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FORTY-SECOND YEAR.

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Terrible Disaster on the C.P.R. Mountain Section Yesterday Afternoon.

Round House at Rogers Pass Carried Away and Seven Men Perish.

Two Others Injured—Names of the Victims Not Yet Ascertainable.

Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 31.—A terrible disaster occurred at four o'clock this afternoon, at Rogers Pass. But one message came over the wire and as only one wire was working the particulars are meagre. The dispatch stated that a big snowslide had swept the mountain side, causing the death of seven men (presumably employees) and the injuring of two. The names could not be learned. The dispatch said Superintendent Marpole, superintendent of telegraphs Van- erson and Mr. Duchesnay were at the scene doing all they could for the injured men and the recovery of the bodies of those who had perished.

A large force of men were engaged at at seven this evening two bodies had been recovered.

Mr. George McL. Brown, executive agent of the C.P.R., had just received a despatch giving particulars of the accident substantially as above. This distressing casualty was one, he says, that could not have been a terrible one to reach the round house. A gang of men were at once put to work, and the track will be cleared by 1 o'clock to- day.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

German Manufacturers Alive to the Danger from American Competition. Berlin, Jan. 30.—During the discussion in the lower house of the Prussian diet today Baron Erffa, referring to the opinion of the secretary of the imperial treasury that there was no danger to the German sugar industry from America in the near future, said the man- ufacturers of Saxony took a different view from those who underrated the colossal annual resources and enterprizes of "the American sugar trust."

Baron von Hammerstein Loxten, the minister of agriculture in reply said he fully agreed with the statement that the most serious danger existed from America. Moreover, he remarked, the ex- port of sugar from Cuba would greatly increase during the next few years, now that energetic and intelligent American capitalists had taken the matter in hand. The danger arising from the production of beet sugar in America, he further said, was continually increasing.

FIRE AT CHEMAMAIN.

One Chinaman Burned to Death and Another Badly Scorched.

Arrivals from Chemainos on yesterday's noon brought news of a fire on the island lumbering town. One Chinaman was burned to death and another had his hands burned. The fatal fire occurred early yesterday morning in a Chinese laundry and the victim was burned to death in his bed and his com- panion was badly burned in escaping. The building was burned to the ground, a lot of clothes belonging to residents of the district.

A CAMPAIGN TREATY.

Washington Commission to End in Nothing But Election Literature.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The World's Liberty League is going to sign a treaty that will result in a campaign which they hope the senate will ratify by the senate of the United States. When parliament meets in March the government will have a redistribution bill which they hope the senate will ratify by the senate of the United States.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Reservation of Canadian Lumber for Canadian Workmen Put Into Effect.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The ses- sion of the Ontario legislature opened this afternoon with the usual formal- ties. There was a large attendance of members. The speech from the throne was read by His Honor Sir Oliver Mowat. It contains nothing of special interest, except on the timber question, which is referred to in the following terms:

"The legislation of last year which provided that all pine logs cut on crown domain after the termination of the then existing leases should be sawn in Canada, has been made effective by inserting manufacturing conditions in all renewals of licenses for current year. In this connection I am pleased to be able to state that the cut of logs for export by American limit-holders for the last li- timate year did not appreciably exceed that of former years.

"It is anticipated that by reason of the legislation referred to there will be a sensible reduction in the revenue to be derived during the current year from timber resources. It will therefore be necessary to make provision by which any probable deficiency in revenue may be otherwise made up. Measures to this end will be submitted for your consid- eration."

Always avoid harsh purgative pills. They are not only ineffective but also very dan- gerous. Carter's Little Liver Pills are the only safe and effective pills for the bowels and make you well. Dose, one pill.

THE THRONE OF CHINA.

Empress Dowager Has Decided Upon Successor to the Caged Emperor.

Peking, Jan. 30.—The Chinese press says that the Dowager Empress has de- cided upon a policy regarding the suc- cessor to the throne. At a meeting of her relatives recently held, she selected the successor of the present Emperor. His identity was not divulged, but all reports agree that a change at the palace is impending. The Emperor is still strictly guarded and in the southwest corner of the island palace. It is as- serted that the Dowager Empress practically ignores the grand council of state and the Tsung-li-Yamen.

THE DEMANS ON SPAIN.

