THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Inquiry Into the Nakusp & Slocan Matter Formally Opened Yesterday.

Nobody Appears in Support of the Accusations Against the Government.

The Royal Commission in connection with the Government's action regarding the Nakusp & Slocan railway opened yesterday at the court house. At 11 o'clock Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie and Mr. Justice Burbidge of the Exchequer Court of Canada, the Commissioners, took their seats on the bench, and Mr. C. F. Moore, clerk to the Commission, read the Lieut.-Governor's proclamation under which it was appointed to act.

The proclamation is as follows:

To the Honorable Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, Knight, Chief Justice of British Columbia, and the Honorable George Wheelock Burbidge, Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada, Greeting:

It having been resolved amongst the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its last session:

"That whereas, acting under the advice of the Executive Council, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give a Provincial guarantee of interest upon the bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company to the extent of 4 per cent. per annum on $25,000 per mile for twenty-five years, and by the like advice has, in the agreement for the guarantee of interest, reserved the right to substitute bonds guaranteeing principal at the rate of $17,500 per mile, together with interest at a rate per annum sufficient to enable the company to realize par, but in no case to exceed 4 per cent. per annum;

"And whereas, by message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice aforesaid, a bill has been introduced for the purpose of guaranteeing principal and interest in manner mentioned in the said agreement;

"And whereas, it has been stated by the honorable the member for Nanaimo District, in his place in the House of Assembly, that it appeared that the Honorable the Leader of the Government had been working for the company and not for the province, and it has also been insinuated in the said House of Assembly by other honorable members, although but directly charged, that the members of the executive council were actuated by corrupt motives in advising His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the matters aforesaid;

"Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire whether the Honorable the Premier, in advising the said guarantee, worked for the Company and not for the Province, and whether corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced His Honor's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, and whether any of His Honor's Ministers have or had any interest, directly or indirectly, in the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, or in the Construction Company, either in furnishing materials or supplies, or in any way whatsoever;" which resolution was approved by an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the 16th day of April, 1894.

"Now know ye that, in pursuance of the said resolution and order in council, and reposing especial trust in your loyalty, integrity and ability, we do hereby, in pursuance of the powers contained in the "Public Inquiries Act," and of all other powers and authorities us in that behalf enabling, constitute and appoint you, the said Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie and George Wheelock Burbidge, jointly, and each of you separately, to be commissioners with the power of making inquiry into all and every of the matters aforesaid so far as the same refer to the good government of this province, or reflect upon the conduct of any part of the public business thereof, together with the power of summoning before you, or either of you, any party or witnesses, and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, or on solemn affirmation (if they be parties entitled to affirm in civil matters), and to produce such documents and things as you, or either of you, may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters aforesaid; and we empower and direct you the said Commissioners, or either of you, to report the facts found by you, in writing, to our Lieutenant-Governor of four said Province of British Columbia immediately, or as soon as conveniently may be, after you shall have concluded such inquiry, together with the views which you, or either of you, may have formed in relation to the matters aforesaid as a result of the said inquiry, and that you do and perform all those matters and things in and about the taking of the said inquiry as by law in that behalf you are authorized to do."

The meeting of the Commission had also been advertised in the Victoria COLONIST and Times, the Vancouver News-Advertiser and World, the Nakusp Ledge, and the Nelson Miner, and an intimation had been sent to the different members of the House of Assembly.

The preliminaries being finished, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Burbidge said they would like to know if anyone was present for the prosecution, so that they might hear what was the exact nature of the alleged charges.

There was no answer, for while the Government was represented by the Attorney-General, Mr. E. V. Bodwell appeared for the Inland Construction and Development Co., and Mr. A. E McPhillips for the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Co., nobody was there to represent the accusers of the Government.

At the request of the Commissioners the Clerk formally asked if anyone was present to support the accusations, but with no better result than before. Hon. Mr. Beaven in the meantime sat in one of the jury seats on one side of the court, apparently as a spectator.

Mr. Justice Burbidge then remarked that under the circumstances it would be well to adjourn till next day, to give anyone a chance to appear in support of the alleged charges.

