line to the Kootenay country. But the C. P. R. road, will the Attorney-General Provincial COAST-KOOTENAY AGAIN.

their intentions nor the honesty to avow verse an entirely new section of country After one of the most remarkable discussions on record, the Loan Bill has their purposes. A competing line for and open up for development territory passed the House and awaits merely the the coast cities means competition in which the existing "parallel" line cannot assent of the representative of the Crown shipping as well as in land lines. Only reach? But what right have the peoto become law. What effect its passage when the conditions prevail which have ple of that isolated district to ask for transportation facilities, not to mention will have on the projects it was intro- built up cities on both sides of the Atlanompetition, when the government, at duced for the purpose of advancing it is tie ocean can the ocean ports of British manifestly impossible to say. The half Columbia become prosperous in the real the dictation of its proprietors and the shapers of the destinies of the province, million will be borrowed beyond doubt sense of the word. One of the ministers declares that it is preserved for the exand the bridge across the Fraser will be says that a bridge over the Fraser will built for the purpose of carrying the enable the Great Northern to get into ploitation of "the most favored" com-

Great Northern Railway into New West- Vancouver and give all the outside conminster and Vancouver and giving these nection that is necessary, as a ferry to two cities the benefit of the competition Victoria is impracticable. Our sister city's which, according to the government and dreams of greatness will never be realits supporters on the opposition side, does ised under such circumstances. Instead not compete. It seems a sad waste of of being made the terminus of a transpublic money, looking at the matter from continental road doing business through the position of the friends of the C. P. the richest part of British Columbia, R. From the standpoint of the member with all that that means, she is to be for North Nanaimo, it was a mistake to placed at the end of a switch connectallow any other company than the one ing with Seattle. As the boys say, we whose cause he champions to come into are to "get it in the neck" all round. British Columbia at all. The more lines But don't overlook the important fact the more costly they are to operate and that the government controls the rates, the heavier the charges upon the people. nor the no less important fact that the What economic fallacies we have been C. P. R. appears to have both the government and the opposition in its grip. guilty of in the past! If there were only No matter what happens it holds the been made because of the unsatisfacore dry goods store in Victoria and one key to the situation. hardware shop, how much money we THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

could save in the course of a year! Let there by only one place of business of

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any kind. Close up all the law offices Mr. McKinley has arrived at the coast save one. We do not know that there after travelling across the continent in would be any necessity for even one, greater state than ever attended a tour With competition eliminated there would of royalty. His was virtually a triumbe nothing for men to dispute about, and phal procession from coast to coast, alof civil actions there would be none. though it may be taken for granted that observation have imbued him with pro-Some people would no doubt continue to there was an entire absence of servility gressive ideas, while his well-balanced "gang a kennin' wrang" until they be- and that the throngs bowed not down judgment restrains him from attempting came used to the new and ideal condi- to the president as their ruler, but as the impossible or the impracticable. He tions, but we could try our criminals the representative of their power, might is a fair and courteous opponent, and of without the aid of lawyers, who only and wealth as a nation. Seven large pas- incorruptible character. He is courage throw up clouds of verbal dust and create senger coaches were required for the ac- ous in his advocacy of his views. He confusion anyway. Think how much commodation of the presidential party. had already won a prominent place in better off the world would be if there As the shades of the fathers of the repub- provincial politics, having been a mem were no lawyers, who talk in public for lie followed the great train from coast to ber of the former administration, and the remuneration there is in the job. coast, through populous cities and rich continuing to be a leading member of Victorians have had their eyes opened to territories, beheld blazing furnaces and the House when his party went into opa considerable width in regard to these great factories and beautiful fields smil- position,

