Experiences of Early Gold Seekers · in These Quickly Famous Fields.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
Gold in the Atlin country was only dis-Gold in the Atlin country was one covered last August; that is, its presence tion.

"The Atlin country will continue a good "The Atlin country will continue a good covered last August; that is, its presence tion. was then for the first time made known to the world, but since then about 7,000 men have visited the region. Bennett, after whom Lake Bennett was named by Lieut. Fred. Schwatka, mined on creeks along Lake Atlin in the early '70's, but for diggings, the only placer mining then followed, was not productive of good results, and Bennett went to Cariboo crossing. Fritz Miller found gold on Pine creek over a year ago, and with his partner mined until prospectors came across his last summer, when he hurried out to file his discovery claim.

"The Atlin country will continue a good mining camp long after the present generation is forgotten," said he.

Wright creek, flowing into Surprise lake, was discovered quite early in the season, and Bonanza creek rises in the mountain to the right of Surprise lake, it is believed that this is a portion of the same old glacier that wrought such great changes in the district. The mountains of Alaska and Northern British Columbia are still full of glaciers, but this little, half dead glacier feeding Bonanza creek may have a history that would prove the delight of the geologist. But glaciers don't talk, and so its story will not be told.

The region about Lake Atlin is beauti-

visions of wealth to be secured from the White Pass and Yukon route extends its benches and creek bottoms. The extent system through that country, it will be of the Atlin country is not yet known, profitable region for the cattleman.

It is confidently expected that the railand when the snow leaves the ground in the early spring new strikes will undoubtedly be reported from every side. The extent and value of these new strikes and of the country now staked can then be determined. In Alaska there is a unanimous the coast of Alaska is rugged and harsh impression that the whole country is rich in its unfeeling grandeur, the Atlin lake and that gold is plentiful; next season's region is warm, sympathetic and inviting by contrast. The winters, of course, are of this theory.

square, the country is composed of quartz and slate gold-bearing rock and the impression is that the mother lode is this whole area, and that no portion of it will be found to be more valuable than any other portion, although some section may be easier to mine than others. This theory was first advanced by Dr. H. B. Run in Washington, and since then his ideas have been generally adopted as gospel. Fol-lowing this general theory one's fancy carries him back to the antediluvian period when there was no Pine creek, no valley where Pine creek flows when the two big ridges forming the walls of Pine creek were joined, presenting one great ridge 5,000 feet high and sixteen miles long. This ridge was composed of quartz and slate, with gold intermixed; this mountain was the mother lode. A glacier formed on the upper end of the ridge at the spot now occupied by a beautiful body of water re-cently named Surprise lake. The glacier followed the ridge along its summits and Lake Atlin, slowly but surely forming a Lake Alin, storm path that in time split the great mountain in twain. A few thousand years—perhaps a few hundred thousand years—witnessed great changes. Instead of one great mountain there were two smaller was done yesterday and Magistrate Hall fixed the bail at \$1,000 for Tetu with surrotice of \$500 each. The amount of

FOUND TWO RIDGES. When Fritz Miller and his party reached that country with their picks and shovels, grubstake and gold pans, they found these two ridges with a creek flowing be-tween them. There was no sign of glacier; it had long since been erased. Numerous small creeks led from each of the two inner sides of the ridge. corming a TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL. watershed that fed Pine creek. At the source of Pine creek, a beautiful, placid mountain lake, which later prospectors called Surprise lake, because they were surprised that such an inspiring body of water should be

found in such a picturesque spot.

Miller and his party prospected at a or shooting peasants, ducks, geese, caribou or mountain goats—game abounding in great number. They proceeded to enjoy their solitude until August last, when, almost without warning, they found the valley of Pine creek swarming with thousands of eager, earnest, determined gold-

seekers. Dr. Runnalls was among the first to get menced. He walked up Pine creek to Surprise lake, prospecting the small creeks flowing at right angles and entering Pine. He crossed the divide, and with hundreds of others, explored Spruce creek. Spruce creek flows along the base of the outer side of the right hand ridge, parallel with Pine, and mingled its waters with Pine just before its confluence with Lake Atlin. If Pine creek contained gold, it was argued that Spruce creek would be rich also, and in a few days that watercourse was all staked. McKee creek, running parallel with Pine and Spruce, but ten miles from Pine, was later discovered, and that was soon staked from mouth to source. All being creeks on both sides of the two ridges were explored and claims staked out.

