much support if he waits until May to issue licenses that might just as well be issued now.

The really significant characteristic of the Japanese, however, is not this high courage. It is rather the sympathetic backing which it receives from pathetic backing which it receives from the entire people. Beside the soldier that might just as well be issued now.

By his recently expressed attitude on this important question Sir Wilfrid Laurier has undoubtedly gained many which follows him with passionate interest. The narrative to which reference has been made is filled with nortices that he gains this advantage at the expense of McBride's government.

JAPAN'S REPLY.

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Russia would not meet the proposals of Japan in a reasonable spirit; that she only sought for dell'; that she improved the opportunity afforded to materially add to her military strength.

At the first fight in Korea organizations have recommended it, and the Provincial Mining Association, at its annual convention the other day, the Rossland board of trade will grow the R in the east; that she persistently viogiven to the family of this lad, who scheme is that the levying of a tax on passed a strong resolution to that efto undoubted popularity and commenlated all previous agreements and became one of the popular heroes of wheat coming into the country will fect.

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note presents Japan's case in a fashion.

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Pekin-the goal of Japanese ambition, The point of honor is pushed to what seems to us an excessive point. In the early Korean campaign an advanced guard got into difficulties through women, with many ardent defenders, transport troubles, the Korean coolies claims the attention of those good cide. In the Port Arthur fighting the of evils peculiar to the sex that been suffering from dysentery. On the unlooked for quarter. and was forced to lie down while his and severally responsible for the raphimself for this. A week after the ettes by women. battle he escaped from the hospital, Bridge whist and the coupon system went to the spot where he had successful successf cumbed and killed himself with his ing of cigarettes operates as a jaw sword. He gave his reason in a letter sedative, as claimed, fathers, broth-'disease compelled me to halt and suf- port of the "coffin nails," and will

view which breeds good soldiers. modern life!

It is this romantic blending of selfThe tendency acter. Such men are hard to beat. It ment, if none other, can be advanced thrown against the stubborn and stolid votion and smokeless powder-such are

WAR AND COPPER.

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overloyed at the dangerous duty on used invariably in fittings, sckles, federation knew no mineral industry; eanteens, cups, etc., extending 1's con-The really significant characteristic sumption over several departments of to be of just as much importance as

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ance of diplomatic relations. The note presents Japan's case in a fashion that will delight attorneys who practice in some British Columbia courts. It is a clever argument but it evades the point. It distinctly does not state why it would not have been as convenient for Japan to have made her delaration of war February 7, before attacking the Russian fleet, as to have waited till February 10, two days afwhelmed. Tablets were erected to the memory of the seven men who had been slain, and the soldiers presented arms. And the historians dwell 'ovbeen slain, and the soldiers bresented where. England could surely stand when it unhesitatingly declares for the arms. And the historians dwell 'ovingly on the "fine death"—as Mistress
Quickly styled it—of Major Hansoka,
who fell gloriously at Port Arthur,
kets that the Joseph Chamberlain polLaurier wishes to gain political kudos whose dying words were exemplary, and whose brother officers mourned now deny fair trade to Britain. fully into this question and act with

discretion and promptness.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES. With the development of its mineral having boited. The commander was women whose time and energies have and timber resources British Columbia, so chagrined that he committed suially profitable market for its agricul- culties incident to warfare, times of supposed to attend to and hid himself captain of one of the companies detailed to capture a certain fort had verse being assailed from an entirely tural, fruit and stock districts. There is a deep-rooted and erroneous impression among those not fully informto the field. He broke down, however, and the belief that tobacco is a good ed about the agricultural possibilities within a hundred yards of the fort, thing for frazzled nerves, are jointly of this province that British Columbia and was forced to lie down while his and severally responsible for the rap-contains little or no land suitable for men rushed on. He could not forgive idly increasing consumption of cigar-husbandry. As a matter of fact the numerous valleys that intersect our "sea of mountains" are of surpassing fertility and capable of producing lavish and certain crops of every vegetable product of the temperate which he wrote: "It was here that ers and husbands will rally to the sup- zone. From the Pacific coast to the eastern boundaries of the province "fer my men to attack the fort with- be upheld by the opinion of the Eng- there is an alternation of wet and dry "out me. Never can I wipe out the lish medical profession, which approves belts. For instance, there is a heavy now being conducted along lines that action on the part of the government, "disgrace while I live. To vindicate of the use of tobacco, on the ground precipitation of moisture in the Coast "my honor I die here, and leave this that it is not only harmless but that districts, West Kootenay and the "letter to speak for me." Better a rash it serves to counteract some of the Rockies, but in Southern Yale, Southdeath than an ignoble life; a point of tendencies of the high pressure of ern Cariboo and East Kootenay, through which run thermal lines from The tendency of women to verbosity twenty-five to 100 miles wide, are sacrifice, honor and patriotism, with has ever been an asset of the joke-fiery and reckless courage, which con-smiths, and if the smoking habit op-climate of marked salubrity. In the stitutes the special peculiarity and erates—as it necessarily must—as a wet belts the agricultural areas are charm of the Japanese military char- check to garrulity, at least one argu- found originally with heavy growths of