ing in promise of a bountiful harvest, things within the last few days. Nor would that be all. Legal phrase- with evidence of plenty on every hand the only reason for his desire to retire clogy would pass away, and for the little and nothing left out which the heart of it may sincerely be hoped that the reawhile we should need laws they might be man could desire-what a contrast it son will not long exist, and that even a:awn up in language which everybody must have suggested to the days of their before the present term of the House is could understand and not be found on m- early struggles; what hopes it must have expired he may feel himself sufficiently terpretation to mean exactly the opposite raised for the future of such a people of what was originally supposed. Then and of such a country. As neighbors CHIEF EVENTS OF THE SESSION. the legislature would follow lawyers and Canadians have found considerable to laws into oblivion, there would be condemn in the attitude and policy of The government whip in the Legisla 1 (ither round robins nor lobbyists nor Americans towards them; they have not ture, Mr. Price Ellison, was presented Points of order, nor any of the goings-on been as thoughtful and considerate of the by those around whom his gentle lash which vex the souls of the people. Mr. rights of others as is generally allowed played so successfully during the session, McInnes desires to see the dawn of an to be desirable when two parties are with a purse of gold. He deserved it. Elysian age in British Columbia before bound together in such a way that they We shall not look upon his like again. he takes his departure for the beatific reast necessarily journey through the His tickler found a tender spot in the shades on the other side of the mysterious centuries in more or less contiguity. No persons even of such irreconcilables as bourne. All this without prejudice to the dcubt there always will be more or less many estimable gentlemen who adorn the friction. The stronger party usually has

value to the public after all. Now that we may take it for granted estimable neighbors. Their hearts are in and his general demeanor portend that ou ...

that the discussion on this railway mat- the right place even if the men in whose the session which comes to a close this ter is at an end, temporarily, at any rate, breasts they beat are inclined occasion- evening has been a critical one for him we desire to make one final protest ally to play the part of bullies. They and that he has reward even now in a of section (3) of sub-section (3) of sub-section (3) of sub-section (3) of sub-section (3) of section 37 of the 'Legal Professions against the assumption of the members have a great future before them, and a knowledge of duty well done. There is Act' is hereby amended by striking out of the government and many of its sup- long lead over us. But our day is com- really nothing more worthy of note to the words 'has been in actual attendance porters that the attitude of those in ing. We are second to them in nothing which reference has not already been at the chambers of a practising barrister favor of competition, outside the House but climate, which in spots is favorable made in a session which has brought of British Columbia for that period,' in and in it, was in any way the result of , for the propagation of yellow fever and little benefit of the province in "any "metallic" arguments. We think the in- kindred diseases. They are becoming shape, manner or form," as the leader He then dependent opinion of the country will be cramped for room already and are flow-that a great many of the men who have ing over into Canada in large numbers. Let the majority go home and ponder 37 of the 'Legal Professions Act' is most loudly proclaimed that there is no George Washington's shade if it keeps over the error of their ways, cast off influer es, and when virtue in competition did not come to a close watch will behold the flower of its mesmeric or and 4th lines of said subsection (a)" their conclusions entirely independent of children taking up their abode in Can- they are once more clothed and in their This provides that a barrister need no a certain presence in the lobbies. We ada and making this country in many right minds they may do better. With serve as an articled clerk, and Mr. Mchave heard it asserted that the present respects greater than the United States, these parting words the Times dismisses Innes cited the case of Charles Wilson our legislators and their works from its as an example of an eminent counsel is the most subservient House that has It is only when they cross over that they mind. It knows that many of its readers. ever purported to represent the people of realise what true freedom means. The would prefer to dismiss them in a more British Columbia, and while that is quali- peaceful, the law-abiding and the entervigorous fashion if it were feasible. But was designed to help the poor man as fielly true it is gratifying to know that prising will join us, and the