Sir Matthew Begbie: By the commission we will also have to inquire into the conduct of the Government, whether anyone appears or not. Certain charges or insinuations have been made in a most open manner and spread abroad upon the wings of the wind, affecting the character of the Government. Into these we have to inquire.

After some consultation it was arranged to adjourn till Saturday, but Mr. Beaven, just as the Commission was about to rise, explained that while not appearing as a prosecutor, he had some matters to bring before the Commission. He was not in a position to do so at present, but would be ready in the morning.

The Commission thereupon adjourned till this morning at 11 o'clock.

BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Herald's Montevideo dispatch says: The address of Peixoto at the opening of the Brazilian congress to-day dealt severely with Portugal for the course followed with the officers of the insurgent fleet after their surrender in Rio Janeiro bay. After relating the story of revolution the president's message said that Brazil enjoyed friendly relations with all the world except Portugal, and the strained relations with that country were due to the abuse of the rights of asylum by Capt. Castilho, of the Mindello. The Portuguese were responsible for Capt. Castilho's course, the president declared, and in permitting the escape of the fugitives to other than Portuguese territory he had committed an act of hostility toward Brazil. Brazil would pursue the question, he asserted, and push the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

THE PETITION FILED.

Asking For a Change in Trustees in the Green, Worlock & Co. Estate.

Application to Be Heard on Monday—The Reasons as Specified.

The petition of dissatisfied creditors, asking for the removal of Messrs. Heisterman and Coltart as assignees of the Green, Worlock & Co. bank, and for the substitution of Hon. Robert Beaven in their place, was filed yesterday in the Supreme court by the firm of Bodwell & Irving, who are acting for the petitioners. The hearing is set for Monday next before Mr. Justice Walkem. The petition reads as follows:

"The petition of William Smyth, on behalf of himself and such of the other creditors of the estate of Green, Worlock & Co. as voted for the resolution passed at the meeting of the creditors of such estate held on the 27th day of April, 1894, hereinafter referred to, showeth as follows:

"1. That on and prior to the second day of March, 1894, the partnership firm of Green, Worlock & Co. were carrying on the business of private bankers at the city of Victoria, British Columbia;

"2 On the said date the said firm assigned all their estate and effects to James Stuart Yates, Henry Frederick Heisterman and John Coltart as trustees for the benefit of the creditors of the said firm;

"3. The said James Stuart Yates is a barrister, residing at the city of Victoria; the said Henry Frederick Heisterman is a real estate agent, who has for some years been carrying on his business at the city of Victoria, and the said John Coltart is an accountant, and was for some time prior to the insolvency of the said firm employed by them as principal accountant and confidential clerk;

"4 Your petitioner is a creditor of the said estate for the sum of $5,000, and all other persons represented by him on this application are creditors of the said estate;

"5 By reason of the character of the business carried on by the said firm, many of the creditors of the said estate are persons whose claims are for money deposited with the said firm, and who are wholly unsecured;

"6 The assignees of the said estate have prepared a statement showing a balance of an estimated value of assets over liabilities of about $38,000;

"7. On the 28th day of March, 1894, a preliminary meeting of the said estate was called by the said assignees, at which meeting several resolutions materially affecting the creditors of the said estate were proposed and carried, but prior to the calling of the said meeting no sufficient or detailed information of the affairs of the said estate had been given to the creditors, nor was any notice given of the intention to pass such resolutions at such meeting, and there was not at the time, before the meeting, sufficient information upon which to form an intelligent opinion of such resolutions; nor were sufficient means taken by the said assignees to prevent persons other than creditors attending at such meeting and voting on such resolutions;

"8. Subsequently, on the 13th day of April, 1894, a large body of the creditors, feeling that the affairs of the said estate were not being satisfactorily conducted, called a meeting of the creditors of the said estate, and at such meeting a resolution was passed to the effect that the name of the Hon. Robert Beaven should be added as one of the assignees of the said estate, appointed thereto on behalf of the creditors of the said estate;

"9. The said assignees refused to recognize the Hon. Robert Beaven as a trustee, and in consequence of such refusal another meeting of the creditors was called for Friday, the 27th day of April, 1894, to consider the advisability of applying to the court for the purpose of securing the appointment of the said Hon. Robert Beaven as a trustee of the said estate: At such meeting there were present some 114 persons, representing an aggregation of claims against the said estate amounting to $100,000;

