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BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.

Destroyed by fire

Residence of Mr. D. McNaughton on Edmonton Road burned early this morning.

Early morning fire which gave the fire department a very rough run.

The large frame residence of Mr. D. McNaughton, Edmonton road, was completely destroyed by fire this morning.

Ask your grocer for Windsor Soap

Goldilocks Steele, Briggs "High Grade" Seeds.

Golden Returns The Steele, Briggs Seed Co.

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KING GEORGE IS DEFIANT

Old World Might Exerted to Starve Christians Into Submission to Turkish Rule.

An Interesting Interview With Ruler of a Nation That Defies All Europe.

A Grand Reception Accorded Crown Prince Constantine on His Arrival at Larissa.

London, March 30.—In an interview yesterday King George of Greece is reported as saying:

"The great powers should take warning before it is too late. The Greek nation cannot endure this state of affairs much longer, and the situation will become uncontrollable. The world has never before witnessed such a spectacle as is now being enacted before the eyes of Christian civilization, surrounding an island with their warships and sending a noble Christian people whose only offence is that they have fought for their liberties. While doing this the nations are feeding and upholding their slaves Turkish oppressors. It seems almost incredible that the egotism of the powers could lead them to outrage every principle of humanity, ignore and trample down the public sentiment of Europe, and inflict slow death upon the brave and noble King of Greece."

There is not another people like the Greeks in the world. See how the Greeks are coming here, across seas and mountains, to fight for the cause of liberty and civilization.

Dispatch to the Times from Vienna says that owing to the keen anxiety of the new future at Constantinople, the concentration of 200,000 troops in the four governments of South Russia.

London, March 30.—A dispatch from Athens, Crete, says that British and Russian officers, with a strong detachment of marines, arrived there yesterday to signify the insurgents of the decision to grant powers to grant autonomy to the island.

NEW PRINTS, LAUNDS, MUSLINS, FLANNELS, ZEPHYRS.

THE KINOTOSCOPE.

Bill to Prevent Pictorial Representation of Prizewrights.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL.

Montreal, March 30.—A sample of coal recently made from coal from Crow's Nest Pass, on the Canadian Pacific, has reached the Canadian Pacific Railroad offices here.

At Great Falls, Mont., coke to-day costs \$11.00 per ton.

Ottawa, March 30.—Fourteen officials of the public works department were notified of their dismissal to-day.

IRELAND OVERTAXED.

An Important Debate on Financial Relations Between Great Britain and Ireland.

Hon. E. Blake Declares It the Duty of Government to Propose Remedial Legislation.

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Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; both were busy for human weal.

One to govern and one to heal. Ayer's Cathartic Pills I took for my liver, 80 years ago.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with gripping medicines.

As to the Cretan situation proper, it is understood that the admirals in command of foreign fleets in Cretan waters are of opinion that now Greece has virtually completed her preparations on the frontier of Thessaly, a blockade of the principal Greek ports would be useless, thus bearing out the forecasts previously made in these dispatches that the refusal of Great Britain to take an ac-

50 Years of Cures.

THE CITY FATHERS

The Smelter Proposition To Be Considered at a Special Meeting on Friday Evening.

Ald. Wilson Has Something to Say About a Lumber Contract - Other Matters.

The regular meeting of the city council was held yesterday evening. The mayor presided and all the members were present except Ald. Harrison.

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gation if you so require. We ask that he may not have three permits, and that if he holds a permit he is to do the work inside the cemetery. Your permits are to certify that we are practical gardeners. This W. H. Smith's boys are not.

"G. J. BAGSHAW, "A. DEACON, "S. SALMOND."

This was referred to the cemetery committee to investigate and report. Edward Mohan wanted to know if there was any probability of the city purchasing his map, which he had offered to sell to the city for \$300.

Ald. Vigilius moved that the letter be received and Mr. Mohan informed that the city is not in a position to purchase the map this year. Carried.