riff-raff will it is not; more's the pity. there is a saving remnant in the As- stay at home to enjoy what they choose THE WILLAMETTE WRECK. sembly which has not hesitated to cast to call liberty. The American continent, off the bonds of party for what it believes is destined to become the centre of the Seattle is much wrought up because of to be the welfare of the country. earth, and Canada is the rising star in the fact that the people of British Co-, America. orders. THE SITUATION. lumbia are disposed to insist that the Moran Bros., when they desire to do A "SCATHING" SPEECH The direct line to Kootenay will not business in waters under our jurisdicbe built. The merchants of the coast The Attorney-General is said to have tion, shall comply with the laws governand the miners of the interior are not to made a "scathing" attack upon Mr. ing such wrecking operations. It is adbe permitted to become too intimate Smith Curtis last night. If he had con- mitted that there is much to condemn in after the word "railway," so that the commercially lest they should wax fat | fined himself to the "scathing" business the alien labor laws and the wrecking in their business and become puffed up. at which he is in a measure an expert laws of this country. It is quite true They must be prevented from becoming he would probably not have given the im- that there is at all time a danger of too proud of the resources of their coun- pression that he is bound as hard and fast valuable property being lost because of try, as we know from experience that pride goeth before a fall. If trade were other eminent legal luminary on the Correct in the service of the C. P. R. as an other eminent legal luminary on the Correct in the statute books. But not well taxed it might declare abnormal other side of the House. Mr. Eberts The laws are copies of American laws dividends and have a depressing effect other side of the floate. The laws are copies of American the and had to be passed by Canada for the take a circuitous route by way of the V. & E: people were not acting in good protection of the interests of this coun-C. P. R., or be driven to the East to come in over the same road, or to the bonus on the strength of their agreesouth, where it will be in the hands of ment to construct thirty miles at each not the proprietors of the continent not foreigners than that we should be so end of the road during the present year, of the waters surrounding it. Their unpatriotic as to ask to be delivered leaving the other and the difficult porgrasping policy has brought trouble upon from the tender mercies of Can- tion to be built when the company their own heads, and we cheerfully adians of recent date such as Van pleases. Yet the agreement which the admit that it is pleasing to know that Horne or Shaughnessy. In the abstract Attorney-General read expressly stated when these men desire to justify them- that the subsidy should not be period until the period until the period until the subside should not be period until the period until the subside should not be period until th when these men desire to justify them-selves in discriminating against Canada all the line was built and security given difference of avigable water governthey declare that there is no sentiment for its continuous operation. Mr. Eberts ed by Canadian laws on the coast of in business, but when it suits their pur-was also grieved because the V., V. & British Columbia, and there are great pose, as in the present instance, they E. Company proposed to build a portion numbers, and will continue to be great hoist the old flag over their works and of their line paralleling the C. P. R. patriotically direct attention to the stars The latter company has given the public these waters. Accidents will happen numbers, of American vessels plying in on Jim Hill's hat and the stripes on his most convincing evidence of the fact that even to the most careful navigators. We with the assistance of the government hope the government will vigorously en-All the turmoil which has character- and the opposition it can most effectualforce the alien labor and all other laws ised the session which is drawing to a ly take care of itself. That is the reaclose might have been avoided if the gov-son the people have risen up against that had their origin in the United ernment had not by its actions and its both it and the government, and if we the effect of convincing our neighbors in words given unmistakable evidence that mistake not all concerned will yet the only way they can be convinced, word 'Island,' in line 11, the words 'and rumor was correct when it whispered receive the most convincing evidence of through their pockets, that reciprocity is for a railway between Nanaimo and Al that arrangements had been concluded the feeling of the electors, a good thing and that neither nations with the Canadian Pacific Railway Com- As to the line from Midway nor individuals can live to themselves pany for what purported to be a short to Cascade paralleling a portion of the alone.