"10. At the said meeting the following resolution was passed by the votes of all present except two persons:" (Here was given the text of the resolutions published in full in the COLONIST of Saturday, April 28);

"11. The present trustees propose to occupy three or four years in winding up the affairs of the said estate, which your petitioner submits is entirely too long a time, and will seriously affect the interests of the unsecured creditors of the said estate;

"12. Under the management of the present trustees, your petitioner also submits that a great deal of unnecessary expense is being incurred;

"13. Your petitioner also submits that the reasons set out in the said resolution are good and sufficient reasons for the interference of the court in this matter, and your petitioner believes that the statements contained in the said resolution are true in substance and in fact;

"14. The Hon. Robert Beaven mentioned in the said resolution is in every sense a fit and proper person to fill the position of trustee of the said estate;

"Your petitioner therefore prays that your Lordship will be pleased to order that Henry Frederick Heisterman and John Coltart be removed from the position of assignees of the said estate of Green, Worlock & Co., and that the Hon. Robert Beaven may be appointed a trustee of the said estate in their place and stead;

"Dated the 9th day of May, 1894.

"WILLIAM SMYTH,

"By his solicitor, P. Æ. Irving."

SOUTH VICTORIA ELECTORS.

A Rousing Meeting Held in the School at the Royal Oak.

The Addresses All in Favor of the Present Government's Policy.

South Victoria electors held a rousing meeting at the school house near Royal Oak, last evening, the room being crowded to such an extent that late comers had great difficulty in getting standing room inside the door. Besides those attending in carriages or other vehicles a special train on the Victoria & Sidney railway took a number of people to the meeting.

The proceedings opened about 8 o'clock, when Mr. Russel having been chosen to preside and Mr. Sluggett to act as secretary, the Chairman stated that the meeting was for the purpose of discussing the selection of a candidate in the interest of the present government at the forthcoming elections.

Mr. D. M. Eberts, M.P.P., was greeted with applause as he took his place on the platform and, although not recovered from his recent illnes, made a capital speech. In his opening remarks he expressed his gratification at the interest taken by the electors of South Victoria in provincial politics, as shown by the large gathering. The liberal and progressive policy pursued by the government and what they had done for the country, the electors could see for themselves. He had been elected to support the policy of the late Hon Mr. Robson, and when that hon. gentleman's administration was succeeded by the present government of Hon. Mr. Davie, he acquiesced in the policy of the latter because it and that of Hon. Mr. Robson were the most progressive the province had ever had. (Hear, hear.) The government was not only progressive but it took care of the money of the people, spending it economically and to the best advantage of the country. He was proud that his name stood at the head of the Victoria & Sidney railway bill, when it was introduced into the House, and held that the road was in the interest of the district; he considered it would tend to its greater prosperity. Passing on to roads, Mr. Eberts proceeded to show how the Government had endeavored to benefit the farmers in giving them good communication. In the matter of education, he pointed out how alive the Government were to the school question and how anxious that free education should be available to the people of the Province. In concluding, he remarked that he would visit other parts of the district and hold other meetings before election day. (Applause.)

At this point Hon. Mr. Davie was observed to enter the room and in acknowledgement of the tremendous applause that greeted him, was obliged to address the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Davie remarked that he had come more as a resident and voter than as a speaker. He could bear testimony to Mr. Eberts having in the house devoted his best energies to the advancement of his district and the province at large. He would not take up time at present in discussing the government's policy, but would take an opportunity later to do so. He would only say he was delighted to see so many of the electors before him, and was certain that there was not the least question that the government, as a government, was going to be sustained at the next election. (Great applause.) Whatever were its shortcomings, the government had always made a determined effort in the best interests of the country. (Applause.) There was not one of the attacks made on the government by the opposition to which a perfect refutation could not be given. (Prolonged applause.)