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Ald. Stewart moved that the letter be received and laid on the table and a special meeting held to consider it. This was carried and Friday night appointed for the meeting. The finance committee reported, the next communication read was a somewhat unique one. It was as follows: "We, the undersigned, have a grievance, inasmuch as three permits have been granted in Ross Bay Cemetery, whereas he himself is not doing the work but running the same by his two boys, one only 15 years of age; also we find that we are maliciously lied about to plot owners by W. H. Smith asserting that he is the cemetery gardener, and that we are not efficient as gardeners, etc. We are prepared for investi-

less and read the first and second times. The council went into committee to consider the whole, with the mayor in the chair, to consider the by-law. They reported it complete and it was read a third time and carried.

The by-law provided for an assistant librarian and calls for an annual expenditure of \$2,500. The council also went into committee of the whole on the school loan by-law, which is being reported correct was also read a third time and carried.

Wednesday, April 14th, was the day fixed for the time when those by-laws should be submitted to the voters. The usual polling booths were selected and Mr. W. W. Northcott appointed returning officer.

A communication was then read from W. G. Cameron, complaining of the bad condition of the sidewalk on Birdcage Walk, which, he said, had caused a serious accident to a lady. Referred to the streets committee with power to act.

Ald. Kinsman rose, saying that several citizens had told him that there was a boy catching dogs with much unnecessary cruelty. He wanted to be informed in that regard.

The mayor said the poundkeeper's boy was assisting him to capture stray dogs. But he must be taught to be merciful. The poor lady had also been told by several people that wanted cruelty was being used in the capture of dogs, which were not only taken from their owners, but their eyes were put out.

Ald. Stewart moved that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Bell's proposition accepted and the city solicitor instructed to return the reports.

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THOSE FISH TRAPS

There Was No Guarantee That Traps Were To Be Permanent on This Side.

Board of Trade Pass a Resolution Favoring Traps in Boundary Bay.

A meeting of the Council of the British Columbia Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Templeman, chairman of the smelter committee, asked for and received further time in which to report.

Acknowledgments of letters sent to the postoffice and trade and commerce departments, Ottawa, were received and filed.

Mr. G. A. Kirk brought up the question of the prohibition of fish traps in Boundary Bay, and in this connection read a letter and telegram from H. Bell-Irving. It was stated in the telegram that four traps had been applied for, but the government had decided to grant but two.

It transpired during the discussion which followed that at least ten houses, if not more, had been destroyed by the cyclone that did considerable damage. The wind came from the southwest, and blew at about sixty miles an hour for nearly an hour and twenty minutes, tearing down trees or splitting them asunder with terrific force.

Mr. Kirk in discussing the question asked the council to stop the use of traps in Boundary Bay, for even if the fish did pass through the Bay they would be caught in the traps at Point Roberts. Also, he thought further notice should have been given of the intention to disallow traps.

Mr. J. H. Todd, who had applied for trap licenses for Boundary Bay and was refused them, explained that it was never understood that traps were going to be permanent on the Canadian side. They were simply permissible, and those who built them did so on their own responsibility and could be ordered to remove them at any time without notice.

He held that the government should have no objection to its not favoring one man against the other if there are to be traps on the Canadian side let all the citizens have them. If not, then prohibit them entirely. What he believed in was a close season and a law, which, during the open season, would allow the owners to take all the fish they could by the cheapest method.

In answer to a question from the president, Mr. Todd said his experience was "for many years, I suffered from an ailment for which I could find no remedy. I felt heavy and dull and often a sense of weariness crept over me that I endeavored in vain to shake off. Although it was never well, I was never able to go about and attend to my affairs; but not with the spring and life a man likes to have when he has got the world to fight in making a living. I am a fisherman and I was obliged to, not because I enjoyed it.

"I had a slender appetite and what I ate did me small good; very little strength came of it. After eating I experienced nausea and indigestion, and the stomach and chest. Then there was a sort of all-gone, vacant, sinking feeling that made work doubly hard. I couldn't take hold with a grip and a confidence of success, like other men. In fact, this condition of weakness took the pleasure out of my life.