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lina, to whom may be directly traced It seems that as soon as the scores amples of the solution of intricacles, ital the other day, McBride sneaked application in the presence of diffi. multifarious public duties that he is sition, which have led in successive from many points of view, the appreable from experience and observation its Sunday issue, and in addition rein and of metallurgical operations are yielding good results, ends are possible that will be as gratifying as astonishing if only proper encourage-ment be accorded that army of men whose indomitable perseverance is directed for the betterment of condi- which was addressed to the editor of tions attaching to the reduction metals from their ores.

There are only limited areas of virgin land in British Columbia ready for the plow. In the wet belts it is necessary to first remove the heavy of timber and underbrush, but it?" demanded the Britage in the Boston who, in 1775, appealed to General Boston who in 1775, appealed to General works are essential. But once these ish general. "Nobody sent us here," obstacles are removed, the land is replied the boys, "We have never inish general "Nobody sent us here," replied the boys, "We have here in the property of the propert

stance against McBride and the rall-way company.

The followers of Mars are interal consumers of copper, and have been this move on the part of the Liberal government at Ottawa. In the first place it shows that Sir Wilfird Laurier, while not disposed to maddle artist; was better to remove all unwarrantably with provincial affairs, and death was almost company. Thousands of tons much imbued with the spirit of honesty and justice to stand idly by and see not only hundreds of people kept out of their rights, but the gevelopment of this portion of the Dominior wantonly retarded. In the next place it places Premier McBride in an extremely awkward predicament. Controlled by the ralliway company.

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The Miner is ever desirous of lirecting the attention of capital to the opportunities that exist for profitable investment in this province, but never, in our opinion, have we referred to anything that offers greater inducements and more certain profit than the irrigation possibilities of South Yale. And therein also lies the property of British Columbia. With our valleys thickly settled with industrious and thrifty husbandmen, the province would gain immeasurable benefits. Our taxable wealth would be enormously increased, trade would exempt the statement of the interval of the province, and the offers greater inducement of the interval of the province of the interval of the interval of the province of the interval of the interval of the province of the province of the interval of the province of the province of the province of the province of the interval of the prov nits. Our taxable wealth would be enormously increased, trade would expand to unprecedented and unexpected it." This ultra-radical element, how-friendliness of the McBride govern-

It is becoming more and more apparent that Premier McBride and his educated and those who have lacked instance of McBride's attitude, and the scientific training, yet to whose natural studied refusal of all members of the talent, ingenuity and great energy, cabinet to go near the association at nevertheless, is due in a wide measure its recent convention at Victoria is the present development of the several sufficient proof of how the present adstandard methods employed in the ministration seizes upon the first op-

the successful handling of Mexican of delegates of the Provincial Mining ores on a commercial basis, to the present time we have splendid ex- second annual convention at the caprepresenting profound thought and out of town. He deliberately left the which has partaken of the character the following Sunday, the Colonist was of a science, furnishing a safe, guid-ing hand for future practice that it had a leading editorial, which should be seen, meriting at all times, expressed open admiration for the association and its actions. The next ciation of this generation of those en- day. Monday, McBride hied him back gaged in supplying the world's needs from Seattle and evidently lost no time in all the metals. With the recorded in reading the riot act to his organ, knowledge of later years and the evi- with the result that the Colonist took dence of results of centuries preceding, together with the wisdem obtaincommended a policy of continued in-

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Direct and to the point are Japan's counter-charges against Russia in the turrence of the mikado's government.

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comehow. The populace of St. Peterssurate strength. Neither of these two burg is very excitable these days, and

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was to the effect that "a perfect found originally with heavy growths of timber and underbrush, but in the dry belts the lands are covered only with widely scattered pine trees and a luxuriant bunch grass.

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are laboring for an improvement of the conditions and for relief from the burconditions and for relief from the Dur-dens that are strangling the mining industry are likely to be hood-winked into inaction by a statement that a perfect un-destanding has been reached with the government, if the latter intend to continue their apathy indefinitely?

ministration which not only refuses to thereby provoking the brothers and correction of grievous abuses, but lovers of the eight hundred other girls which will do nothing to assist in the

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THE COVETED OIL LANDS

No Fear of the Disallowance of Bill No. 16
at Ottawa.