MR. SMITH CURTIS. The Times takes pleasure in endorsing he following article from the Toronto Globe, and believes all independent ob-

servers of the proceedings of the Legislature will agree that the leader of the "third party" is worthy of the praise bestowed upon him by the leading newspaper of Canada:

"Mr. Smith Curtis, one of the most ominent members of the opposition n the British Columbia Legislature. has hinted at an intention of retiring from public life at the close of the current term. Mr. Curtis's friends will regret to hear that this statement has tory condition of his health.

"It would be unfortunate from th public standpoint if the member

from Rossland should find it necessary to retire. Those who have observed his public course will agree that he is the sort of man whom it is well to have in politics. He is a student of affairs in the wider sense, and his reading and

"If the precariousness of his health is

Representatives Martin, Brown and Mcwill come later. But what about the able profession, more especially the opponents a habit of coming out all right now that of champerty and those in the House we take an active part in the adjustment who believe that competition is of some of such differences. So we rejoice in the of such differences. So we rejoice in the present prosperity and greatness of our legislation of a certain class? His gait

Parliamen The Loan Bill Passes Its Third truth had been impressed on the con-sciousness of the members where it could Reading and Becomes not be ruled out of order Law.

Some Sharp Compliments Exchanged on the Floor of the House.

Victoria, May 10th. At 1 o'clock this morning the Loan Bill passed its final stages amid ap- ernment in doing this injustice would plause. The debate preceding it was very sharp, some lively tilts taking place again appealed to the country.

ross the floor of the chamber. Mr. McInnes made a lively attack, on Mr. Curtis. The latter extorted some interesting information from the government, were not prepared to undertake it now. and Messrs. Eberts and McBride at- He was surprised that Mr. McPhillips, tempted to defend the government who was such a stickler for points of or policy. The House did not rise till after this morning, and sits again at 10.30 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The House assembled at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, prayers being read by ev. W. Leslie Clay. Hon. Mr. Wells introducted "An Act

specting Wood Pulp and Paper." was read a first time. Mr. Rogers presented a petition in re-gard to remedial legislation in connecion with placer mining.

Third Readings. The report of the Shops Regulation Bill and of the Summary Convictions Amendment Bill were adopted, and both

oills read a third time and finally passed. Legal Professions.

fr. Hayward in the chair. Mr. Martin ntroduced an amendment providing hat the fees payable to the Law Society

should be reduced. He held that these when the numbers were small, and given to a competitive road. He said he workingmen of Winnipeg that he did not Mr. Curtis had posed as the experience the libraries were established. He had altered the resolution because the favor government ownership. Hence, in of the Labor and Liberal parties when the numbers were small, and aboved that the sum of \$30 be reduced Minister of Finance seemed to think it fighting the C. P. R. previous to that there was one principle for which is \$10, and \$20 to \$7.50. The latter was disloyal to specify the C. P. R. in time he must have been fighting for parties had contended it was to not was the sum exacted in Manitoba. The British Columbia Society had now \$12.- desloyal it was an indication of the pat-

Mr. McPhillips opposed the amendfor the Court of Appeal, it would be in-advisable to reduce the fees. Hon. Mr. Eberts held that as long as

the country had lawyers they must have law libraries, and to have libraries there must be money provided. The society's surplus, to which Mr. Martin had referhad already been apportioned to the different cities for libraries. Mr. Pooley, treasurer of the Law So-

ciety, said that body wanted as soon as possible to provide for lectures to young lawyers, such as were obtainable in th P. R. maintenance of libraries. He therefore opposed the amendment, which was lost. Mr. Martin then offered another new

Mr. McInnes then offered the following amendment, which was also ruled

He then moved the following: "Subhereby amended by striking out the the people. words 'and has served him.' in the 3rd

duct of A. W. Smith, who had ruled his markable theory that there was no such Mr. Curtis-Since the challenge thing as competition. Was he a hermit? been made I will say this: If amendment out of order yesterday. Hon. Mr. Eberts observed that the Had he lived in the hills all his life, re-ernment annex, the leader of for Alberni was out of order in mote from civilization? If the C. P. R. sition, will resign, I will do s was the only road by which Victoria run against him in Vancouver reflecting on another member.

Mr. Curtis was proceeding to refer

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Continuing, Mr. Curtis held

Mr. McNeill, in reply, said he withcould be reached, did he mean to say that sure I can beat him. rew his statement which had so acthe same rate could be secured from the uratly expressed the situation.( Laugh- East to Victoria, as to Vanceuver as at the Comox and Cape Scott railway they would find that its present. Then Mr. Curtis made a slashing at- when the Premier remarked

tack on Mr. McInnes, reading copiously I don't want this subsidy. from Hansard in which that gentleman Messrs, Helmcken and McPhillips suphad declared that the somersaulting of the country. public men was disheartening, and was subsidy I had parties co ported Mr. Neill's amendment. public men was disheartening, and was leading him to have little confidence in I said, "My name will stay, Hon. Mr. Turner asked if the motion government control of rates. Amid roars of laughter Mr. Curtis asked were these in the company, and if I can't g Mr. Hawthornthwaite hoped the government would not take shelter behind point of order. Here was a proposal North Nanaimo speaking of conditions o expend about a million dollars on at that time, or of the future? Members Vancouver Island, and two of the prinnere called loudly for the name of the cipal cities were entirely ignored. gentleman who had made the statement,

Hon. members-Hear, hear. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said the and there was entrusiastic applause when Mr. Curtis replied: "Mr. Mchave it brought home to them when they Innes. It being 6 o'clock, the House rose.