"For a time I might have borne it without complaint, but it remained year after year. I wasn't always the same, but on quiet days the city hunter, sometimes worse; and I could never say I felt well. Again and again I consulted the doctors, but their medicines did me no good to speak of. Under all the trying variations of my sense of life, the disease was persistent, the hair falling down, as one's weight holds him to the earth, no matter whether he sits or stands. Thus it was with me, and the prospect was everything but cheering.

"By occupation I am a grocer and provision dealer, and over and over again I heard my customers speak of an advertised medicine. They said it was Mother Selgel's Syrup for the cure. I had no faith in it, and no disposition to try it. Yet how singularly things come to pass.

"In July, 1891, my wife, who had been afflicted with chronic rheumatism, the doctor advised her to try Mother Selgel's Syrup for the cure. She found great and unexpected benefit. She urged me to try it, saying she was sure it would do me good; and sure enough it did. In a week's time I found myself in perfect health, and I could eat without any pain or distress after it.

"This result inspired me with hope and confidence, and I continued with the Syrup for some time, and I now give me satisfaction to say that in a short time I was completely cured. The pain, nervousness and lassitude left me, and I was altogether another man. This I owe to Mother Selgel's Syrup, and I shall be glad to have others learn the fact by means of the publication of this letter. (Signed) Ernest Kenward, Garden House, Rotherhithe, near Tunbridge Wells, July 20th, 1893."

So we see that what Mr. Kenward was unable to shake off vanished of its own accord when the remedy he mentions had approved the cause—namely, chronic rheumatism, with, probably, torpor of the liver and a resulting weakness of the other organs. Several times I have pointed out the peculiar misery of those cases wherein the subject is nervous and weak, and give up and go to bed, nor will cause to work with comfort and success. Such a state is like the especially gloomy brand of weather when it neither rains nor shines. And the people who are in this state, in a way, they couldn't find standing room in Hyde Park. How long ought they to remain so? Not a month after they have read what Mr. Kenward here tells them.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 2, 1896. Edmanston, Bates & Co., 45 Lombard St., Toronto, Can. Messieurs les Manufacturiers,—I tried your pills for the cure of my chronic rheumatism for several weeks. I cured me in two days. It is an admirable preparation. Believe me, votre ami. D. F. LAFLOUHE.

TEXAS WIND-SWEPT

Cyclone Pounces Down on Austin—Houses Are Crushed, but Few Lives Lost.

A Flood Follows the Wind Storm and Sweeps Everything Before It.

Austin, Tex., March 30.—On Sunday at 2 o'clock this city and the surrounding country was visited by a terrific cyclone that did considerable damage. The wind came from the southwest, and blew at about sixty miles an hour for nearly an hour and twenty minutes, tearing down trees or splitting them asunder with terrific force.

The circumstances under which the rescued boat was picked up by the Yanariva were most thrilling. The captain and third officer, who were on the bridge, saw a dark object on the water, and immediately started the vessel to put about and in less than an hour had the lifeboat of the Ville de St. Nazaire.

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London, March 30.—The British steamer Yanariva, Capt. Weston, which left Newport News on March 10, bound for Glasgow, while in latitude 31, longitude 74, picked up a small boat containing sixteen survivors of the steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which was foundered in the great storm on March 7, off Cape Hatteras. They had been without food and water for four days, and were in a state of extreme exhaustion, bordering on madness.

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Mr. Helmecken in speaking to the reso... lution stated that the Dominion govern... ment was asking too much. He had... no desire, however, to do anything to... hamper the negotiations between the... two governments.

Hon. Col. Baker held that the manni... erous expression of the house would in... fluence the Dominion government in com... ing to a more satisfactory arrangement. He... went into the history of the Someches... reserve negotiations. The offer made by... the province to the Dominion govern... ment was a very fair one and could... easily have been accepted. It would... be manifestly unfair to the citizens... of Victoria and the people of British... Columbia if the value of the land re... served were to the Indians, as the in... creased value of the reserve was not... by reason of anything that the Indians... did, but because of the proximity of the... city of Victoria.