THE MOTHER LODE. While on this expedition, Dr. Runnall formed the opinion that the whole country for twenty miles square—the area occupled by the geological mountain—was the mother lode. With this impression strong in his mind, he returned to Discovery on Pine, where Miller and his partner continued at work harder than ever. Miller would tell no one how much he was making or what gold he was securing. A little fur ther up the creek another miner was open ing a new claim, and was reaching rock. Dr. Runnalls went there and say the man washing to bedrock. The bed-rock was composed of quartz and slate, and was quite hard. The man drove his pick in several times and brought up piece of the virgin rock in his pan. The docto examined them. In one piece free gold could plainly be detected. It was bright and sharp and bore no evidence of hav

ing been washed by water or worn by gla-cial action. It was plain to the doctor that that piece of quartz, with gold imbedded, had not been disturbed from the time nature deposited it there until the moment the force miner's pick dislodged it. proved that the whole mountain contained gold. So convinced was the doctor that his theory was correct that he immediately them on this Christmas-tide. There was filed a quartz claim at that point. This claim embraces twenty acres and includes Discovery claim and a portion of the townsite established there. For a day or two considerable concern. considerable concern was eccasioned as a result of the doctor's action. It was soon ascrtained, however, that his quartz claim in no manner interfered with the placer holdings. Every man holding placer claims owns all the gold to bedrock, but from any, presided over the meeting in an bedrock to China the ground belongs to able and acceptable manner.

Rempt, 25 miles from Yarmouth, while shooting.

BANQUET TO HIGH JOINTERS.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—A complimentary banquet will be tendered the international commissioners by the Reform the placer than the ground belongs to able and acceptable manner.

The ory That Here Centres the Mother Lode of Whole Atlin District.

the holder of the quartz claim. The great heart of the mountain is gone. Where, then is this dirt and gold that has been worn and washed away by the glacier and its streams of later periods? The miners answer this question by saying that it is at the bottom of Lake Atlin. There is a strong impression that a feasible dredging gold-saving machine can make money dredging the bottom of Lake Atlin.

AN OLD MINER'S STATEMENT. Of course this is all theoretical. That there is gold on Pine creek and its tribu-taries, on Spruce creek, McKee creek, and a few other streams, is well known, for gold has been taken out. One old who washed out \$600 in gold on Pine creek declares that it will take years to wash out the Atlin placers, and that when the quartz properties will be in active opera-

covery claim.

Of all the men who have been in the Atlin region since August, probably not more than ten or a dozen have studied the geological features of the country; the great majority have simply followed blindly the visions of wealth to be secured from the grasses are abundant. Some day when the cold, but the 300 men now living there in Pine creek holds paramount interest at the present time because it was on this creek that the initial strike was reported.

In the vicinity of Pine creek twenty and the present time because it was the winters in the Middle states, while the springs, summers and falls leave the springs, summers and falls leave the springs.

ACCUSED OF ARSON.

Elzeard Tetu Arrested On a Charge of Burinng His House.

Elzeard Tetu was arrested yesterday orning on a charge of arson by Sergt. Langley and Provincial Constable Murray. This arrest is made in connection with the fire which destroyed Tetu's dwelling house on the Fairgrove estate, Cedar Hill road, on November 26 last. The building was a two-story frame, owned by Tetu, and the place was being fixed up for a new tenant the day before the fire. The circumstances surrounding the destruction of the place were suspi-cious, as Mr. McKeown who happened to be driving along the road noticed the fire and on investigating detected a strong smell of coal oil. Tetu claimed that he was ill in his bed in town the gradually forced and cut its way towards night of the fire and the provincial police have since been quietly looking up the

> sureties of \$500 each. The amount of insurance was \$400 on the house and \$200 on personal property and was placed with the Sun Fire Insurance Co. The claim put in by Tetu included the \$400 for the house and \$37.25 for persona property. Mr. S. Perry Mills is defending.

Congratulate Mr. Forster on His Elevation to the Speakership of the House.

A rather prolonged meeting of the Vican inspiring body of water should be found in such a picturesque spot.

Miller and his party prospected at a bend of Pine creek, eighteen miles from Lake Atlin, and finding gold in paying quantities, they proceeded to mine, replenishing their supply of food by fishing or shooting peasants, ducks, geese, cari
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ceived and approved.

A rather prolonged meeting of the victoria Trades and Labor Council was held last evening, there being consider able business brought forward. The credentials of Messrs. J. C. Meiss and George McKeown, the new delegates position, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine and the deep workings of this latter mine ducer in Canada. Beyond into the basin lies the Antoine, a very high-grade proposition, privately owned; and beyond this latter mine and the deep workings of this latter mine and the deep workings of this latter mine and the deep workings of the deep workings of the deep workings of the deep workings of this latter mine and the deep workings of the deep workings

been very favorably received. As a result of their work branches of the horseshoers' and carriage makers' unions would be organized this week. Dr. Hathaway also reported having met with success in his labor newspaper scheme, both in the way of advertising and the allotment of shares. He expected to is sue the first number in about a week. One hundred copies of the labor paper issued in London, Ont., were received by the council and an acknowledgment will

Mr. R. E. Gosnell wrote asking permission to address the council as sec-retary of the University Association. The request was granted and Mr. Gosnell will address the council at their next meeting, the address commencing at

Delegate McKay, a member of the Committee of Fifty, was requested to work to have the aldermanic qualifica-

tion removed entirely.