Hon. Mr. Turner complained that the EVENING SESSION. last speaker was trying to make politi-Resuming in the evening, Mr. Curtis continued his quotations from Hansard the lobbies. from the speech of the honorable mem- Concluding, Mr. Curtis said he ber for North Nanaimo (Mr. McInnes), lenged the Premier to go to the co when the latter was a member of the and he would be overwhelm der, should support this amendment, House of Commons. In that speech he feated. (Loud applause.)

Mr. McPhillips-The government can He then added that they had accept

ed an amendment of the leader of the opposition to bonus a line from Vancou-ver to New Westminster already traterested in railways, and who, if he low- best terms possible. The calling ered rates, would have to do so on his ders was the most business own road.

pleased if the government could provide for the Alberni line.

and the chair sustained.

The above bill was committed, with has a long memory. (Laughter.)

tical fame of Mr. Martin had been made corporated in the bill last year, yet wi

The leader of the opposition had es- to this bill was because it imp 000 that they did not know what to do rictism of the members who were pre- tablished a record as a government tablished a record as a government onercus conditions on the railway smasher. Yet here he appeared as a gov- had come down to the session r Mr. McPhillips said one of the best in-dications of the patriotism and independas there were two libraries to keep up erce of the members was that they were the opposition stood true to their prin-

> which the legislature was above. When ing that, of competition, the government construction on Queen Charlotte the boards of trade, the wholesalers and would have had to come to time or go Control of rates, percentage of ings and numerous other desirabl Mr. McInnes and the Premier-No. tures were all granted for a sub

that such a resolution should be termed upatriotic. Could they fairly listen to the argument coping largely from inter-trust nust take the responsibility for it. vance of the bargain made at 0 by a Liberal government in granting He lectured the Finance Minister for ested parties that it didn't matter who, calling Capt. Tatlow disloyal because he charter to the Crow's Nest railway got the charter? Let the government stood for the people. It was the best Every remark he had made at Otta ake all these other contracts with the form of loyalty to get American money as quoted by Mr. Curtis, he adhered C. P. R. if they wished, but not make invested in the province, especially in the He occupied the same relationship he Coast-Kootenay contract with the C. form of railways, where it could not be the C. P. R. now as then, and Mr. carried away again. If several millions tis had merely substituted in his o Mr. Brown thought the term "compet- of Canadian money were invested in case an American for a Canadian n

would prefere the Canad exclude the C. P. R. There was no guar- had been a distinct loss to the Dominion. antee that competition would compete. In reply to this ultra-loyal cry he read time. The Great Northern had been built to an editorial written by the member for Mr. Ourtis had quoted approvingly ed New Westminster for 10 years, and had Nelson a few days ago, in which he con-gone comparatively little trade What demned in unsparing terms the use of they wanted was to secure to the people the loyalty cry, wherever the cupidity of iar, a slanderer and an expert at the

The same men who were about ed against putting restrictions in a have been talking is a lot of waste time. Ottawa lobbies like a pack of hu In reply to this Mr. Curtis said he wolves, at the time he made his sp