Major Mutter disagreed with this... view. The Indians were entitled to have... the land had. It would be just as... consistent to apply the same principle... to the lands of white people. There was... a difference. The Someches Indians... were not the owners of the land, but... were simply lease holders.

The resolution then passed, Major... Mutter voting against it.

Major Mutter presented the report of... the printing committee. The report was... received.

The "Lunacy Bill" was read a third... time on motion of Hon. Col. Baker.

WATER BILL. The house went into committee with... Dr. Walkem in the chair to further con... sider the water clauses bill. The com... mittee made progress until the end of... the bill was reached, and then the... clauses which had been laid over were... considered. Mr. Eberts moved to amend... the bill so that the municipalities could... buy out private companies only on the... following conditions: (1) If the water... works system has been in operation less... than five years, a thirty per cent. bonus... on each year of operation more than... five years and less than ten years, a... twenty-five per cent. bonus; if in oper... ation more than ten years and less than... fifteen years, a twenty per cent. bonus;... if in operation more than fifteen years... and less than twenty years, a fifteen per... cent. bonus; if in operation twenty years... or more, a ten per cent. bonus. (2) If... the total sum paid in dividends by the... company to the shareholders, upon the... amount for the time being paid up, the... shares held by them, averages less than... fifteen per cent. per annum from the... date of the commencement of operation... of the said works to the date of their... transfer to the municipality, a further... sum sufficient to enable the company to... make up such dividends to the share... holders to the average of fifteen per cent... per annum.

Mr. Sword moved to amend Mr. Eber... ts' amendment by striking out part 2... and inserting the following in lieu there... of: "Provided that at the expiry of ten... years from the date of the formation... of the company, the company may claim... in lieu of payment of the actual value... of their works and bonus of twenty-five... per cent. additional, as above provided... repayment of the amount actually expen... ded in construction and preliminary... expenses, and such sum as after taking... into account all revenues received and... all reasonable expenditure on account of... working expenses and maintenance, will... amount to ten per cent. per annum of... such amount."

Mr. Forster characterized such an... amendment as a most outrageous thing. It... was outrageous to ask that the only... way municipalities could get out of the... clutches of private companies is by pay... ing exorbitant bonuses. If the Ator... ney-General wanted his name execrated... for all time to come he would pish his... amendment.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said he was only... anxious to insert such an amendment... as would give fair compensation to those... investing their money in precarious in... vestments like waterworks. Whether his... name would be execrated or not was a... matter which did not concern the... principle under discussion.

Mr. Forster instanced the case of Nelson... Other cities would be compelled... to pay exactly what the Attorney-Gen... eral and other members tried to force... Nelson to pay for unsatisfactory and in... efficient waterworks.

Mr. Kennedy said these bonuses would... encourage speculators to lay hold of wa... ter systems with the object of squeezing... municipalities when formed.

Mr. Sword said that there could not... be possibly any injustice to companies, as... they could read the act and know un... der what conditions they built water... works.

Mr. Booth suggested a provision to the... effect that municipalities could not be... compelled to purchase waterworks un... less the works were efficient and effec... tive.

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that an ex... cess of the works were suitable municipalities... did not need to buy them.

Mr. Macpherson pointed out that as... the bill gave exclusive privileges to com... panies newly organized, municipalities... were at the mercy of the companies. The... bonuses suggested by the Attorney-Gen... eral were simply extortionate.

the time when the Lieutenant-Governor... gave his assent to the Speedy Incorpora... tion Act, in introducing these authori... ties the Speaker says:

I have carefully compiled from recog... nized constitutional authorities the pas... sages which seem to bear directly upon... the rights of the house of commons of... recognition by the Crown, through their... Speaker, in all matters affecting the as... semblance and proroguing of parliament... and the royal assent to bills. It will be... seen that the privileges of the commons... are secured by custom, and practices, which... having been carefully observed for... many years, have become the "un... written law" of the land. The practice... of the Canadian parliament is essentially... the same as that of the British par... liament, and no bill is ever assented to... except in the presence of the commons... and the speaker; nor are the Govern... ment's desires made known at the... opening of a new parliament until after... the choice of a Speaker has been an... nounced and the choice approved. (See... Bourinot.)