Mr. J. W. Carey was the next speaker. He paid a tribute to the government, saying that the Premier was the best the province had ever seen. (Applause.) He was sure that the Premier understood the needs of the farmer, and was glad to see in the newspapers that Hon. Mr. Davie was in favor of the farmers saying where the money for the roads in their districts was to be expended. He found fault with the game law, telling somewhat humorously how town sportsmen had shot cattle and farm animals. Touching on Hon. Mr. Beaven, he said that gentleman was an honest man, no doubt, but his time was passed. (Laughter and applause.) He advocated a mounted patrol to keep the sportsmen off the farmers' fields. Referring to the redistribution bill, he showed that it was as honest a bill as was ever passed by any house. It would, however, have been better had the district not been cut in two, but he could not blame the government for this, as they had the general interests of the country to look after. If they wished to choose a farmer when the election came they had every right to do so, but it should have been looked after by their member. A farmer, he thought, should represent the district.

Mr. J. Nicholson, jr., thought any man interested in the Island would do wrong to cast a vote for the opposition. The government had by the last redistribution bill put a stop to any packing of polls and given the residents of any district a better chance than ever before to send their choice to the house. When the time arrived after the nomination, it would be time enough to give his views.

Hon. Mr. Davie asked the indulgence of the meeting for a few minutes. As to the farmers selecting the places they wanted the work done on the roads, he repeated he would like very much to see this done. Mr. Eberts had worked honestly and well for the district and from him the government had always received much assistance. As to the redistribution bill he would say that it was far more than the adversaries of the government expected. It was for the purpose of trying to do justice to the whole country. However, it was not there for all time but for the time being. The bill was not unjust, but might be made more satisfactory in the future. On the whole the government had done the best they could under the circumstances. Therefore when they praised the government for that bill as a good one, Mr. Eberts could not be blamed for supporting it. Although their opponents had a year ago said it would be a failure now from one end of the Province to the other general satisfaction had been expressed with it. (Hear, hear.)

After some discussion as to selecting candidates it was finally decided unanimously on motion of Mr. G. Johns, seconded by Mr. Stevens, that the meeting adjourn and that each candidate should stand as he chooses without the meeting selecting any particular one.

After a vote to the chair the meeting then dispensed.

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SWEPT AWAY.

ST. ANNE DE LA PERADE, Que., May 9.—Ever since the catastrophe on the St. Anne river at St. Alban on April 27, the inhabitants of this parish have daily expected some similar accident. About 10 o'clock yesterday a farmer named Uideric Boisvert, whose property is situated about fifteen acres above the C.P.R. bridge, noticed that his land was being rapidly carried away, and he immediately began to move his effects. He just had time to do so and shortly afterwards saw his house carried away by the river St. Anne. The land all around was gradually disappearing, and the farmers immediately resolved to follow Boisvert's example and remove their goods and chattels.

In a short time another farmer named Jean Briere looked on while his dwelling and barn were being carried down the river. Parishioners on the east side of the river north of the railway bridge now began to think that they would all be victims of the catastrophe, and conseqently moved their furniture to safe quarters, in most cases taking it to the lower end of the parish, about a mile distant. At the hour of writing five houses and as many barns have been carried away, and all the inhabitants are helping their friends to save their effects.

In the space of two hours an acre of land in the rear of some of the residences was carried away by the river, the current of which is like a mill race. The water is about 15 feet from the level of the railway bridge, and the current is so strong that no boatman will venture out. It is impossible to say where this catastrophe will end. The village is in imminent danger, also the bridge, and the Eastern bank of the river is disappearing. At 7 o'clock last evening the house of a farmer named Leboeuf was carried away, and at 1 o'clock this morning the same man lost another brick building adjoining the one which disappeared last evening.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 9.—(Special.)—The sentence of death on Degidio, for wilful murder, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. Antonio Lucanio will hang tomorrow. Both maintain their innocence. Degidio had not been told of his reprieve up to a late hour.

By the fall of a chimney in the rear of the Canadian Pacific telegraph company's offices to-day Howard Smith, check clerk, was instantly killed, and Aubrey Tennant, a message boy, was fatally injured. The boys were pulling themselves up by a pulley left by some workmen when the chimney gave way and fell upon the boys.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Presbytery, it was decided to invite the General Assembly to meet in this city next year.

The elevator at Pierson station, on the C. P. R., was destroyed by fire to-day, with 20,000 bushels of wheat.