If Mr. Curtis's contention that Hon. Mr.Dunsmuir-It is not the in- people were unanimously in favor the C. P. R. I have stated before that fear to entrust the matter to the gove it is the intention of the government to men tion, said that if they refused to accept give it to the company with which it can Mr. Curtis said he believed the make the best bargain. If they'll agree, ernment would ultimately con I'll give it to the V., V. & E. to-night. rates. He had no confidence that If they will sign the contract to-night government would. Mr. McInnes, continuing, said it wo they can have it. The benefits of competition had been be a monstrous proposition for shown. Mr. Curtis said, in the growth House to assert that of Rossland and Nelson. It was shown ation should the subsidy go to the also in the impetus given to trade R. If that company could give bet through the operations of Mr. Booth's terms than any other, why refuse it roads in Ontario. charter? He was proceeding to criticize the One reason advanced was that th government for refusing to entertain P. R. was a monopoly. But mon competition in their scheme, when the ceased when there was no e Premier again interrupted: rights. Other roads had charters be It is not the intention of the govern- the C. P. R. Another reason advanced was ment to give it to the C. P. R. or any other road. The government will give there should be no amalgama it to the road that it can make the best the C. P. R. Yet the charter of the bargain with. V. & E. expressly provided Mr. Curtis asked if the Premier agreed road might sell out to the C. P. R. coast cities had competition, they would with Mr. Martin that the C. P. R. must there was no power in this legi prevent them doing so. Why was the V., V. & E. afraid compete with the C. P. R. for the The Premier-No, I don't agree with sidy? If they refused t Mr. Curtis then renewed his inquiries idy what guarantee had th ple that they would compete in regard to competition. . Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir-I may state that P. R. in rates? More, the V gnored public opinion on the question we cannot have a competitive road. Un-E. had opposed a charter There were only two derstand, the only way to have competito the district through which it pr to build. Where was the knew better than the public, or they had Mr. Cartis-That's not competition. ency? Mr. Curtis had moved, too, for g inister motives for their course. That's mere play on words. He added Mr. McPhillips had been charged with that he had extracted from the Premier ment control of the price had they not competition in consistency. He had often differed with that a competitive road would not between two companies given a preference. If this was to go to the Premier, and the other the C. P. R. that company might have But what of the member for New had the contract months and months ago. most philanthropic men in Mr Robins, Where was Continuing, he held that the governconsistency in this matter? ment having declared against compet tion under such a philanth tion, all doubt had been set aside and it. Robins failed to give relief, was the duty of every member who could they expect from a ma Hill, and when the speaker wanted to see competition to support the resolution. The government, if they had to have control of the price to go to the electorate, would be defeat-ed overwhelmingly. session and to prevent royalty being taken out Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir-I am willing to sumer, he was prevented thr resign to-night and go to the country on position of the member for R More, Jim Hill to-day had an Mr. Curtis-Do it, do it. I accept the ment by which he would no with the C. P. R. Competi Mr. Houston-I want to make a chalpossible anyway, lenge to the hon, member for Rossland, Coast-Kootenay road wo of that, namely, acquirement of the road that he resign and go back to his conntry where it would meet Why was competition den Mr. Curtis-Well, I'll accept the chalhe (Mr. Brown) also had opposed the Mr. Curtis-Well, I'll accept the chal-section forbidding a pooling arrangement lenge if the senior member for Vancou-Coast-Kootenay road and no other lines? ver will resign. The Speaker-This is out of order. junior members for Victoria their ideas in regard ts already in the bill. Mr. Curtis-Where is it in the bill? for Rossland is out of order. The question before the Hou one of competition. but of getti most in return for the subsidy gra one of competition. The Speaker-I think the hon. Pre-

believed to be that to the north Vancouver Island. The whole en looked at too much from th Kootena, standpoint.

In conclusion, he congratulat overnment that this country we railway construction on

Mr. Curtis, explaining the refer Mr. McInnes to his position on fi rice of coal, said 'Mr. McInnes introduce a bill providing ice of coal should remain at was before the tax came into eff that the wages of miners sho emain the

emain the same. Hon. Mr. Eberts took exception statement of Mr. McPhillips that vernment entered into a contr. the C. P. R. it would cease to r the people and become a moribu ernment." He would find that w vernment appealed to the les would find that they would vhelmingly sustained by the legi Ie had no right to use that exp every member of the gov would not be in power, he would least that many members of the ernment would be in public life a The Premier-I have no man Frida as Mr. McPhillips. The vote econd reading was indicative

country as represented in the legi was satisfied with the bill. The motion before the House that the contract must go to Ji Would any member deny that?