Only Luzon Island of Philippine Group Included at First.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The President today sent to the senate the correspond- ence on file in the state department bear- ing upon the peace treaty, and it was read in today's executive session. The correspondence includes most of the let- ters and cables from the commis- sioners to the President, and from the President to the commissioners in the way of instructions. The documents are numerous, as there are telegrams, letters and reports for almost every day the commissioners were in Paris.

One of the first cables from the President instructed them to demand the island of Luzon island only of the Phil- ippines, and he told them that the sov- ereignty should go with it. The read- ing of the correspondence received the closest attention from the senators.

DOMINION DESPATCHES

Conservatives in New Brunswick Sorely Trouble Leader of Coalition Government.

Smallpox Imported From Ohio—Grip Takes an Aucti neer—C.P.R. Statement.

Special To The Colonist.

St. John, Jan. 28.—Premier Emerson of New Brunswick and A. A. Stovin, leader of the opposition, have published their manifestos appealing for the sup- port of the general election. The man- ifesto, which has been fixed for Feb. 28.

The Premier points out his neutrality in Dominion political affairs, protests against the determination of the Con- servatives to run provincial politics on the basis of a coalition government.

SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Halifax, Nov. 30.—The Nova Scotia schooner Jersey Bay, from Plectania Bay, Nfld., bound for Halifax with a cargo of lumber, was abandoned yester- day 20 miles east of St. Catherines. The crew were rescued.

QUARANTINED IMMIGRANTS.

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MR. COSTIGAN IN LUCK

Obtains from Political Opponents Concessions for Co-Belligents and for Himself.

Toronto World's Story of Deal Affecting Politics of Two Provinces.

Special To The Colonist.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—The World's Mon- treal special says Sir Oliver Mowat is to retire, and his place at Government House is to be taken by Senator Scott. Hon. John Costigan is to succeed latter in the senate as the Irish repre- sentative.

It is further stated that Hon. Mr. Blair took Mr. Costigan's conversion in hand as soon as he entered the govern- ment, and he succeeded so well that the ex-minister of inland revenue consented to accept a portfolio on the eve of a general election, upon condition of fur- nishing concessions being granted by the Greenway government to the Catholic minority in Manitoba. The western end of the deal is also said to be progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick knows whereof he speaks when he declared up West the other day that further concessions would be for- tuitous.

It is said, in fact, that the Manitoba government gave only a few days ago a check for \$4,000 to the Archbishop of St. Boniface for providing separate school teachers in Winnipeg.

St. John, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The elec- tion date of New Brunswick elections are February 11 and 18. Although the voting is so close at hand, there are still several candidates lacking in support. The government start off with a decided advantage as their preparations for a short campaign are more advanced than the opposition. Messrs. Tweedie, Burchell, O'Brien and Fish will be the government candidates in Northumber- land, where Robinson, Conservative M. P., will support the government. In Madawaska county the opposition will probably not put candidates.

Hon. George E. Foster reached Fredericton today to take part in the cam- paign.

DEWEY TO BE ADMIRAL.

Rank Reserved for His Benefit and Ten Years Added to Service.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate com- mittee on naval affairs has reported to the house a bill to give to Admiral Dewey, upon his retirement from the service, the rank of admiral in the interest of the Rear-Admiral's bill.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1.—A fire which began at 9 o'clock to-night in the heart of the business portion of the city is still raging, and is threatening to spread to the goods store of Green, Joyce & Co., which was destroyed. The wholesale dry goods store of Green, Joyce & Co. has been destroyed. The wholesale dry goods store of Green, Joyce & Co. has been destroyed. The wholesale dry goods store of Green, Joyce & Co. has been destroyed.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Twenty Children Through the Ice—In- ternational Post Director—His- torian and Sculptor.

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NO CONCERN OF OTTAWA'S.

Chief Conservative Organ Advises the Premier Not to Meddle with Atlin Bill.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The Mail in a leading editorial headed "Hands off British Columbia" says: "How is it to be decided that the Atlin bill is to be disallowed. British Columbia is by no means likely to admit its ultra vices, or to bow to the injunction of the Dominion government restraining the operation of the law. The premier would therefore be certain to meet with opposition in the implementing of his alleged promise to the American commissioners."

TURKEY MAKES BOYS SICK.

