

TO BE SETTLED BY THE COURTS

Action Taken by Parliament on Question of Legislation Affecting Marriages — Mr. Lancaster's Bill

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—The house of commons after an all day debate sent Mr. Lancaster's marriage bill and the whole question of validity of such legislation to the courts for settlement.

The opposition opposed the resolution, which in technical form was a motion to adjourn the debate, but were beaten by 88 to 81.

Mr. Lancaster's starting point was of great importance. The state of affairs which exists, he contended, is evil and requires a remedy at the hands of the government.

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Mr. Lancaster replied that the minister would speak for himself. He had had no conference with Hon. Mr. Doherty. He did not know what Mr. Doherty was going to say.

Mr. Lancaster contended that parliament had a paramount right to say to the Quebec civil law is not clear on the subject. The doctrine laid down by some meant that there was one law for Roman Catholics and another for others.

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ROLLING MILLS CLOSE

Plants of Steel Company at Montreal Left Idle Through Workmen Refusing to Accept Reduced Wages

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—The proposal of the Steel Company of Canada to reduce the wages for certain employees in the Montreal rolling mills led to the mills on Notre Dame street and St. Patrick street being closed today.

No Sunday Tobogganing TORONTO, Jan. 22.—The city council tonight passed a bylaw prohibiting tobogganing in the city parks on the Sabbath day.

President Breaks Record SEATTLE, Jan. 22.—The steamship president, which arrived from San Francisco just before noon, broke the record for steamships between that city and Seattle by covering the distance in 48 hours 28 minutes from pier to pier.

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REPORT IS SWEEPING ONE

Taxation Commission Recommends Abolition of Poll and Personal-Property Taxes and Tax on Improvements

Recommending sweeping changes in the present system of provincial taxation the report of the royal commission on taxation, which last autumn was brought down in the legislature yesterday, it proposes to abolish the poll tax, to abolish the tax on improvements, to increase the exemption on incomes to \$1,500 with \$200 additional for each child under sixteen years, and an additional \$150 where the income is derived wholly from agriculture.

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PREMIER ON PROGRESS MADE

Prime Minister Addresses The Third Annual Session of B. C. Fall Fairs Association — Progress of Agriculture

The third annual convention of the B. C. Agricultural Fairs association was held yesterday in the parliament buildings when there was a gratifying attendance of delegates and other present. There was a large amount of useful work done through relative to the work of the association in the province, how it has progressed and how it might still be bettered in the future, but perhaps the feature of the session were the speeches of Premier McBride and the Hon. Price Ellison, both of which were delivered in a vein of characteristic optimism and encouragement.

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The other invitation from visit some frie... Blaine on the Gosnell in the often spoken... character of g... line of old-tim... dexed in my m... not classified... set down as so... did not realize... ploited and th... have been muc... all of which em... until the day... have done yes... Blanket Bill... character on... events, he is p... saw Victoria in... immediately aft... a mile off Fern... ning, whose hu... ner in the Nic... pator in the ca... who, with Har... minister years... and a man nam... walks with the... is 94 years old... like a girl's, a... a young man... glasses. If yo... leathery, wrink... truding above... his advanced a... evidences of hi... almost gone, a... Blanket Bill w... and amir... when he is ob... name or a date... saw him he was... to realize that... got a rather in... sodes of old tim... members of th... lived for a long... memory turned... years ago he h... and since then... failed, and see... him. Before th... e used to retou... many of his sto... all some of the... genuineness is... fact that he w... and only to be... he being a favo... of being interv... Curiously en... Blaine there wa... Herald, a sort o... of his stories, a... graph. One of... ham has treat... "Uncle," as he... a view to futur... story in questi... Point Roberts o... was nothing hi... extremely inter... ing it. In brief... camped there t... Day they had... Yuletide. It h... game for the o... the way of aqu... to be had, so the... cluding paragra... ducing, for it ha... flavor of the pa... "We went at... a wagonbox fu... boys built up... gested that we... we could cook... "We went at... roasted clams... heel of an old... clams cooked si... steam. "Eat'... Sure we ate... bunch, and we... on, so long as t... "But some w... about clams as... the fact that I... that Christmas... The hero of... but his real nam... no, I am not... 1846 he was tak... drians, when a... teus, and being... las for a roll of... the coast as "Bl... account of his c... was "Precipice,"... thory that it... this coast in the... Company, or rat... ships, and as a... some time. Just... Victoria it is no... from names he... heard of at the... sometime during... wards. His sto... disjointed, and... He was one o... Cape Beale in a