Mr. McPhillips-Why, yes; han would deny it. Hon. Mr. Eberts said he wo ndence to show that \* & E meant the Great North

McPhillips-It mentions zie & Mann, two as good Cana there are in this House, and on that Jim Hill is a (

Hon Mr Eherts said he was o

as not now. Mr. McPhillips—Is C. P. R. st rolled by Canadians? Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that t not the question. He was att to read the V., V. & E. contr

The bill embodied all the principles nitted a few days since, when hillips asked why this con not been brought down. Hon. Mr. Eberts-We have or

two days. Mr. Hayward-Didn't you ge

Saturday? Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that ived it on the 6th. He was th eeding to discuss the contra nitted by the V., V. & F., w McPhillips took the point of o he House was being treated to traordinary spectacle o.' a ministering from a contract which had no ed in the hands of the me

ie House. The Speaker ruled that the At eneral was only meeting the r information and was in ord Mr. McPhillips then demand contract be read, which the

ey-General did. This concluded, Mr. McPhillip r the accompanying letter. Mr. plied that there was no letter Hon Mr. Eberts added that t rnment had a conference with & E. on Saturday, when the ad told the promoters that could accept the terms of the e would give them the contract ople wanted to be allowed to bu Cloverdale, for which they w ady subsidized by Victoria. reenwood, into which Jim Hil und to build. The Premier of eat only because he itish Columbia protected. Th een was not the only dis itish Columbia. What about nd other points? He asked ibers had seen anything to e reports of the great wealth of een district. The agreen mitted meant merely that J ld build over a few farms ser and into Greenwood in

w the ores of that district an territory. Jim Hill had rails and old engines to bu d from Cloverdale to

cal capital. The government was fully alive to the importance of the line, but urged that the government should aid a Mr. McInnes said his opinion in company which would be independent of to government ownership was the which was already cut of order. the C. P. R. In that speech Mr. Mc- as it ever was. But recogniz Innes had expressed doubt regarding con- country and the House trol of rates by political government. against that principle, and Was this not doubly so in the case of the construction must go on, province, the Premier of which was in- business to get the road I

versed by the C. P. R., yet they denied this right to the important centre of Alberni. Mr. Hunter said he would be very

The Speaker here held that the motion

ut to vote it down.

was not out of order.

Mr. Neill-The member for Alberni

For Competition. Capt. Tatlow here rose and moved that

in granting the subsidy to the Coast- because of his denunciation of the C. P. the opportunity offered he refused

tees were too large, having been fixed Kootenay road preference should be R. and monopoly. In 1896 he told the have them applied.

the argument coming largely from inter-

use of this railway at reasonable the C. P. R., retes. He reminded the House that at only, was threatened. last session Mr. McPhillips had declaimcharter sought by the C. P. R. Why

had he now changed his tack? More, he held that if the C. P. R. got or not. He asked if the governm the charter they had promised to underate their rate on their main line.

Mr. McPhillips position was inconsistent,

ing" was misleading. It was intended to Arizona everyone would feel that there poly. If they must have a monopoly,

, a Canadian line in name business, in reply to his strictur C P R on the occasion referred to The Premier-All the trash that you

would see shortly whether that was so were the men behind the Globe paper, who were also behind the V. tended to give the contract to the C. P. & E.

therefore, and contrary to the interests of tention of the government to give it to competition was correct, why did h The mest important of the roads,

Mr. Curtis read a letter sent by Mr. The member for Rossland Martin to the Winnipeg Tribune, in give the contract to the C. I which, in commenting on the Manitoba have it constructed at deal with the Northern Pacific, he said question was put to him a few Mr. Ne'll asked the government not that the most serious objection to it was if he was in favor of the V. V. & the interest it gave the Northern Pacific would have displayed his ma to take advantage of the rules of order, in elections, owing to the government he acknowledged it. He must An appeal was taken to the House having control of rates. This would that there was only one company apply also to this province when all the could build that at once, and that roads outlined in the bill would have an the C. P. R. interest in elections. If members changed their views they which he had fought and which the me should give their reason for it. The poli-

his former resolution. Instead of being competition.

pared to stand for the people's interests. It had not been asked for, and dications of the patriotism and independprepared to name the C. P. R. as a road ciples of government ownership, and fail- acts was to attempt to block rai

the great majority of the people were in favor of competition, he was astonished Mr. McLunes

who had not complied with that require Mr. Gilmour held that the present law against the rich. The amendment was endorsed by the mmittee on a tie vote, Mr. Hayward, were consistent were those who wanted the chairman, giving his vote for the ent. The bill was reported. The House then proceeded to public Loan Bill. On the Loan Bill being reached, on report, Mr. Helmcken moved that subsection (a) of section 8 be amended by serting the words city of Victoria to the Sound city. If the prominent inserting the word "railway," so that the coast cities had competition, they would read: "For a railway from get the same rate. With reference to get the charter." Hon. Members-Don't answer. "Hon. Members-Don't answer." borhood of English Bluff." etc.