Sixty-Seven Cadets the Victims of Mys- terious Poisoning.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 30.—Sixty-seven cadets of the Pennsylvania Military Academy at this place were poisoned to- day presumably from eating turkey. It was after the meal of which fowl was the principal food that the illness was taken ill. In rapid succession one after another was stricken, and several of the cadets died. The condition of the sick gradually improved until all were out of danger.

The doctors made an investigation of the food and decided that the turkey had caused the trouble. No traces of mis- erial poisoning could be found but the opinion of the doctors is that the ill result was due to the decomposition of the interior organs of the fowl.

FIRES OF ONE DAY.

Chair Factory at Owen Sound—Toronto Planning Mill—A Village Wiped Out.

Owen Sound, Feb. 1.—The North American Chair Company's factory was completely destroyed by fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock this morning. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Two hundred and eighty hands were thrown out of employment. The building and contents were insured for \$28,000.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The moulding and planing mill of Matthews Bros. & Co. in the northwest section of the city, was burned down early this morning.

Buda Pest, Feb. 1.—A fire last night in the village of Magyapozs, in Hungary, destroyed 300 houses. Many lives were lost during the con- flagration.

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THE SAMOAN TROUBLES.

German Officials Again Flout Amer- ican Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

By Associated Press. Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 1.—The follow- ing advice have been received here from Apia, Samoa, under date of January 24, from the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"There has been no further general fighting between the partisans of the rival chieftains since last advice were forwarded except that a party of Mat- afa's followers was routed in the bush at fighting which has been taken place in re-arresting persons who have been already fined and released.

There has been a collision of authority between Chief Justice Chambers of the supreme court and Dr. Rafael, the Ger- man president of the municipality of Apia. Herr Grossmuhl, a German resi- dent of Apia, who was arrested for smashing the windows of the supreme court chamber, was sentenced by the Chief Justice to imprisonment for 24 fine. Dr. Rafael instructed the police to release Herr Grossmuhl, whose fine was subsequently fixed at \$1,000.

The German consul, Herr Rose, there- upon wrote to the American consul, Mr. Osborne, and the British consul, Mr. E. B. M. Maxse, protesting that the action of the Chief Justice in fining Herr Gros- smuhl was an infringement of German consular rights. Messrs. Osborne and Maxse jointly replied in their official capacity that the proper tribunal having dealt with the matter, the consuls could not interfere. More than this they de- clined to have further intercourse with the German consul, with full retraction of his apology, with full retraction of his protest, and with full retraction of his protest.

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ALAS FOR THE CANNERS

Minister Stands by His Detriment- al to "Clean the Regulations Down Their Throats."

Another Industry to Be Sacrificed to the Whim of an Auto- crat at Ottawa.

Snowslide Carries Away Part of Glacier Station—The Storm Stays Telegraphy.

Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 31.—A private letter from Sir Louis Davies, minister of fish- eries, has been received, stating in effect that the obnoxious British Columbia salmon fishing regulations are to be en- forced as they now stand. The minis- ter therefore stands alone against the ob- noxious British Columbia opinion, the fish- ermen, the members of parliament for this province, and even the chief organ of the Liberal party, the Toronto Globe, whose management, realizing that the government are in error in enforcing the regulations that would paralyze the can- ning industry in this province, have writ- ten the secretary of the canners that they are not producing a tax re- venue, but are merely an expression of their views. Mr. Max- well, M.P., has stated, after mature con- sideration, that his views have changed, and he will work to have the regula- tions modified. Mr. Aulay Morrison states that he never was enthusiastic over the present regulations; and the fishermen themselves, it is claimed, are yielded inasmuch as they have expressed no objection to an application for a new regulation, at a given date, say the 1st of July. The matter is under con- sideration.

The United States has formally apolo- gized for the action of one of its customs officers at Detroit for forcibly deport- ing a Canadian named Meagher who went from Essex county to Michigan last September.

The idea of the issue of daily bulletins from the Canadian government has been dropped on account of the expense.

J. H. Grisdale of St. Martha, Que., has been appointed agricultural agent for the central department.

The customs revenue for January in- creased \$148,000. The total increase for the month was \$2,322,000.

The outlook for lumber in the Ottawa valley is most promising. Nearly the entire cut of the past season is sold out.

The department of trade and commerce was notified this afternoon by cable from Buenos Ayres that the government of Argentina had reduced the duty on spruce lumber by \$2.40, leaving the duty \$6.40 per thousand. This reduction of 37 per cent. is the outcome of representa- tions of the Canadian government, and protested against the increase when made last September as calculated to injure the lumbering industry of the country.