The following resolution was then put and carried unanimously!

"That the Victoria Trades and Labor Council compliment Mr. Thomas Forster, M.P.P., on his elevation to the speakership in the local legislature on account of his being prominently identified with labor organizations." tified with labor organizations.

SOOKE PRESBYTERIANS. First Christmas Entertainment in Their New Year.

A very successful entertainment and Christmas tree was held on Friday, De-cember 30, in Knox Presbyterian church, comper 30, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Sooke. The church was most profusely and beautifully decorated with ever-greens, mottoes and flags. The candle-lit tree was laden with a bountiful store of presents, and old Santa Claus ap-peared in his ancient costume, and in his usual genial and hearty manner distributed gifts to little and big, none seem ing to escape his attention. The youthful recipients were greatly delighted with their gifts, and carried home with

Constantly Increasing Demand for Shares of Properties of Proved Value.

Boundary Creek District and Slocan Will Witness Next Excitement.

like appreciation of the fact that the best mines have fallen into the hands of strong ompanies, who are working them for the legitimate returns which they can repay on the capital invested therein, and outside speculators are beginning to look with suspicion upon properties which have failed to sustain their early promises, or which blossom into prominence from strikes that existed in the imagination of enterprising brokers. For the stocks of properties with th by strong and well managed companies like the Le Roi, War Eagle, Iron Mask and Centre Star there is a constantly increasing demand, at an increased price. They are being purchased as an investment. For others there is an exceptional demand occasionally produced by the manipulations of those who are anxious to unload, but such demand is investigable cheek. such demand is invariably short lived, and for the latter class of securities the out look is decidedly gloomy. In Spokane the in Republic stocks has reached that point where the slightest reaction means an enormous crash, and outside speculator e very chary of stepping into the breach maintain the high-water mark which has characterized the prices of what are virtually only prospects in a camp made famous by one mine, the Republic. Even in the Republic stock itself a very significant fact came to notice this week. stock was selling at \$2.75 prior to the big strike make in their lower workings. Yet but four days ago a block of it changed liands at \$3. Either the strike when expected was heavily discounted, or holders some of them are very willing to realize at what would seem but a very slight in-crease in value, taking into consideration the enormous prospects which this mine would seem to offer.

The coming mining excitements will from the natural riches of the ground be in properties situated in the Boundary Creek district and the Slocan. The former is developing many enormously rich properties which are already being bought outright or bonded by big English and American com-panies, but owing to its later development it will probably fail to attract the atten tion of investors during 1899 like its elder sister, the Slocan. The latter is without doubt the richest silver-lead mining district in the whole world, and after a quiet interval extending over the last eighteen nonths, during which steady development has been carried on, with the result that many properties there are paying their owners enormous dividends, the attention of investors is at once being concentrated upon this wonderful silver belt. Unfortunately the stocks of many of the best properties are practically unobtainable, but many new ones, and others that are only now beginning to unfold their wealth, are becoming known, that selection of what will prove an exceptionally good inrestment is easy. The Payne, Idaho, Ruth, Slocan Star, Bosun, Whitewater, Queen Bess, Ivanhoe, Sunshine and Antoine are held by those who will not part with their holdings, and possibly a few Last Chance shares might be got at \$10 a share, but it is very doubtful if even this price would tempt the lucky ones. On the same lead as the Last Chance are the Treasure Vault, Ajax and Ajax Fraction, all held privately y men well satisfied to keep what they have. Lower down the hill the American ground takes in 1,200 feet of the same ead, and if the present owners of this mine can come to an agreement amongst themselves whereby they will put the treasury stock upon the market, so as to secure funds for further development, three months will find it on the list of shippers, and high up on the list. Higher up the hill the Last Chance lead traverses the Noble Five ground for 1,600 feet, and if from the Cigarmakers' union, were received and approved.