Mr. Boyd, M.P., says that it is probable Sir John Thompson will visit Manitoba during the summer.

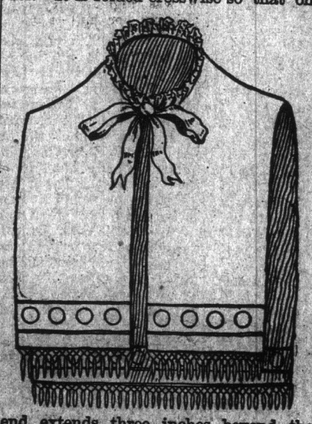
To-morrow will be Arbor Day in Manitoba, and a public holiday.

U. S. CROPS.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 9.—The weather bureau, in its report of weather and crop conditions for the week ended May 7, says: The week was warm and the weather conditions favorable for growing crops in all sections of the country east of the Rocky mountains. The week was cool on the Pacific coast, except over the interior valleys, and heat and dry weather there proved unfavorable to hay, grain and pastures. There was ample moisture in the spring wheat region and in the states of the Missouri valley. There was total absence of rain in California, and only light showers on the North Pacific coast. There was a slight deficiency of rainfall in portions of Nebraska, Kansas and Western Texas. In California the season has been unusually dry, and small grains and pastures have been very much damaged by drouth, but the North Pacific coast states have been more favored, and there has been a slight excess of rainfall over Washington and Oregon.

Combing Towel.

The combing towel illustrated, intended to cover the shoulders during the process of hairdressing, is made of a damask towel a yard long, having a knotted fringe and an ornamental border. It is folded crosswise so that one



end extends three inches beyond the other and the folded edges then cut to fit the neck and shoulders, an opening being cut down the middle of the shorter end. The shoulder seams are stitched and felled, the neck bound smoothly with tape and the edges of the front opening hemmed. A frill of linen lace is sewed around the neck, and ribbons are fastened on by which to secure the towel at the throat.

ISABELLA PROCTOR.

Russian Legation at the Vatican.

ROME, May 8.—It is announced through the medium of the French embassy here that the Russian government has advised the Pope of its intention to establish a regular legation at the Vatican.

BELLAIRE, Ohio, May 7.—On account of the coal strike the Bellaire steel works and blast furnaces have shut down. Nine blast furnaces and four steel plants and nail mills in this vicinity have shut down for want of coal. There are at present fully 20,000 idle men hereabouts.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., May 7.—The election in Gloucester county for the House of Commons took place on Saturday, when Blanchard (Government) defeated Devitt (Independent) by a vote of 1,768 to 1,448, giving Blanchard a majority of 320.

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THE TRUSTEE BOARD.

A New List of Salaries Fixed and Some Positions Created.

Teachers Must Look Out For School Property—General Conditions Favorable.

The Board of School Trustees held their regular monthly meeting in the police court room at the City Hall last night, Chairman Hayward presiding, and Trustees Lovell, Saunders, Glover and Marchant being present.

A communication from Bishop Cridge asked permission for the continued use of the Hillside schoolroom. A similar request was read from Rev. P. McF. Macleod, re the James Bay school.

TRUSTEE MARCHANT raised the point that in his opinion these properties might revert to the Government, but if they could be held it would be well to grant the requests. The request was granted and a rent of 50 cents per month ordered charged.

A letter was read from Ald. Ledingham with reference to the matter of the stoning of a team belonging to Hong Yeun & Co. by some school children. A request was made to have the matter attended to, and an effort made to punish the boys.

TRUSTEE MARCHANT pointed out that this was an outrage and that steps should be taken to check such occurrences; it was then ordered that the principals be requested to investigate the case and report to the board.

Principal Paul asked for instructions in the matter of the printing of the semi-annual promotion examination papers. Referred to the Supply committee.

Teacher Stephenson made a complaint on the use of vile language toward him by janitor Callow, also stating that this janitor had left the stovepipes in a bad condition. Referred to the committee with power to order the pipes cleaned and the charges deducted from the janitor's wages; the committee also to discharge the man if they find the other charges correct.

Fire Chief Deasy sent in a letter in regard to providing the school buildings with adequate fire escapes, with some suggestions thereon. Referred to a special committee for report.