The custom and practice of this par... liament is that of the British and... Canadian parliaments, and so far as... they are affected by the existence of... but one chamber here. As there is no... upper chamber in British Columbia, the... Lieutenant-Governor, when his ar... rival at the house is open or prorogued... parliament, or to assent to bills, has... been announced, is conducted to the... throne by the sergeant-at-arms bearing... the mace, and the Speaker, who has... previously called the house to order by... taking the chair, vacates the chair as... the Lieutenant-Governor approaches the... throne. The chair is then taken by the... Lieutenant-Governor, and the royal as... sent is given. (See Journal of the... Lieutenant-Governor, preceded by the... mace, is returned to the cushion in... front of the chair, the Speaker resumes... his seat, and the house proceeds to the... transaction of business. (See Journal... of B. C. Parliament since Confederation.)

It may not be inappropriate here to... quote from a late copy of the London... Times in support of the practice of the... British Columbia house:

"The gentleman usher of the Black... Rod, Gen. Sir M. Biddulph, requested... the attendance of the house in the house... of lords, and the Speaker, who was... given only in unincorporated localities. Hon. Mr. Eberts replied to Dr. Walkem, who... said he did not understand the bill... in the bill to protect future municipali... ties; as they would only have to buy... out one water company, instead of three... or four, which would likely be incor... porated if there were no exclusive... rights.

Mr. Forster stated that Mr. Pooley... held that companies were not given ex... clusive rights in municipalities. Sec. 48... gave companies such rights. The Ator... ney-General is looking after the in... terests of the companies, but not those... of the municipalities.

Mr. Kennedy was well aware that... Hon. Mr. Pooley was quite capable of... looking at both sides at any question, but... very often he did not. Companies should... not expect to be paid a large premium... on works which had been badly man... aged. The people have some rights... as well as the capitalists.

Mr. Sword's amendment was then... put, but some members declared that... they did not understand the question. The... chairman declared it carried.

Hon. Mr. Eberts protested. Several... members did not vote.

The amendment was then read by the... chairman and put, and was declared... carried by a vote of 12 to 13.

Mr. Sword also moved an amendment... to the effect that in estimating the... value of water works, the arbitrators... shall take as the basis of their valua... tion the value of the works as they... stood at the date of the arbitration, and... shall not be allowed to add to the value... of the works any amount for interest... or for the cost of construction and... preliminary expenses, and such sum as... after taking into account all revenues... received and all reasonable expenditure... on account of working expenses and... maintenance, will amount to ten per... cent. per annum of such amount."

Mr. Forster in the chair, to consider... the report of the committee on the... Vancoover, Victoria & Eastern Rail... way and Navigation Co.'s bill was... carried, and the third reading was fixed... for to-morrow.

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Dr. Walkem in the chair to further con... sider the water clauses bill. The com... mittee made progress until the end of... the bill was reached, and then the... clauses which had been laid over were... considered. Mr. Eberts moved to amend... the bill so that the municipalities could... buy out private companies only on the... following conditions: (1) If the water... works system has been in operation less... than five years, a thirty per cent. bonus... on each year of operation more than... five years and less than ten years, a... twenty-five per cent. bonus; if in oper... ation more than ten years and less than... fifteen years, a twenty per cent. bonus;... if in operation more than fifteen years... and less than twenty years, a fifteen per... cent. bonus; if in operation twenty years... or more, a ten per cent. bonus. (2) If... the total sum paid in dividends by the... company to the shareholders, upon the... amount for the time being paid up, the... shares held by them, averages less than... fifteen per cent. per annum from the... date of the commencement of operation... of the said works to the date of their... transfer to the municipality, a further... sum sufficient to enable the company to... make up such dividends to the share... holders to the average of fifteen per cent... per annum.