Mr. Maxwell, M.P., is here on business with the railway department.

TEXAS NEWS.

Installing Van Anda Plant—500 Tons of Sorted on the Cornhill Dump.

Correspondence of the Colonist. Centada, Jan. 23.—The bachelors of Tex- as are to have a grand ball on Friday night at Marble Bay mine. There was about fifty-five persons present.

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Bark Seminoe Sold by the Sheriff - The Farmers and Cheap Loans.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Attorney-General Says Too Much Money Was Subscribed For Westminister Fire Relief.

Bill Amended to Limit Disposal of Fund—List of Dis-missed Officials.

TUESDAY, Jan. 31. This was yet another dull day in the house, unrelieved by interesting debate of any kind, and marked only by the adoption of the Westminister Aid bill, and the advancement of considerable private legislation.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock, and prayers were read by Rev. J. McNeill.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICIALS.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Booth for a return showing: 1. What officials, since the 8th August 1898, have been dismissed, and from what office.

2. Names of such officials. 3. Length of service by each such official.

4. Length of notice of dismissal in each case.

5. Reason for dismissal in each case.

6. What appointments have been made by the government since 8th August 1898.

7. Names of the appointees and to what office appointed.

Hon. Mr. Semlin observed that, while the government had not the slightest objection to presenting all the information sought, there might be good reason for the omission of certain particulars.

The reasons for dismissal could be given all right, but it might be well in certain cases not to have them laid before the public as proposed. It would, in his opinion, be an unnecessary cruelty, and most unpalatable to the dismissed officials and their friends.

Col. Baker replied that the information might very properly be given to the house but not made public. It could be omitted from the sessional journals.

Hon. Mr. Martin held that this would be a senseless proceeding, and that everybody would read the matter in the newspapers as soon as it was before the house.

"Oh, no," the leader of the opposition replied; "it could not be published in the newspapers except by permission of the house."

Continuing, Col. Baker contended that under the rules of May, governing the legislative assembly, no part of the proceedings of the house should be published as the house approves and sanctions.

Hon. Mr. Martin held this contention to be simply nonsense. In this day and age, the press had an admitted right to publish as they thought what it thought of the house proceedings. As to paragraph 5 of this resolution, it was a matter of absolute indifference to the government, but it certainly seemed to him a cruel thing to tell the world of the faults of officials that had led up to their suspension.

Col. Baker still held his ground—that under the rules of May no newspaper should have the right to publish any part of the house proceedings except as a privilege of the house.

Major-General Kinchard thought that the information asked for in clause 5 should be regarded as confidential, in the sense of an army or navy report. He moved Mr. Kellic's amendment, to eliminate clause 5.

Mr. Macpherson maintained that the better of the option was to have the information published as they thought upon his own record of last session, which as provincial secretary he had vigorously opposed presenting similar information to the house. On the other hand, he had said that confidential correspondence should not be brought down to the house, as it would be made available to the press, but that any member of the house desiring to do so might do so in private.

Col. Baker inquired if the Premier would consent to such an arrangement as this.

"We certainly have not the slightest objection," said Hon. Mr. Semlin, and paragraph 5 being thereupon unanimously adopted.

CARIBOO-OMINECA COMPANY.

The Cariboo-Omineca Chartered Co.'s bill (Hon. Mr. Cotton) was considered in committee by Mr. Deane in the usual manner, being reported complex without amendment.

AID FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

At 3 o'clock the house went into committee. Mr. Deane in the chair, upon the section by section with clerical amendments—these but two or three moved to amend the bill, the last section of the bill, was reached. It read:

All moneys which have been or may hereafter be contributed for the relief of the corporation, or of the inhabitants of the said fire, and therefor, because of the said fire, and which are now unexpended, are hereby placed in the corporation, and it shall be lawful to apply the said moneys to such charitable purposes, as shall be determined by the corporation.

Hon. Mr. Cotton explained that this section was somewhat apart from the remainder of the bill. The relief committee who had originally received the public subscriptions for the amelioration of the distress occasioned by the fire and passed out of existence, had been called by the city had legal advice that the remaining balance of the fund should properly be taken in charge and managed by the corporation. The council naturally felt some delicacy in assuming authority without special sanction, which was by this section intended to provide.