Figures of Canada's Mineral Products in the Past Year.

OTTAWA, March 3—It is understood that the Dominion government has decided not to interfere with the bill passed by the legislature of British Columbia two sessions ago, dealing with certain blocks of land in Cancellatio ing with certain blocks of land in

ing with certain blocks of land in Southeast Kootenay which were to be given to the C. P. R. as a subsidy belonging to the Columbia & Western and were afterwards refused by the government. The bill which the legislature passed endorsed the action of the government in withholding the land from the C. P. R. Of course the subject is not one in which the Dominion is concerned.

TORONTO, March & —Members of the Canadian Mining Institute, in session here, have been presented with an advance copy of the summary of the mineral output for Canada last year, prepared by E. Dingwall, of the geological survey. The total metallic production is placed at \$35,707,403; structural material and clay products, \$21,202,062; estimated value of products not returned, \$300,000; grand total for 1903. \$82,225,510. 380 cempaged. ducts, \$21,202,052; estimated value of products not returned, \$300,000; grand total for 1903, \$63,226,510, as compared with \$63,885,999 in 1902. A paper on Rossland ore by E. B. Kirby, manager of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, shows that the production of the district way. of the district up to January, 1904, was 1,620,540 tons, worth \$26,000,000.

TORONTO, March 3.-Hon, L. P. Brodeur addressed the Empire Club at its noonday luncheon on the loyalty of French Canadians to the empire. too highly the advantages they enjuy under the safeguard of the British for any one that the accidents of the future might create. The French Ca.1-adian knows too well that independence would be for the present a mere Utopia, in which would be lost the safeguards existing as they have been established for his interests, his laws and his language; he knows a nations alliance with any country would meathe forfeiture of the same privileges.

MONTREAL, March 8 .- Nomina tions took place today in Berthier, Maskinonge, Portneuf and Shefford to fill vacancies in the Quebec legislatests in all save Shefford, where three Liberals are running.

MONTREAL, March 8 .- It is stated Mitchell, of Desmondvile, is to be called to the senate in the place of the late Senator Cochrane.

NEWS OF THE COAST

Lee Mong Kow, the customs inter reter, who, with 29 of his country-men, was refused admittance to the Victoria theatre on Saturday after-noon, has placed the matter in the hands of his solicitor, W. Moresby, and says that action against the theatre management would ensue.

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Private advices received from Willam Clarke, the well known mining valences. liam Clarke, the well known mining velopment man of White Horse, contain informatiaked oil uon or a new strike recently made at county oil fie the Bullion gold fields. They state ternational b that big pay has been struck on No. has been acc 22 below, on Bullion. A Seattle party lake section of the scene buying Bullion claims are the balow. tion of a new strike recently made at | county oil discovery anywhere to 60 below. The latest news from No. 12 below, by Bullion, the writer says, is that \$8 per pan has been obtained.

After a recent gambling raid in Vancouver, a Chinaman named Lee went to the police station and stated in the heartner of saveral officers that on Bullion, the writer says, per pan has been obtained.

Vancouver, a Chinaman named Lee went to the police station and stated in the hearing of several officers that the raid would have been much more successful if Sergeant Fulton had not telephoned beforehand and "tipped off" the fact that the police were coming. The Chinaman repeated the statement and signed his name to it. Sergeant Fulton immediately had him statement suited to the statement and signed his name to it. for libel and says he intends to press the case to the limit. He de-clares absolutely that the charge is false, and that so far as he is aware no warning was given to the house before the raid came off.

The prospects of the new anthracite mine at Comox have drawn public attention away from other colliery districts in Vancouver Island. In Nanthracite in Vancouver of the new pittention away from other colliery dis-tricts in Vancouver Island. In Nanhead at Departure Bay, where the boundary lin natural sequipartive, and in a very short time now the property should be shipping coal. Remarkable success has received at the interests aimo the machinery of the new pit-head at Departure Bay, where the property should be shipping comarkable success has recently ed exploitation at Extension. and No. 3 mine levels have been pushed into a field hitherto untouched, with the result that a day or two ago the men found themselves in coal ranging from ten or twelve to fifteen feet in thickness. Both at Comox and Extension, therefore, Mr. Dunsmuir is operating his properties with grati-

The board of horticulture is sending ircular letter touching upon the s in the statutes by which licensell nursery stock will have to ATIO taken out. The circular r and necessary to have all doubts as to the time when the Horticultural Board Amendment Act of 1904 be re-nforced, and that said parties be re- the idea

granting of

licenses in East Kooter