In Modern Minneapolis Hostelery.

Elevator Shaft Conveys Flames to Various Storeys With Great Rapidity.

Many Guests Meet Death In Another Victim Among the Workers of Frenzied Jump From the Upper Windows.

White Apollis, Minn., Jan. 10.—

Eight persons dead of suffocation or of injuries sustained in leaping from a "fire proof" hotel building a score of persons injured and a building damaged \$25,000 by smoke and water is an epitome of the ravages caused by a disaster which befell the West hotel, Hennepin avenue and Fifth street today, throwing seven hundred guests and employees into a panic. The dead: Fire Chief John Berwin, fell from the fourth floor to the Fifth street sidewalk, while attempting to save a woman's life, W. G. Nicholas, Minneapolis suffocated; Thomas Summersville, Springfield, Mass., suffocated; J. E. Wolf, northwestern agent for Sperry and Alexander company of New York, traveling man, suffocated; J. B. Peiseinger, New York, traveling man, jumped from the seventh story, Mrs. M. E. Hodges, Minneapolis, jumped from the seventh story and Wm. Balck, New York, suffocated.

The fire started in a packing room on the first floor near the elevator. The wood in the Elevator Shaft Gaught Fire

Elevator Shaft Gaught Fire and burned like tinder. A sheet of flame twenty feet wide mounted the shaft to the seventh floor, carrying an immense volue of smoke, which started

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There was so much smoke that the guests the moment the door was opened were compelled to crawl out of the windows to avoid suffocation. Many were hurt in breaking windows with hands or feet.

Many persons were not dressed when the fire started. The crowd that gathered saw the high windows at the corner of th hotel occupied by men and women with bleeding hands and feet some in negligee.

ome in negligee.
Frantic Cries of "Don't Jump!"
rom spectators prevented most of these
sersons from leaping. The smoke
spread to most parts of the hotel. Five
persons were found suffocated in their

A story of one of the quickest commercial transactions heard for many a day, and it did not take place in Victoria either, is told by Robert Evans last night at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Evans, or "Bob" as he is better known has for nearly a quarter of a century, conducted the Nanaimo hotel. Some little while ago a gentleman who had made his pile in the Yukon dropped into



ids, made potato growing very profitable, kept for barne and buildings neatly painted—all with minimum of labor. 66-page treatise R. free! Agente wanted. SPRAMOTOR CO.,

"Fire Proof"

Hotel Burns

Mr. Evans' hotel and the following conversation took place. "Say Bob how much will you take for the place?"

Oh, I don't want to sell out particularly," replied the host, "Won't you name a price?" The persistent manner of the applicant puzzled the veteran houtel man, but he named a figure. Without further ado, the prospective purchaser pulled out a big wad of bills, made a deposit and closed the deal on the spot.

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The buyer was John Mocher, an old time Nanaimo boy. Next day he was running the establishment and now Bob Evans is wondering how it all happened. Suffice to say the deal proved a profitable one, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans are here for a few days spending the time at the Dominion.

A MINER MEETS DEATH.

Earth's Buried Riches.

Ladysmith, Jan. 10.-To be instantly

Legislature

With Large Audience in

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Thoroughly Democratic

Questions Regers Won't Answer

The questions are in a diversity of form but in substance they are: 'does does with the Standard Oil company of New Jersey either through its own or any other person or corporation, own, hold or control a majority of the stock of the Walters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri, the Standard Oil company of Missouri, the Standard Oil company of Indian and the Republic Oil company of New York?"

Mr. Hadley desires this interval.

With Large Audience in Attendance.

Bellot Reform and Corrupt Practice Bills Are to Be the Features.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The New York State legislature convened tonight after a week's recess. There was

Mr. Rogers Still Obstinate

Mr. Lawson Don't Know

Boston, Jan. 9.—In reply to a request from Attorney General Hadley of Missouri, asking him to give any information in his possession regarding the relations between the Standard Oil company of Indiana and two other oil producing corporations, Thomas W. Lawson, tonight sent a lengthy telegram to Mr. Hadley. Mr. Lawson informed the attorney general that he knew nothing of the relations in question and that while he was aware of certain acts of the Standard Oil "Monopoly," he could not "fairly come within the wise restrictions of Mr. Hadley's telegram."

and testify on any trial. Any such person testifying shall not thereafter be son testifying shall not thereafter be shall not sent the son the standard old "Monopolity" he could not sent the standard old "Monopolity" he could not so to the standard old "Monopolity" he could not so to the standard old "Monopolity" he could not so to the standard old "Monopolity" he could not so to the son the standard old "Monopolity" he could not so to work. Altogether about 35 Chinamen are involved which is confined to this mile only. The groube will im no way affect that operation of the collagor content of the solid and courtailing this considered to the meeting and decided not to go to work. Altogether about 35 Chinamen are involved which is confined to this mile only. The groube will im no way affect that operation of the collagor content of the solid and courtailing this content of the solid and courtailing the solid and proposed and to the solid and the solid and proposed solid and the solid and proposed solid and seems of college solid and seems of the solid and seems

HERRING SPAWN.

overnment May Place Restrictions or Practice of Destroying Same.