Col. Baker agreed that it was quite right and proper that the council should assume the charge of the remaining balance of the fund, but pointed out that the money in this fund had been contributed for a special charitable purpose, and that it would be a pity if the spirit of the donations if this money were to be devoted to the general purposes of the corporation. The administration of the fund should be given to the council, but its expenditure should be limited to the charitable purposes—otherwise there would be a distinct breach of trust by those who had so willingly and generously contributed to the relief account. He moved to amend the section in the line of the idea.

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The bill to incorporate the North Star & Arrow Lake Railway (Henderson) was reported complete with amendments from the house committee, Mr. Ralph Smith presiding. The report will be considered at the next sitting of the house.

VANCOUVER, NORTHERN & YUKON.

Mr. Macpherson moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Northern & Yukon Railway bill, explaining that in consequence found itself embarrassed with about \$21,000 of a balance, all legitimate and direct distress oc-

caused by the fire having been relieved. Under these circumstances he maintained that the council should either return the balance to the donors, or it should be turned in to the general fund of the city. No better act of charity could now be performed than thus to alleviate the situation of the citizens at large, all individual distress having been relieved.

B. C. TELEPHONE BILL.

On motion of Mr. Prentice the B. C. Telephone bill passed its second reading, the explanation being given that it was merely to facilitate the transfer of the interests of the two companies proposed to amalgamate, to the purchasing English company. No new powers are sought.

MASTERS AND SERVANTS BILL.

The report on this measure (Mr. Macpherson) was adopted, and the second reading discharged in order that the bill may be re-committed for the purpose of amending the sections dealing with the administration of withdrawal benefit funds.

NOXIOUS WEEDS IN B. C.

Mr. Kidd, moving the second reading of the bill to amend the Noxious Weeds act, pointed out that it proposed to amalgamate two existing statutes—the Canadian Noxious Weeds act, and the act which enlarged the scope of the former measure and adding two or three weeds to the list of the latter. He referred particularly to the necessity of dealing with the tumbling mustard, a pest in the Okanagan country, and also to the necessity of dealing with the eradication of the ox-eye daisy and wild mustard.

Mr. Ellison endorsed what had been said with regard to the depredations of the tumbling mustard in the Okanagan country. He thought that this weed, like the thistle, was being spread largely by the railway, and suggested that a section might be added in committee, providing that railway companies must keep noxious weeds down along their lines.

Hon. Mr. Semlin, while not opposing the principle of the bill, held that so long as the farming country was backed by mountains whose seeds blown or carried to the country with every cloud-burst or heavy rain, the eradication of the weeds was impossible.

Mr. Booth approved of the energetic measures to eradicate the tumbling mustard, which had not yet got a foothold in British Columbia, and suggested applying in part to the Canadian thistle. As to the ox-eye daisy and wild mustard, they could be eradicated if the entire revenue of the province were expended on the attempt. He did not see the necessity of legislating in connection with land-seeds—if the seeds were blown or carried to the country with every cloud-burst or heavy rain, the eradication of the weeds was impossible.

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Mr. Prentice supported the Attorney-General in the contention that the relief committee had contributed so much to the alleviation of individual distress as for the general advantage of the city. Two ex-amenors of the bill, however, were in the house would be curious. Mr. Brown has not yet quite forgotten that he is an old and tried champion of Mr. Semlin's party, and the house was defeated by Mr. Henderson, who now sits as a staunch follower of the party of the opposition in the night.

Notice has been given of bills to amend the Coal Mines Regulation act, the Construction act, and the companies act of 1897, also bills respecting the departments of the attorney-general and the provincial secretary. These are now in the hands of the printer, and printing in the same direction—to make the statutes of British Columbia conform with those of Manitoba, the widely divergent characteristics of the provinces being one of the most important law being one of the most important.

The railway committee had a meeting yesterday, at which the bills of the Cariboo & Skeena, the Kitimaat, and the Kootenay & Northwestern railways were considered.

The mining committee had a short session yesterday.

The select committee appointed to inquire into the grievances of the "helo" acquirers of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone company against the management, held their first meeting this morning at 10 o'clock in the Cedar room.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1.

Very little of interest marked the house proceedings to-day, the session being devoted chiefly to the advancement of private legislation and the introduction of numerous government measures of small importance.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock, and prayers were offered by Rev. J. C. Speer.