Mr. Sword moved to amend Mr. Eber... ts' amendment by striking out part 2... and inserting the following in lieu there... of: "Provided that at the expiry of ten... years from the date of the formation... of the company, the company may claim... in lieu of payment of the actual value... of their works and bonus of twenty-five... per cent. additional, as above provided... repayment of the amount actually expen... ded in construction and preliminary... expenses, and such sum as after taking... into account all revenues received and... all reasonable expenditure on account of... working expenses and maintenance, will... amount to ten per cent. per annum of... such amount."

Mr. Forster characterized such an... amendment as a most outrageous thing. It... was outrageous to ask that the only... way municipalities could get out of the... clutches of private companies is by pay... ing exorbitant bonuses. If the Ator... ney-General wanted his name execrated... for all time to come he would pish his... amendment.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said he was only... anxious to insert such an amendment... as would give fair compensation to those... investing their money in precarious in... vestments like waterworks. Whether his... name would be execrated or not was a... matter which did not concern the... principle under discussion.

Mr. Forster instanced the case of Nelson... Other cities would be compelled... to pay exactly what the Attorney-Gen... eral and other members tried to force... Nelson to pay for unsatisfactory and in... efficient waterworks.

Mr. Kennedy said these bonuses would... encourage speculators to lay hold of wa... ter systems with the object of squeezing... municipalities when formed.

Mr. Sword said that there could not... be possibly any injustice to companies, as... they could read the act and know un... der what conditions they built water... works.

Mr. Booth suggested a provision to the... effect that municipalities could not be... compelled to purchase waterworks un... less the works were efficient and effec... tive.

Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that an ex... cess of the works were suitable municipalities... did not need to buy them.

Mr. Macpherson pointed out that as... the bill gave exclusive privileges to com... panies newly organized, municipalities... were at the mercy of the companies. The... bonuses suggested by the Attorney-Gen... eral were simply extortionate.

Hon. Mr. Eberts then introduced an... other amendment and thereby compli... cated matters to such an extent that the... members did not know what they were... considering. After spending half an... hour trying to unravel the tangle, the... committee rose and reported progress... The Speaker then called six o'clock, and the house arose until 6:15.

There were but few members in their... seats when the Speaker took the chair... at 8:15 o'clock.

The house, with Dr. Walkem in the... chair, again went into committee to... consider the water clauses bill. The... amendments of Mr. Sword and Hon. Mr. Eberts were first considered.

Dr. Walkem, who gave the chair to... Mr. Kellie, took the floor and protested... against Mr. Eberts' amendment to give... companies bonuses. If such an amend... ment were inserted in the bill companies... would at once secure blanket charters... to squeeze cities likely to be incorpo...

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and the answers from the judge of the... small debts court. Mr. Macgregor moved that the returns... be printed. Mr. Booth objected to the... motion. The return should be referred... to the printing committee. Dr. Walkem strongly supported the... resolution. The people of Nanaimo were... greatly interested in the correspondence, and it should be printed.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEADACHE. Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach. Stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure.

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Mr. Booth moved and Mr. Huff seconded... "that the vote of the house on the... 26th day of March, instant, with refer... ence to the reception of the petition of... Henry Compinger, Beeton et al, be... considered, and that the standing orders... be suspended so as to permit the in... troduction of the said petition."

Mr. Booth stated that the work con... templated was in the public interest and... the delay in presenting the petition... should not prevent the house from giv... ing the company the legislation they de... sired.

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Dr. Walkem maintained that in all... matters of this kind the house should... make the rules as elastic as possible so... that any reasonable request could be... granted. If the legislation is deferred... until another session of the house an... important public question may be endan... gered.

Mr. Smith considered that some reason... should be given for introducing this pe... tition so late in the session. The pe... titioners had not explored the country and... after the time limit they may be re... ceiving petitions up to the last day of... the session. It was a dangerous precedent... to establish.