A request was received from the organizing committee, stating that they had been at work among the unorganized workmen of the city and that they had watching. One of the best investments in the district is the stock of the Palmetto, near the Queen Bess group, and a great demand for it has arisen; in fact, investors can hardly make a mistake in buying the stock of any property in the Slocan, is being properly and systematically worked, for the season of 1899 will find fifty dividend payers situate within a radius

seven miles of the town of Sandon. DREYFUS' SLIM CHANCE. Further Reduced by Attendance

General Chanoine on the Court. Paris, Jan. 4.—The anti-Dreyfus partisans claim a great victory has been scored by their side in the presence of General Chanoine, the former minister of war, in the court of cassation during the examination of the secret dossier. This, they say, virtually makes the army a part of the court and is a further check

Paris, Jan. 4.-Major Count Ferdinand Esterhazy, now known to be the author of the Dreyfus bordereau, has been summoned to appear before the court of cas-sation on January 12. It is understood that a formal undertaking has been given that he will be free from arrest coming and going. It is expected the Dreydepositions will be received on Sa urday from Cayenne and the court will then decide whether his presence is ne-cessary in Paris. It is believed that the whole examination will be conducted by elegraph at an enormous expense in or der to avoid manifestations here.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The recently formed eague known as La Patrie Francaise, whose avowed object was to "knit intelectual France into a union for counter-ecting the Dreyfus agitation," seems acting the Dreyfus orn, owing to the incompatibility of M. Brunelier Coppe and Maurice Barros, and the dissensions among the authors, professors and scientists who have

signed the membership list. SHOOTING FATALITY.

Halirax, Jan. 4 .- Victor Baker, the 19-year-old son of Hon. C. L. Baker, president of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, was accidentally killed at Kempt, 25 miles from Yarmouth, while

Washington.

THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1899. There were but five absentees when

was the former Premier, Mr. J. H. Turner, and two were supporters of the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing to a combination of adverse circular to the policy enunciated by the government led owing the gov The coming year will probably see a vast change in the centres around which the colleague for Victoria city, and Mr. bis colleague for Victoria city and Mr. bis colleague for Victoria city and Mr. bis colleague for Victoria city and Mr. bis c mining excitements of the West have circled in 1897 and 1898. In Rossland the boom has sobered down into a businessvacant chairs on the treasury side were those assigned to Mr. Prentice of Lillooet, and Mr. Munro of Chilliwack, so that—accepting Mr. Henderson quest, as a supporter now of Premier cultural community. With abundant crops and an ever-expanding home market, there is little doubt that in the future agricultural pursuits will contribute

of 19 to 14 present on the floor of the chamber, or 20 to 17 with all available wealth of the province. forces considered and leaving Mr. Speaker out of the question. It must not be forgetten in the great calamity visited the city of New Westminster in the disastrous conflagration in September last. But the not be forgotten in thus regarding the composition of the house, however, that there are election petitions yet to be decided which may change the aspect of The ceremonies of the opening were

parliament. Indeed the formal txercises of yesterday gathered interest chiefly from the changed position of the parties, tax on personal property expectancy with regard to the policy to expectancy with regard to the policy to outlined in His Honor's speech, and the prospect of keen fights and close function itself-it was rather colorless, the gray sky and whirling snow without ting the attendance of spectators; and the gathering on the floor and in the galleries lacking the brilliancy of former years while containing numerous repre sentatives of the bench, the bar. ons, and gentlemen of politics, active and retired.

CHOOSING THE SPEAKER.

Mr. Thomas Forster of Delta Elected t Preside Over the Parliamentary Deliberations.

It was fully a quarter past the hour three o'clock, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, attended by his private secretary, Mr. T. R. E. McInnes, and accompanied by a brilliant staff numbering fifteen naval and military officers, passed the saluting guard of honor and bearing the mace proceeded to the throne.

There being seated, according to usage and custom His Honor was pleased to announce that the objects of the session would not be communicated to the tions act, and the act regulating the members of the assembly until they had first elected a speaker to preside over of bringing legislation regarding these heir deliberation . His Ho staff then retired to permit of the necessary selection being made.

The nomination was in the hands of the member for Revelstoke riding of West Kootenay, Mr. J. M. Kellie, who proposed for the office the member for the Delta, Mr. Thomas Forster. He had. he said, during eight years past had the nonor and pleasure of being associated with the honorable member for Delta in parliamentary duties, and from this experience and his personal knowledge could testify to that honorable gentleman's fitness for the honorable and important office

Col. James Baker (East Kootenay), in the absence of the leader of the oppo-sition, gracefully seconded the nominasition, gracefully seconded the nomina-tion. All had known the honorable member for the Delta, he said, during nany years, and he certainly had been proven able and consistent in the perormance of his duties. In the speaker's hair Mr. Forster would no doubt be eminently capable, while he would, he felt sure, display the same courtesy to all that he had on the floor of the house. He possessed, too, the necessary firmness of character for the office, and would unquestionably do his best to tone lown any bitterness of debate that might

occasionally arise. The remarks of both mover and so nder were received with applause, and the nomination then being put by Clerk Fell, it was carried unaning Mr. Speaker Forster was then escorted to the chair by Messrs. Kellie and Baker

tion and fairness displayed by his prodecessors in the chair. SPEECH FROM THE THRONE. Aliens to Be Excluded From the Placers -Repeal of the Mortgage Tax

Proposed.