NEW LEGISLATION.

Government bills were introduced and received their first readings in the following order:

To amend the Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy act, 1896—Hon. Mr. Semlin.

To amend the Medical act, 1898—Hon. Dr. McKechnie.

To amend the Health act—Hon. Dr. McKechnie.

To amend the Jurors act—Hon. Mr. Martin.

To amend the Escheats act—Hon. Mr. Martin.

To amend the Interpretation act—Hon. Mr. Cotton.

To amend the Definition of Time act—Hon. Mr. Cotton.

To amend the Succession Duty act—Hon. Mr. Cotton.

To amend the setting aside of certain writ accommodation

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Sitting Largely Taken Up in Considering Various Bills in Committee.

Failure of the Electric Lights Plunges the House into Utter Darkness.

FRIDAY, Jan. 27.

A good deal of committee work was done by the legislature this afternoon and several new bills were introduced. The lights suddenly went out towards six o'clock and adjournment was a little earlier in consequence.

RETURNS PRESENTED.

Hon. Mr. Semlin presented returns of correspondence between the Dominion and Provincial governments in regard to the establishment of a mint in British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. Semlin presented a return of the report of the royal commission under the Public Inquiries act on September 18, 1898.

Hon. Mr. Cotton presented the return under the Official Administrators Act.

CARIBOO-OMINECA BILL.

Hon. Mr. Cotton introduced an act to amend an act concerning the Cariboo-Omineca Company.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Hon. Mr. Semlin in answer to Mr. Neil stated that the Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Company were granted leases Nos. 7 and 9, Cowichan-Alberni district, under authority of 61 Victoria, section 54, chapter 93, Consolidated Statutes and of an order-in-council approved May 12, 1892.

REAL PROPERTY.

The Real Property bill was considered in committee and progress was reported and leave asked to sit again.

REPORT.

Mr. Kidd presented a report from the printing committee recommending that a number of returns already presented should be printed.

THROUGH COMMITTEE.

The Appointments bill, the Power of Attorney bill, the Bills of Sale bill and the Partnership bill were all put through the committee and leave asked to report of the Partnership bill was adopted.

WESTMINSTER CITY.

Hon. Mr. Cotton introduced an act for the relief of the municipal corporation of the city of Westminster, and the bill was read a first time.

BOILER INSPECTION.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Bill for the inspection of boilers, and the bill was read a first time.

SOUTH KOOTENAY RAILWAY.

The house went into committee of the whole on the Bill for the South Kootenay Railway, and the bill was read a first time.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. Higgins presented the eighth report of the private bill committee, stating that the amended bill to incorporate the Chartered Commercial Co. of Vancouver—which report was received.

OUT OF ORDER.

Mr. Green presented a petition from A. A. Pitt and others of Sandon, with reference to the representation of the mine royalties of the province at the London exposition.

TO AMEND THE TRUCK ACT.

Mr. Kellie, the father of the Truck Act of last session, introduced a bill to amend that measure, which bill received a first reading and was set for second reading at the next sitting of the house.

STANDS OVER.

On Mr. Helmcken's resolution being reached, with reference to the Assisted clause of last session, requesting the house to endorse the principle that this legislation should not be repeated as suggested in the report of the Minister of Justice of Canada.

CORRESPONDENCE SOUGHT.

Mr. Macpherson moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, for a return of the agreement entered into between the federal government and Mackenzie & Mann in connection with the Vancouver, Victoria & West Coast railway, and also the Skitene-Teslin railway.

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ed, and these measures, with the participation bill, were read a third time and passed.

REAL PROPERTY BILL.

The house then returned to committee, Mr. Henderson in the chair, on the bill to amend the real property act.

WESTMINSTER RELIEF.

Hon. Mr. Cotton is moving the second reading of the Westminster Relief bill, explained in detail the provisions of the measure, and said that both sides of the question were joined heartily, extending to the stricken city the measure of aid contemplated.

Mr. Baker cordially endorsed the principle of the bill, but thought it would be well that its contents be very carefully considered in committee.

Mr. McBride insisted on his right to be heard, and Mr. Speaker maintained that the matter was disposed of when the member for Dewdney insisted he would bring the bill and take a division—but he would also be limited of the concession he would allow.

