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TIMBER LICENSES

Mr. McBride made an important announcement in the Legislature yesterday. He informed the House that at the next session a measure will be introduced to make the tenure of licenses perpetual, provided the regulations to be prescribed are observed.

the Quebec contingent, the Liberals would have a potent continuation. The Opposition has been greatly strengthened in personnel by the late elections. The News says: "Mr. Bourgeois, of British Columbia, has a singular personal attraction and something like a genius for public affairs."

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTS

Table with 2 columns: Year and Value. Data points for years 1886 to 1908, showing values ranging from \$10,221,255 to \$69,525,170.

The increase in the twenty-three years seems phenomenal. Its steady growth is very interesting feature. Between 1886 and 1893 there was a gradual growth which nearly doubled the output, and the gain kept on the same ratio until 1897, when the Klondyke gold began to appear in the returns. This led to a jump of ten millions, and in the next year there was even a greater gain.

THE SENATE

Senator George Ross was quite correct when he said that there is no general demand in the country for the abolition of the Senate. Public feeling has not reached that stage, nor do we see any reason for believing it will be likely to do so.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

There is a growing sentiment among the people of Vancouver Island that advantage must be taken of the present trend of public opinion in the construction that will be advantageous directly to their interests.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Toronto News states that persons, who have had a long connection with the Departments and the Press Gallery at Ottawa, say that the present House of Commons is the best since Confederation.

other guaranteed line from Vegreville on its main line to Calgary, and from the point on the latter river to Deser on the Calgary & Edmonton railway and for some distance west. It also gets a Winnipeg, which reaches several rivers flowing from the east, that is out of western Ontario. The Red river flows from the west with tributaries flowing from Minnesota and the Dakotas, the Assiniboine, which drains a large source in the Rocky Mountains. Such a wonderful waterway is it, that there seems to be no insurmountable difficulty in so improving it that Winnipeg may be made west for outgoing vessels during the season of open navigation. Truly we are only beginning to find out what kind of a country we have.

AID FOR THE G. T. PACIFIC

For some time there has been reason to expect that the Grand Trunk Pacific would approach the Dominion government with a request for temporary assistance. Previous to the opening of the session at Ottawa, we quoted an article from the Edmonton Bulletin, a paper owned by the Minister of the Interior, in which there was a strong argument in protest against anything which would retard the construction of the new transcontinental line within the limit in the author's mind of its construction.

PUBLICITY NEEDED

A number of gentlemen met the members of the City Council yesterday to talk over certain matters relating to the water supply. Reporters were not admitted. Now we know of the reasons why the Mayor and Aldermen, as private individuals, may not meet any number of other gentlemen, as private citizens, and discuss any conceivable question which may be of interest to them; but we think the time has come when we say that all discussion of the water question between the members of the Aldermen and any one else should be public. It is a matter of public concern, and it is a matter of public interest. It is a matter of public interest, and it is a matter of public concern.

THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE

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RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

We have before us a map of Alberta showing the projected railways which the legislature of that province has guaranteed. It is a highly instructive map. It shows that the government plan contemplates the development of two great railway centres, Edmonton and Calgary. We note lines extending northward from the first named city like the arms of a Y. One of these is the Alberta and Great Waterways, to which reference has already been made, having its terminus at Fort McMurray of the Athabasca. The other is to Peace river landing on the river of that name, is about 100 miles from the boundary of British Columbia. The guarantee covers only 50 miles, the 50 miles that will have to be built to reach the Peace river valley, but there is no doubt that the line will be extended to cover the whole distance.

"EGGS IS EGGS"

Housewives are often heard regretting that they have to pay a high price at some seasons for new laid eggs. Thirty ones take advantage of the time when eggs are plentiful to put them up with the famous

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Cyrus H. Bowes

Chemist Government St., Near Yates

That readers unfamiliar with the geography of Canada may understand how the Nelson river is so centrally situated to drain such a vast area we may point out that it is the outlet of Lake Winnipeg, which receives several rivers flowing from the east, that is out of western Ontario. The Red river flows from the west with tributaries flowing from Minnesota and the Dakotas, the Assiniboine, which drains a large source in the Rocky Mountains. Such a wonderful waterway is it, that there seems to be no insurmountable difficulty in so improving it that Winnipeg may be made west for outgoing vessels during the season of open navigation. Truly we are only beginning to find out what kind of a country we have.

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THE REGULATION OF COAL MINES Socialist Motion for Bi-Weekly Payday Voted Down By House. (From Tuesday's Daily) After a lengthy debate and a division, the premier's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, given third reading and passed yesterday afternoon in the Legislature. The bill had to do with the boat of examiners maintained at the offices of the provincial government. At the third reading stage, Mr. Hawththwaite (Nanaimo) brought in amendments, one providing for a weekly pay-day at collieries, the other providing that an inquest should be held on the bodies of men killed as the result of an accident. The premier declared that amendments were not general to matter of the bill, and were therefore out of order. The speaker, however, ruled in favor of the member's amendments, and the amendments were voted down by the house. Four bills were passed at the afternoon sitting. These were a bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act (the premier); a bill to amend Municipal Clauses Act (attorney-general); a bill to correct the official name of Albert townsite (chief commissioner of lands); and a bill to amend Bush Fire Act (chief commissioner of lands). The Water Clauses Bill and the Fire Service Bill were before committees of the whole house for some time, but little progress was made. New Bills Introduced. Mr. Williams (Newcastle) introduced a bill entitled "An act for the protection of workmen engaged in industrial operations." This was given first reading. The attorney-general introduced new bills, one to amend the Excessives Storage Act, and the other the relief of the Armstrong Power Light company limited. Both given first reading. On motion of Mr. Macdonald (Ranald) was no disposition on the response, documents and of thereof relating to the recently constructed Rossland-Trail road. The speaker announced his decision with regard to the amendments to the premier's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, introduced by Hawththwaite (Nanaimo) when the amendments were voted down. He said that those amendments were not general to matter of the bill, and were therefore out of order. The speaker announced his decision with regard to the amendments to the premier's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, introduced by Hawththwaite (Nanaimo) when the amendments were voted down. He said that those amendments were not general to matter of the bill, and were therefore out of order. The speaker announced his decision with regard to the amendments to the premier's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, introduced by Hawththwaite (Nanaimo) when the amendments were voted down. He said that those amendments were not general to matter of the bill, and were therefore out of order.