The choice of the speaker having been announced, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor re-entered, and ascending

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:
'In meeting you at the opening of the rst session of the eighth parliament of ritish Columbia, it is gratifying to m to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity which has been enjoyed dur-ing the past year, and on the brigh-prospects for the one on which we are now entering.

"In nearly all the leading industries of the province, growth and improved conditions are to be observed. The out put of the coal mines largely exceeded that of the previous year, and is likely to continue to increase. The develop-ment of the quartz mines, especially of those in Kootenay, has been most satisfactory, while a like activity to that which has occurred there, it seems prob-able, may soon be witnessed in the Boundary Creek district, when, by the completion of the railway now in process of construction, the immense bodies of one known to exist there can be profitable down to exist there can be profitable down to exist the can be profitable down to exist ably developed. On the west coasts of the Mainland and Island there is also

every probability of considerable mining development shortly taking place. "There is also likely to be a large increase within the present year in placer and hydraulic mining operations. Al-ready some large enterprises of this character have been put in successful

opulation into that region, my government has already taken steps for the proper administration of the district. In order to conserve the natural wealth in these gold gravels for the benefit of Canadian miners and Canadian traders, a bill will be laid before you prohibiting the acquisition of placer claims by

There were but five absentees when the members elect of British Columbia's eighth parliament assembled to-day for the despatch of business, in response to the formal call of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. Of the five, one was the former Premier, Mr. J. H. Tur-was the former Premier Premier

ture agricultural pursuits will contribute more largely than heretofore to the

the parties-but of this more hereafter. caused the city to rise from its ashes. You will be asked to pass legislation to The ceremonies of the opening were put the civic finances on such a stable this year invested with much less pomp basis as will maintain the high reputaand circumstance than those at the initi-tion of the Royal City. ation of the last session of the former . "With a view to removing existing

inequalities in the present system taxation, measures will be submitted you for the remission of that part of the mortgage tax, and for the repeal of the law requiring men working in mines for wages to hold a free miner's certificate. "Realizing the advantages to be de-

rived from an absolute security in the titles to land, and from an easy and inexpensive system of transfers estate titles, my government will lay before you a bill to introduce into this province what is known as the Torrens ystem of registration, under such arrangements as will make its adoption both convenient and advantageous to the owners of property.

"In order to open up the public domain for settlement, while securing to the province the full benefit which it should derive from such a valuable asset, you will be asked to sanction cerain changes in the Land act. "For the better protection of the

miners in coal mines, a bill will be laid be laid before you prohibiting the emloyment underground of Japanese stationary boilers will also be intro-

"You will also be asked to consider a passed the saluting guard of honor and measure designed to afford to prospect-preceded by Sergeant-at-Arms O'Hara ors on lands within the boundaries of the grants to railway companies the same freedom to prospect for the precious metals as is accorded to them crown lands

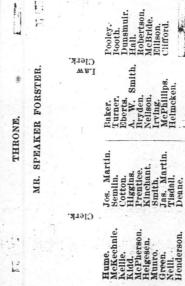
Bills will be introduced amending the Supreme Court act, the Provincial Elecions act, and the act regulating the ssuance of liquor licenses, with the aim

conditions in the province. 'My government has given much con sideration to the present financial posi-tion of the province, and to the means by which important public works burdens on the taxpayers, and you will be asked to pass legislation to provide for the deficit in the revenue for the last two years, and for obligations incurred under the authority of acts already or the statute books. Also to authorize certain changes in the methods of deal ing with the provincial debt and in the management of the finances, whereby it is anticipated that both the credit of the province will be enhanced and im-portant economies be effected.

"The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year will shortly be laid before you, and will show that they have been framed with a wing to economy, whilst providing liberthat they have been framed with a view to economy, whilst providing liberally for the necessary public services.

"I now leave you to your deliberations, believing that, under the direction of a providing that, under the direction of a recorded in the specialties, and some of the specialties, and some of the specialties."

r sition and the left is the right in the house, the plan given below will be found of value in locating the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as the members—more particularly as the members—more particularly as there are many new faces among the members—more particularly as the members—more particula Now that the government is the oppo and briefly returned thanks for the hon-or paid him. It was with feelings of gratitude and appreciation that he ac-cepted the office, and would endeavor to lischarge its duties with the considera- makers:



THE OFFICIAL DINNER. Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Entertains on the First Day.

of the Session.