Stendard Oil Magnate Declines to Treat Supreme Court Scriously,

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Arrogantly Refuses to Conside it Worth While Answering Questions,

Edifying Spectacle of Ajax Regers Defying Lightning of American Law.

American Law.

DEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The question whether Henry Rogers can be compelled to tell Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri as separate companies will be placed before the supreme court of New York state tomorrow. All the important questions which Mr. Rogers will be placed before the supreme court of New York state tomorrow. All the important questions which Mr. Rogers will be placed before the supreme court of New York state tomorrow. All the important questions which Mr. Rogers will be placed before the supreme court of the supr

London, Jan. 10.—The election fight is daily growing in intensity and the party leaders with the aid of motor cars are displaying the greatest energy in addressing many meetings at differcars are displaying the greatest energy
in addressing many meetings at different places on the same day.

The premier, Sir Henry CampbellBannerman, who spoke at Shrewsbury
tonight was howled down by a Chamberlainite minority and was compelled
to shorten his speech. Disorderly
meetings of this kind are not uncom-

meetings of this kind are not uncommon.

John Burns, president of the local government board made a successful tilt against Joseph Chamberlain, compelling him to publicly retract his statement that a million able bodied men were being supported in the workhouses of Great Britain. Mr. Burns produced statistics which proved that the workhouses were at present supporting only 214,804 persons the majority of whom were either sick or disabled. One of the most striking personalties in the campaign is Winston Spencer Churchill, whose restless energy it is admitted by frieads and foes is dominating the struggle in Manchester where he is being attended devotedly by his mother. Mr. Churchill receives deputations, attends committee meetings and addresses gatherings several times daily.

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A NEW LIST OF BARGAINS

FRIDAY

Western Canada's Big Store

FRIDAY BIG SALE DAY of the week

75 Women's Winter Jackets

Regular \$5,00 to \$12.50 Friday, \$2.50 Each

Fawns, coverts, blacks, tweeds; all tight fitting, size 32 to 40; length 27 to 36 inches.

100 Hand Bags

In Black, Brown, Navy, Green and Tan. Values, \$1.75 to \$3.00. ON SALE FRIDAY, \$1.25 each.

Fur Necklets

White Foxeline, Brown Marmot, Grey Thibet and others. Values, \$2.50 and \$3.50. FRIDAY, \$1.50. 100 Ready-to-Wear Hats Values \$1.50 and \$2.50. FRIDAY, 25c. each.

Trimmed Millinery All marked \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 each. Worth at least \$2.50 to

On Friday we offer for sale 40 dozen various makes of high class underwear, regular values \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$4.50, for per garment...95c This lot is made up of various odd lots of Vests and Drawers, also 75 different

kinds of underwear (2 suits of a kind), sent to us as samples. The following will give an idea of the character of these goods: The Prince India Cashmere, regular, per garment......\$3.00
The Britannia Underwear, regular, per garment.....\$2.00 and 2.50 Pure Silk and Wool, regular 4.00 Fancy, regular 4.50

All at 95c per Garment

Flannelette Underwear Gowns, silk embroidered, etc., at \$1.75 and \$2.00. For \$1.50.

Drawers

Sateen Black Skirts At \$2.00 and \$2.50. For \$1.50.

Women's Shoes, light, medium and heavy soles, \$2.50 pair. heavy soles, \$2.50 pair.

Flannelette Wrappers

All sizes in stock. \$1.00 and \$1.25 each.

Children's Wool Ribbed Drawers Small and Medium sizes. Values 50c., 60c. and 75c. FRIDAY, 35c.

Watson's Ribbed Wool for Women \$1.00 values, FRIDAY, 35c.

1000 Scribblers and Exercise Books FRIDAY, 2c. each; 5 for 10c.

500 Bottles Stafford's New Black Ink FRIDAY, 2 bottles for 5c.

40 Boxes Pure Linen Note Paper and Envelopes

Blue and Grey Tints. Regular 50c. For 35c. box.

Children's Fancy Ringwood Gloves 400 pairs at 25c. FRIDAY 10c pair Silk Stock Collars FRIDAY, 25c. each.

Black Silk Tulle Double Widths. Regular, 25c. For 10c. yard.

Silk Waists \$7.50 and \$10.00 values, for \$8.50. Many styles in Whitewear Department to choose from,

Handkerchiefs 20 dozen Plain Lawn Hemstitched (narrow hems). Values, occ. doz.

dozen Linen Towels, Reg. \$1.50 dozen.

50 Dozen White Linen Towels, hemstitched \$3.00

White Sheets Ready for use, \$1.50 pair. Full size, \$1.75 pair. Extra large, \$2.25 pair.