Mr. Brown thought Victoria was already provided for by a ferry section. while Mr. McInnes thought the motion To this Mr. Helmcken replied that the nister of Finance had given his consent to the section.

Mr. McPhillips held that there should be provision for a bonus for a railway from Sidney to Victoria. The cities on the Mainland got this bonused conne why not Victoria? Mr. Hunter asked if the government intended to bonus a connection for which the people of Victoria had aiready foolishly provided by agreeing to pay \$300.000 Mr. McPhillips thought that when

people of Victoria endorsed the ferry by-law by 6 to 1. it could hardly ped as foolish. All he asked was that his constituency be treated the same as those on the Mainland. Mr. Kidd asked if it was the intention rebonus the Sidney road.

Hon. Mr. Turner-No, no. Mr. Hall said what Victoria wanted was direct connection between the Mainof any line for which the city might have provided.

The amendment carried. Mr. Neill moved: "To amend section

He repeated his arguments for a fair treatment to the West Const, and in doing so reflected severely on the cont Coast, and in

Mr. Hayward who seconded the me amendment the government would find it very difficult to open a seat in Victoria for a long time to come. He thought control of sales plus competition was much preferable to control of rates without that feature. Ninety per cent of the constituents

wanted competition, and the balance hadn't thought it over. The people who competitive line. There wasn't a member of the House who didn't want competition in medicine, law and other callings. Why not in railways?

Mr. Gilmour, in a convincing speech, said Seattle got lower freight rates from Toronto than Victoria or Vancouver Why? Because there was competition

fence of Canada to that gentleman than that. to the minister who made the imputation. (Applause).

Mr. Curtis asked why the government of competition. explanations. Either they thought they tion is to have control of rates. that gentleman, but he believed him always to be sincere.

Vestminster who had run on the prinsiple of government ownership, but who had now eaten his words?

Mr. McInnes-No. "What are the papers saying," con-mued Mr. Curtis, " what is the Colon-

ist saving?" Mr. Brown-The hired organ of V. V. & E.

Mr. Curtis-The organ of the Premier. Continuing, Mr. Curtis said the mem-this bill. ber for New Westminster had supported Mr. Cu the bill because he said the principle of challenge. government ownership was written large the bill. Yet the principal indication any time, had been struck out. And stituency:

with other roads. Mr. Brown-Because it is ridiculous. Its already in the bill.

Show it to me. You can't do it.

Mr. Brown had also advanced the re- mier is out of order.

ictoria ferry without the Mr. McPhillips-Would you pa

Hon. Mr. Eberts-No. I would will be the kind of a roa

Mr. McPhillips again asked f accompanying the V., V. act. He was informed it ha

Hon. Mr. Eberts said that the the opposition had nothing to e bill. He drew it himself ultation with anyone but the executive. He asked the t to pass an amendment which the government to hand

to Jim Hill Mr. Pooley, in a short speech, 1 tituents had been misled, an ry to protect them. The Hayward rose and challen sign and run on that issu said to keep his challe f; he had heard that often Murphy held that the deba ed far from the mark. no such thing as competit ix hours been wasted in d esolution solution. He pointed out ition had done for Southern Columbia. All things being

contract should go to a contract to the C. P. R. A red herring had been drawn trail. A proposed contra n read, offered by the V., the members were asked prepared to vote for the member would say yes. Thady passed the second readin vision was inserted that should be paid until the whol completed.

Garden said he would resolution to shut out a C ay in favor of an America uents were primarily construction of a bridge of He must oppose the

Hon. Mr. McBride asked if the for Victoria was prepa the interests of the peo sh Columbia to satisfy the cies of some people in McPhillips-It is the wish

e of the province. the government had acceeded ands of the V., V. & E. the no demand for competitio by the Great Northern. If the thad been let to the Great Northern which employed three thousand