Mr. McBride, as representing a neighborhood constituency to that chiefly interested in the bill under consideration, said that he had certainly hoped for an opportunity to voice his endorsement of the principle of the bill.

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THE SIX CANDIDATE.

Nominations for the vacancies in the Legislature Made Yesterday.

Men Who Are Seeking the Votes of the Electors, Their Proposers and Supporters.

Nominations of candidates to fill the vacancies in the legislative assembly, caused by the resignation of Messrs. Turner, Hall and McPhillips, three of the representatives of the city of Victoria, took place yesterday.

As usual on such an occasion there was a very small attendance at the meeting, the nominations were received and Sheriff McMillan, the returning officer, had an audience of but two or three when he announced that nominations were closed.

The six candidates already announced by the government party, Messrs. Turner, Hall and McPhillips, and Messrs. Stewart, Paterson and Gregory, were the nominees of the government party.

The candidates with their proposers, seconders and financial agents, follow: Francis Brooke Gregory, barrister-at-law, proposed by A. L. Belyea; seconded by Lewis Hall, William Templeman, George Riley, Dennis R. Harris, Alexander B. Brown, J. G. Brown and J. G. Brown; financial agent, James Hill Lawson.

Richard Hall, insurance agent, proposed by Thomas B. Hall; seconded by William Grant, Harry M. Graham, James H. B. Martin, W. J. Smith and L. Goddard; financial agent, John Kinman.

John B. McPhillips, barrister-at-law, proposed by D. E. Kerr; seconded by Graham, Hugh McDonald, J. H. Brown, Michael McTernan and Peter Carr; financial agent, J. B. Lovell.

John Herbert Turner, merchant, proposed by David Spencer; seconded by W. A. Robertson, Robert Lettice, R. Seabrook, George S. Russell and Joseph Sommers.

The election takes place on Thursday, the polls being open at the City Market from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

WESTMINSTER CITY BILL.

The Proposed Arrangement With the Debenture Holders.

The bill for the relief of the municipal corporation of the city of New Westminster, which was introduced by the Minister yesterday, is to enable the corporation to redeem the debenture holders for the relief of the debenture holders.

The bill reported complete with amendments, the report to be considered on Tuesday, and the house rose at 6 o'clock.

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A COOL SPELL IN ATLIN

Thermometer as Low as 54 Below Zero and Two Feet of Snow.

Steamer Anzur Returns With Few Passengers—A Shooting Affray at Sitka.

A disappointingly small number of Northerners reached Victoria on the Anzur yesterday morning. There was no one from the interior aboard, although an interesting budget of Atlin news was received.

The Atlin country is now having its winter, the thermometer standing 54 below zero in the upper country, 54 below in Atlin, and 25 below at Atlin. The lake is frozen over, and eight inches of snow lie on the ground, there having been heavy snowfalls on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst.

The city must allow a rebate of 10 to 25 per cent. on all taxes levied in 1898, previous years on or before July 1, 1899, the time for completing the assessment for the year 1899 is extended to April 30, 1899.

All monies which have been or may hereafter be contributed for the relief of the corporation, or any of the inhabitants thereof, because of the said fire, and which are now unexpended, are hereby assigned to the corporation, and it shall be lawful to apply the said monies to such purposes as the corporation, or to such charitable purposes, as shall be determined by by-law thereof.

CHAS. B. WOODS.

Sudden Death of the Well Known Surveyor, at Fort McLeod.

Charles B. Woods, P.L.S. of New Westminster, died at Fort McLeod, Alberta, yesterday from typhoid fever, which he contracted on a recent trip to the past couple of years Mr. Woods was engaged in survey work for the C.P.R.

The deceased was a son of the late Ven. Archdeacon Woods and was a resident of New Westminster since boyhood. He was a well known and popular man, and was a member of the Victoria Club and the Victoria Club of Atlin lake and westward to the Yukon. He was a daughter of the late Robert (Dickson) and three brothers and five sisters—E. M., N. Woods of Westminster, Rev. Philip Woods and Rev. Wm. Woods of London, Eng., Rev. F. B. Wood of San Francisco, and Mrs. Dr. Bentley and Mrs. Capt. Jemmett, of New Westminster.

The deceased was well known throughout the province, and his death will be mourned by many friends.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE EFFECTS.

Instance of Enormous Power Displayed by Modern Blasting Powder.