The following is a list of the go The following is a list of the gentlemen who dined at Government House last night with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor: Hon. Mr. Semlin; Hon. Joseph Martin; Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton; Hon. Mr. Hume; Hon. Dr. Mc. Kechnie; the Bishop of Columbia; Chief Justice McColl; Hon. Edgar Dewdney; Hon. Senator Reid; Hon. Senator Templement Thomas Earle M. P.: Howitt ready some large enterprises of this character have been put in successful operation in Cariboo, and, on a smaller scale, in the Omineca district; while the recent discoveries at Atlin lake, in the northern part of the province, have disclosed deposits of auriferous gravel, rich in quality and spread over a large area. In anticipation of an influx of C.; Lieut.-Col. Grant, R. E.; Major

Williams, A. D. C.; Mayor Redfern; Hon. Robert Beaven; Capt. McConnan; Hon. Mr. Forster, M. P. P.; F. J. Deane, M. P. P.; James Dunsmuir, M. P. P.; Richard Hall, M. P. P.; H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P.; W. R. Robertson, M. P. P.; Ralph Smith, M. P. P.; and Lieut. Foulkes.

GOSSIP OF THE GALLERIES Where the Members Have Their Home at the Capital—Press Accom-modation Wanted.

One of the first things that a visitor one of the first things that a visitor from an outlying constituency wants to know on visiting the Capital during a parliamentary session is where the member from his particular district is to be found when not at his desk and engaged in the business of law-making. To assist the visitor in this connection the sist the visitor in this following list is given, showing the addresses of the members in the city, the majority already being permanently quartered for the session:

Turner.. cockland ave Esquimalt road . New England(Yet to be ascertained. W. D. Clifford... Hotel Driard aptain Irving...... W. Higgins Cadboro Bay road

The utter inadequacy-or rather total absence—of press accommodation in the said: 'Be crafty, promise all things so new parliament buildings was again beit ye get the earth and have dominion abundantly demonstrated yesterday, the representatives of the press being assigned to the galleries, from which they could see but little of what transpired, and hear still less. It is stated that plans have been prepared for a proper press gallery on either side of the throne, hung midway between the gal-lery and the floor of the house, and in the meanwhile the reporters will be pro-yided with make rejorters are it is the vided with makeshift quarters at either side, on the floor of the chamber. A suitable gallery, with a retiring room of ample size, should be furnished without ese mines.

"A bill providing for the inspection of delay, if the sessional proceedings are to be properly recorded for the benefit of the people of the province.

The button-hole bouquet was everywhere in evidence yesterday - the thoughtful remembrance of one who never forgets that members like to look

Mr. Seymour is to represent the News-Advertiser and Mr. A. M. Burns the Vancouver Province during the session

low opening. The first working day of the session opens at 2 this afternoon.

STOCKS, METALS AND PRODUCE. London Markets Dull Awaiting Developments-Notable Gains in New

York Quotations. New York, Jan. 5 .- The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London is a very little matter, not worthy says: "The markets were idle and dull to-day. Paris realizing at the settlement. to-day, Paris realizing at the settlement. It is preparing for the Tonquin loan. There port. Every card so offered bears on its is also talk of dearer money. Americans face a lie, and nothing less, and such mis opened heavy on profit taking here. New representations are seldom York bought little, and the close was de- by others. Both of these hotels might have

"I now leave you to your deliberations, believing that, under the direction of a Divine Providence, the result of your labors will be conducive to the interests of the province and the welfare and happiness of its people."

WHERE THE MEMBERS SIT.

A Diagram of the Arrangement of Seats For Convenient Reference.

New York, Jan. 5.—Notable gains were recorded in the specialties, and some of the rallway stocks to-day. The announcement of sold engagements for £7,000,000 set the exchange market forging upward, which continued to the close. The conditions of the exchange and money market do not seem to warrant the expectation that the import of gold will be a sustaining movement, the theory being that the over large balance of trade would not be drawn upon largely, while money can be loaned at more profitable rates abroad.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Bay State Gas ooklyn Rapid Transit.... Brooklyn Rapid Transit
Can. Pae.
Can. Southern.
Ches. & Ohio.
Chicago, B. & Q.
Chicago Gas.
Chicago & N. W.
C. R. I. & Pae.
C. C. C. & St. L.
C. M. & St. P.
Cons. Gas. N. V. C. M. & St. P.
Cons. Gas, N. Y
Del. & Hudson.
Del., Lac. & Western.
Denver & Rio G. pfd.
General Electric
Hocking Valley.
Jersey Central.
Laclede Gas com.
Lake Erie & Western.
Louisville & Nashville.
Man. Elev. Man. Elev.... Mo. Pac.... National Lead... National Lead
North American Co.
Nor. Pac. com. new
Nor. Pac. pfd.
N. Y. C. & H.
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.
N. Y. Ont. & W. Standard Rope & Twine.... Southern Railway com..... Southern Railway com... Tenn. Coal & Iron.... Texas & Pacific
U. S. Leather
U. S. Leather
U. S. Rubber com
Union Pacific receipts
Wabash

Western Union.... W. & L. E..... Met. St. Ry..... Com. Cable in Montreal... 1841/ C.P.R. in London.... 881/4 *Ex dividend.