20 pieces Fancy Flannelette, mostly Dark Blue stripes and spots, 34 inches wide, FRIDAY, 12½c. 30 pieces Fancy Muslin for Summer Dresses, pinks, pale blue, black and white. FRIDAY, 10c. 41 Fancy Figured Organdie, FRI-DAY, 15c. 18 pairs Soiled White Blankets, 9-4 Princeton, \$2.45.
20 pairs Soiled White Blankets, 10-4 Princeton, \$2.75.
18 pairs Soiled White Blankets, 11-4 Princeton, \$3.75.

Fine Soft All-Wool Blankets Full size. \$5.00. Extra large, \$6.00. Crib Blankets, 50c. Cotton Blankets, \$1.00. Large size, \$1.25.

Pillow Cases Ready for use, \$2:00 dozen,

Black Dress Goods

3 pieces Fancy Black Dress Goods,
4 feet wide. Regular \$1.50.
FRIDAY, \$1.00.
2 pieces Black Canvas Cloth. Regular \$1.50. FRIDAY, \$1.00.
3 pieces Black Ladles' Cloth, Regular 90c. FRIDAY, 50c,
1 end Black Cashmere. Regular \$1.00. FRIDAY, 50c.

1 piece Black Volle. Regular \$1.00. FRIDAY, 50c.

\$4.50 for Men's Suits, value \$10.00 | | \$6.75 for Men's Suits, value \$12.50 A large stock to select from.

SHOES AT \$2.50

Japanese Rugs, size 31/2x5, regular price \$2 50. Friday, each......\$1.00



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Initial Business Transact First Session of Hou Yesterday.

Premier McBride Makes nouncement Respect Railway Policy.

Few Public Measures Adv -Government's Positi Outlined,

HE local legislature conversed and at 2:10, the proceed ing opened by the read prayers by Canon Beaula At the commencement of the there was but a scant attend members, fifteen on the gow benches, and eight on the opport of the ministers, the attorney and the finance ministers were maders, and the premier and the second control of the second contr places, and the premier and ister of lands and works came

Some time was consumed in shakings and greetings on the the house between late arrivals ministers, among the most promitis interchange of courtesies be member for Ymir, and the mem Atlin. Mr. Manson rose to maddress in reply to the speech fathrone, and said he did so with pleasure because of the hanny pleasure because of the happy stances in which the constituer Alberni found itself today in a representative who support government. This no doubt great disappointment to the opp who thought they had a hold constituency which could not be

Address in Reply Referring to the campaign M met several members of the op-including the leader Mr. J. A. l ald, and Mr. John Oliver, who, took to lead his leader through

Alberni had been spoken of the campaign as the voice of Columbia, and it was in that c that it spoke in the bye-election He supported the government of the splendid qualities numbers, but for their record,

Referring to the financial cond. e province, he said the advanthe province, he said the advance phenomenal.

Reverting to the Alberni elect did not want to claim that Alber the only place in British Columb the owed a word of praise for the ple there who had, under great vantage developed their country by dyking and irrigating, at the expense, had developed a sfarming influstry. In passing, latitute to the splendid nature for of Quatsino, which was did a great future as an Orienta Coming down the coast there fishing industry, and further dow had great mining and lumber pites, all they wanted was bett

from the future development Canadian Pacific Railway. Afte Canadian Pacific Kallway. After ing on the prosperous mining of ada Island, Mr. Manson came speech from the throne. He twi opposition with inconsistency in ing any credit to the provinci ernment for the prosperity of Columbia whilst he gave the government all the credit for the perity of the work west. He a bountiful harnest had somet do with if

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Coming to the finances of the ince Mr. Manson said there wa reason to feel proud of what ha achieved. Expenditures had to achieved. Expenditures had to duced and revenue increased and been done in a fair and man This fair spirit had been recip by the people, who had born share of the burden uncomplai. The member then commen the very gratifying progrethe province in agricultural at growing and said that the his mendation that its products mendation that its products ceived set the seal of approval dairy produce and fruit.

The policy of increased vigil protecting the forests was spoke an important step, and all would lead to further measures same direction—a very necessa

caution.

Mr. Manson then quoted the ties of the mineral industry sho heavy advance from \$15,870,1903 to \$18,977,000 in 1904 ar 000,000 in 1905.

Dealing with the question of r Mr. Manson said the past his railway building showed the withe government in pursuing a

the government in pursuing a policy, and while he saw two being constructed in the Simi being constructed in the Simil without aid, he thought he wa fied in concluding that the degree by for any extravagance tributing to railway building government. The people wo stand for it

tributing to railway building government. The people wo stand for it.

He urged greater care in pr game, which was still subject ages from wild beasts and advolarger head bounty on panthers. Mr. Manson then turned to a which had been widely discussing the Alberni election, the Ka and deal. The member for Debeen declaring loudly that there terrible scandal to be unearthed connection. Well for his part lieved the government was entitle thanks of the province for selected the best point in the inference of the province. They might howed the terminus to go whe speculators were heavily interest the detriment of the public servitely had not done so and favise, businesslike decision, the cuttled to the thanks of the who would benefit by their choic Manson concluded by moving address be presented in reply speech from the throne.

Seconder's Speech

Seconder's Speech Mr. Macgowan rose to second ly. He highly compliment