Cassell's Magazine.

Among the many accidents which are on record, one of the most notable is that of the explosion of dynamite at the mine of the late John G. H. Rogers, at the mine of the late John G. H. Rogers, at the mine of the late John G. H. Rogers.

At 10 o'clock the mine exploded, and the explosion was so powerful that it produced a crater 300 feet wide and 30 feet deep in the soil; and, taking a cubic yard of rock, it exploded into 100 pounds, the superficial explosion exceeded about 30,000 tons of blasting powder. Besides this was a total destruction of all buildings within a radius of 100 yards; and that distance to 600 yards the buildings were shattered, and the roofs of the buildings were blown away, and all the buildings were built chiefly of wood, and many of them were of a most substantial character.

The blowing up of the mine, which was done by the late John G. H. Rogers, was done in a chamber of rock brought down 100,000 feet, the blasting of the mine was done by the late John G. H. Rogers, and the explosion was so powerful that it produced a crater 300 feet wide and 30 feet deep in the soil; and, taking a cubic yard of rock, it exploded into 100 pounds, the superficial explosion exceeded about 30,000 tons of blasting powder.

THE GOVERNMENT PARTY.

Visit the North Ward and Talk to the Electors on Campaign Issues.

A meeting of the electors was held in John Bros.' hall last evening, addressed by Mr. Macpherson, M.P.E. of Vancouver, Mr. Higgs, M.P.E. of Nanaimo, D. W. Lewis, M.P.E. of Victoria, and Mr. Stewart, M.P.E. of the three government candidates.

Mr. A. L. Belyea was in the chair, and addressed a few words to the audience after the speaker.

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PRaises THE POLICE.

Col. Reichenbach of Dawson Pays a High Tribute to the Canadian Officers.

No Assistance From Washington Required on the Yukon—This Year's Output.

Col. Charles Reichenbach, of Tacoma, has been a guest at the Oriental for the past few days. The colonel is a well-known business man and has been identified with many of the leading manufacturers and capitalists of the United States.

IN PECULIAR PLACES.

Priceless Pictures That Have Been Found in Queer Localities.

The recently reported discovery of the famous Duchess of Gainsborough painting in the cellar of a house at Chelsea is a striking instance of the peculiar places in which works of art by old Flemish and Dutch masters have been discovered.

One of the most peculiar places has been discovered in a most peculiar place. It is located in a most peculiar place.

Not long ago a genuine Van Dyke was discovered in that painter's native city, Antwerp, in a most singular manner.

Cats and dogs have both been taken into the homes and hearts of men for a time too long to be measured by recorded history.

WARING AND ADVICE To all Those Going Deathward.

How to Meet and Vanquish Kidney Troubles.

Paine's Celery Compound the Sufferer's Only Salvation

Too many men and women forget the fact that the kidneys are most important organs of the human body.

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A Number of Fishing Boats Caught Out in Yesterday's Fierce Gale.

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Craft, big and small, were affected by yesterday's storm, and moved about very cautiously. The gale, however, had not subsided when the anxious lookout on one of the boats spotted a vessel.

UNHAPPY ARRIVAL.

Passengers who arrived from the Sound on the steamer City of Kingston last evening experienced one of the hardest trips that vessels have ever had.

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TO GAG THE SENATE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Would Keep It for Political Prisoners But Allow Them No Power.

From the Montreal Star. Sir Wilfrid has placed himself on record as holding that Canada, at all events, needs a second chamber. This is a decided rebuke for that section of his own party which, in the late year, has been so successful in the House.

It may be, however, that the Premier's weakness for a second chamber is somewhat the result of the new point of view which has come to be held by the public.

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POLITICAL TRICKERY.

Dishonest Methods of Local Political Charitarians Exposed and Discussed.

Messrs. Martin and Higgins Appear as a Brace of Double Dealers.

To the Editor of the Colonist: Sir: There is blood on the moon just now; else how is it that the mental and physical faculties of certain politicians are so distorted at the present moment?

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FROM COPPER RIVER.

More Particulars of the Deadly Horrors of the Valdez Glacier Trail.

Conflicting Stories as to the Gold Finds in the Northern District.

The news which the Cottage City brought yesterday morning of the perils and disasters of the Copper River miners could only be briefly told in yesterday's Colonist, owing to the time the vessel arrived here.

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