New York, Jan. 5.—Wheat closed: Jan., 767%c.; March, 78%c.; May, 74%c. Chicago, Jan. 5.—Wheat closed: May, 70%c.; July, 68%c. Corn.—Jan., 35c.; May, 36%c. to 37c.; July, 37%c. Oats-May, 27%c.; July, 25%c. Poverty has one advantage over wealth.
When a poor man is sick there is no desire on the part of his physician to prolong his illness.—Chicago News. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MORE LIBERAL HARMONY.

Sir:—It was with considerable satisfaction that I read Mr. Gregg's letter in your issue of yesterday, which, however, has merely given expresison to an opinion long since formed by many Liberals of my acquaintance, viz., that the words "Liberalism" and "Liberal" were fast acquiring an abiding storeh in: fast acquiring an abiding stench in the nostrils of this community—owing to the pranks of that so-called leader, Senator Templeman, and his coadjutors, Bostock and Martin.

The whole political career of that gen-The whole political career of that gentleman is blackened with selfishness and vindictiveness towards all other Liberals who have ever presumed to differ with him or to hang back from supporting his schemes in any particular. At general election he calculated has way into a seat mainly by the purso of his colleague; but the purse not having yawned wide enough to his way of thinking, its owner has ever since met with a bitter personal antagonism that knows no sleeping.

A young lamb-like Englishman fat

with ducats is then coddled by the great man and his organ, probably with the expectation that some of the ducats would roll his way. Whether it so turned out accounts differ, but there can be no doubt of the gruesome fact of the admission of the lamb into the Cor and the mutton into the Senate. There the new pair determined to secure all the patronage available and have hitherto indeed managed to keep claw pretty well to the exclusion of all others, with the result that the appointment have been the derision of the whole provinve and irritating to the great bulk of the party itself.

Mr. Templeman, in his pomposity. thinks no doubt that he is the father all things Liberal in the province, and of him possibly some musty chronicler of the future in describing the genesis party hereabouts may record: And Pomposity said let the earth brit forth Martins each after their kind, and it was so. And he blessed them and over the legislature and over the court everything he had done and good." In truth, Mr. Editor, the letter of Mr. Gregg is the first sound of a cy clone of disgust that will sweep Templemanism, Bostockism and Martinism from the face of the earth. All fair minded Liberals are getting fatigued with apologizing to strangers to the faith worst enemies the party could have Compared with Templemanism Toryism is perfection itself.

ESQUIMALT

DISHONESTY.

Sir: "Honesty is the best policy" is a pet quotation with many a business man To some it may mean much; to many may mean nothing. The sentiment has been changed somewhat, and we hear the doctrine expressed, "It pays to be hor ergo I am honest." While both of the re true, yet the best ethical principles are to be found in the motto. "Honest for honesty's sake," or "honest because it is right to be honest."

There are a few things which have lately come to my notice to which I wish to call the attention of the public by way of protest and warning. First-Two hotels at least in our city have published very attractive cards, showing cuts of the build-ings which in both cases are misrepresentations, both being printed as buildings four stories high, when in reality they are Some people may say that latter as in the former.

Second—Some time ago a little souvenir book of views of Victoria atracted my attention. On turning over the pages, judge of my astonishment when I beheld, among the cuts of the principal churches, a view of Christ Church cathedral not at all like the structure so well known to Victorians I do not know who is responsible for the publishing the proposed new church building as representing the present structure but there it is, and someone is responsible It seems incredible that that false cut should be inserted unknowingly.

Third-The attention of someone needs to be called to the fact that a very large amount of shale is palmed off on the pub lic as coal. From experience in several places in our Dominion the conclusion is forced upon me that it would be indeed difficult to find in any other place as much stone per ton as is sold by so ers in Victoria for good coal. I do not assert that the coal is so bad, or that the assert that the coal is so bad, or that the dealers are to blame. The above has, however, been my experience this winter, and the dealers are the ones from whom and the dealers are the ones from whom 1141/8 is the person who loses. If all the coal (?) consumed in Victoria this winter contained consumed in Victoria this winter contained as much stone as some I have been using, the amount of loss in money to the consumers would be a large sum. Someone at the mines is most surely guilty of carelessness, intentional or otherwise NOTREVAL.