Prof. G. M. Davidson, of Peterboro, Ont., by letter pointed out the advantages of the tonic sol fa system, with himself as teacher. Received and filed.

Applications for positions as teachers were tabled from Mary Lucas and John Simpson, M.A.

Tenders were received from the Victoria Plumbing Co. for covering the steam pipes in the North ward building. Referred to the supply committee with power to act.

The bond furnished by Smith and Elford was referred to the chairman and Trustee Yates with power to act.

Memorands of several small bills were then read and referred to the finance committee.

Report of committee on school boundaries referred back for further work.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the amount of salaries, etc, was then taken up, discussed at length, and after amendments it was read and adopted as follows:

"The committee appointed to consider the amount of the salaries paid to the teachers in the new schools, and any changes if necessary in the salaries of the teaching staff, report as follows:

"1. They recommend the closing at the end of the present term of the Hillside, Rock Bay and James Bay ward schools, also the closing of the Central annex school and the doing away with the positions of monitors in the third and fourth divisions of the Central school.

"2. We also recommend that all appointments to and changes in the city teaching staff be made prior to the end of June, so that those teachers, if any, whose services are dispensed with may be afforded ample time to seek other positions.

"3. Your committee estimate that about 320 pupils of both sexes will attend the North Ward school upon its opening in August and consequently recommend the appointment of eight teachers to compose its teaching staff.

"4. We further estimate that about 320 pupils will attend the South Ward school on its opening in August, and recommend that eight teachers be appointed to this school.

"5. The salaries of the North Ward school are recommended as follows: Principal, $100 per month; 1st assistant, $80; 2nd do., $70; 3rd do., $65; 4th do., $60; 5th do., $55; 6th do., $50, and 7th do., $40.

"6. Those of the South Ward school: Principal, $100 per month; 1st assistant, $80; 2nd do., $70; 3rd do., $65; 4th do., $60; 5th do., $55; 6th do., $50, and 7th do., $40.

"7. In the Girls' Central school two changes are recommended—that the principal's salary be raised from $85 to $90 per month, and that that of the seventh assistant be lowered from $50 to $40 per month.

"8. We recommend that the salary of the seventh assistant, Boys' Central, be lowered from $50 to $40 per month.

"9. In view of the possible affiliation of the High school with some Canadian university of good standing, your committee suggest the advisability of obtaining the services of teachers who are University graduates, and therefore recommend that the first assistant be paid $110 per month and the second assistant $100 per month.

"10. The salaries of the teachers in Victoria West and Spring Ridge schools should remain unaltered.

"11. It is also suggested that it be made part of the terms upon which teachers are engaged that they be held strictly responsible for the preservation of school furniture."

The averages for the month were as follows: Average daily attendance, 1,710.87; average actual attendance, 1,689 92; pupils actually attending, 2,005; and average per teacher, 46 65.

At this point the board went into committee to consider some promotions, etc. The result of the conference was the appointment of Mr. A. B. McNeill as principal of the North ward school, and of Miss A. D. Cameron to a similar position in the South ward. The board then adjourned.

COXEY IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 9. — The first two hours of the Senate session to-day were spent in the discussion of Senator Allen's (Populist) resolution for a committee of inquiry into the circumstances of the police assault upon Coxey, Brown and Jones in the capitol grounds on May 1. Mr. Allen made a long speech in support of the resolution, and was followed by John Sherman (Ohio), who characterized the whole thing as a shame and pretense, and advised Coxey to go home to Ohio and take care of his property, of his wife and family.

The resolution went over without action till to-morrow. A substitute was offered for it by Mr. Teller, and accepted by Mr. Allen, which substitute will be the resolution that will be acted upon to-morrow. It simply provides for an investigation, omitting entirely the preamble.

COMMERCIAL CABLE.

CANSO, May 9.—The cable ship Faraday, which left Halifax on Monday night, arrived off Canso yesterday afternoon and anchored in Fox Bay last night. During the day the heavily armored shore end of the Commercial Cable Company's new cable was laid without any hitch or intermission, and carried through to a successful completion joint.

TORONTO, May 7.—The Ontario Board of Health has recommended the erection of hospitals for immigrants at Fort William.

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