A BOGUS "INTERVIEW."

Sir: An article appeared in the Daily Times of December 31, purporting to be an interview with me regarding the coal properties of the West Vancouver Coal Co. I beg you to correct this statement, for I gave no interview to the Times, and my name was used without my, authority. The statement, while founded partially on facts, is so garbled and errongous that the facts, is so garbled and erroneous that the 444, facts are almost lost sight of. The pros-pects of Quatsino Sound are bright, but at present are only prospects, as worked in all cases, but is in its infancy. Such an article as appeared in the Times is very misleading, and I deemed it a duty to my self to make this correction. Very

CANADIAN FELDSPAR.

Victoria, Jan. 1, 1899.

Montreal, Jan. 4.— A large china manufacturer after testing samples of Can-adian feldspar forwarded by the directors of the geological survey, has found it so satisfactory that he has ordered a trial shipment of several tons in order to submit it to a fair test. Chances for building up a trade in this article hinge on the cost of transportation from Can-ada, as the Scandinavian article is being put on the market at a very cheap

Edible snalls flourish in Wurtemberg. One town, Gutenberg, received the other day an order from Paris for 1,000,000 of them. The price paid was \$2 per thous-

The Accused Jeweller He Bought Diamor Fred Stodda

Chief Witness for the Under Searching Examination

The hearing of the char H. Pennock of stealing valued at \$90 from S. A continued before Magistr terday. Fred Stoddart, the for the prosecution, who dence in chief on Wednes jected to a vigorous cros and then Mr. Pennock which is to the effect that the diamond from Fred St more witnesses for the called this morning. The proceedings were

Fred Stoddart, the comp on the stand. He was by Mr. Belyea, who got h number of incidents in his arrival here six years first asked whether while of Messrs, Mason & Co., he brought from San Fra jewellery. This he denied that he had brought goods for the firm and that he had duty on them. He afterw on Messrs. Mason & Co., owed him for salary and Mr. Belyea—As a matte

made a demand on Mas Witness-That is about Continuing, the witness had been in the police of stealing but that he had n ed on the occasion that from his father's safe an closet at the New York about eighteen months not remember whether he the bartender half the

went to the closet and While he was acquainte tectives he could not had had anything to do connection with the \$2,1 whether he told them at t opportunity offered he verything his father had. did not make the key, wh semblance to the one fittin store, for him. The last t his father's store previo December 10. Mr. Belyea-Where did

Witness-I did not take ime I saw it it was in When he went to work nock, the witness continu supplied him with tools. time. For three months the keys of the store eve often took them to the was on one of these trips fice that he called in at I store and saw the accused and comparing it to the o er's store, remarked the did not know the co is father's safes Mr. Belyea-What did

ring when you took it?

that you put on the wall nock's store mean? Witness—I did not Mr. Penneck's wall On December 12 witnes 50 cents or \$1 from Mr. about \$10 between Decemble did not know how m Pennock but thought it \$30. On December 27 he from him and had borrow tinuously from him for years. It was on December first found out that Penno ond ring and between tha per 27 he got small sums him. They were coming of office when he asked Pe That was a bona fide requ although when he told Per was prepared to leave th lied to him. Mr. Belyea—What did you with the \$50?

Witness-I knew that I Mr. Belyea-But you wa Witness-No I did not. Mr. Belyea-You wanted Witness—Yes. Mr. Belyea—You would it in small sums; it would Witness-I don't know Mr. Belyea-After Mr.

told you that your father h accused him of stealir Witness-No, I said I th Mr. Belyea-There was n cussing who took the ring that well enough?
Witness—Yes there was.
want to be blamed for taki Mr. Belyea—You had bee stealing enough? The witness did not answ question, but continuing said his father on December 25 t had the ring. He was posit had it, but his father would

Mr. Belvea-After that yo from Pennock and finally

Mr. Belyea-You intende Witness-No I did not in was very anxious to get back. I did not inform cause I was afraid Penno pose of it. I got the diar December 29 and gave Per ument produced. On the th when I went into Pennoc accused told me to get would not have anything with it and that I could do w ed. I had previously threa my father. I refused to si ment at 4 o'clock but did so later because my father t so. I was greatly relieved it back as I had been accus it. I once had dealings broker. I never pawned watch which my father sold a watch which I purcha

father. Mr. Belyea-Out of the you did not get much of the Closet was a bad hidin Witness-My father got witness—My father got back in half an hour. Mr. Belyea—You did not Witness—No, but I intend Mr. Belyea—Another of

thropic movements. Did you American hotel about eigh