The vote was then taken and the reso... lution was passed on the casting vote... of the Speaker. The Speaker said he... voted that way as a matter of justice. Petitions that were late were received... for two other railway proposals and... treated in the same way.

Mr. Williams said that when the... Speaker said he voted that way as a... matter of justice, he implied that all... who voted the other way were commit... ting an injustice.

The Speaker replied that he had said... all he wished to say in the matter. The... petition was then read and received... on a vote of 13 to 12.

The bill incorporating the company... was then referred to the private bills... committee by a vote of 14 to 11. Hon. Mr. Turner left his seat before the... votes were taken.

Mr. Adams' Alien Labor Bill was... read a third time and finally passed.

Mr. Macpherson in the chair to con... sider Mr. Graham's game bill.

In compliance with the wishes of... many local sportsmen, Mr. Graham in... troduced a resolution that ducks could... be shot until the 1st of March.

Mr. Adams wanted robins to be fur... ther protected, and moved to strike... out the words "provided that the birds... known in this province as robins may be... destroyed in an orchard or garden at... any time between the 1st day of June... and the 1st day of September."

Hon. Mr. Eberts also made a strong... plea for the robins, and Mr. Williams... also spoke in support of these birds.

Mr. Graham retorted that if the robins... had been as destructive of briars as they... were of strawberries, Mr. Eberts and... Mr. Williams would change their opin... ions. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Adams' amendment was then de... ferred.

The following clause was also passed, although several unsuccessful attempts... were made to amend it: "The provis... ions of this act shall not apply to In... dians or resident farmers in unorgan... ized districts of this province, with regard... to deer killed for their own or their... families' immediate use, for food only, and... not for the purpose of sale or traffic; nor... shall this act apply to free miners... actually engaged in mining or prospect... ing, who may kill game for food, nor to... the curator of the provincial museum, or... his assistant, assistants, or agent ap... pointed by him, while collecting speci... mens of natural history for the provin... ce museum."

Mr. Graham also moved an amend... ment to the effect that one sportsman... can kill only three mountain sheep in... one season instead of five in the old act. Mr. Graham also introduced an amend... ment prohibiting the sale of heads of... mountain sheep for five years.

The committee rose and reported the... bill complete with amendments.

As Mr. Adams' bill passed, Mr. Mac... pherson's dropping his motion to insert... anti-Chinese clauses in private bills. The... third reading of the Cassiar Railway... bill was then passed. The Sticken &... Teslin Railway bill, the East Kootenay... Company's Railway bill and the Van... couver-Nanaimo Railway transfer bill... were reported complete with amend... ments by the committees of the house.

The second reading of the Victoria... Vancouver & Westminster Railway bill... and Delta, Westminster & Eastern... Railway amendment bill was carried on... motion of Mr. Helmecken.

British Columbia

SALMO.

Salmo, March 24.—Snow in many places on the ground nearly five feet deep and no signs yet of the weather clearing.

Several good substantial buildings have been erected and others are being contracted for and so soon as the snow is off the ground the town will be a busy place.

Arrangements for the establishment of a newspaper are now about completed. A company, so soon as the weather permits, will erect a brewery.

The sawmill machinery and boiler are set and saw work.

The Salmo Consolidated Mining & Development Company, with Spokane as headquarters, has just sent eight men to Salmo to open up their claims.

Quite a number of men are at Salmo who are interested in the snow to get a property in the snow.

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GREENWOOD CITY.

Boundary Creek Times. Mr. Hugh Wood, of Armstrong, has purchased the Climax at Camp McKinney.

Application will be made next week for crown grants to the Jewel and Denoro Grande.

A fine body of red oxide of iron and copper ore has been exposed by recent surface cross-cutting on the Harqua Hala, in Copper camp.

The Mountain Sheep, at McKinney, has been bonded, and a contract let for sufficient work to be done to entitle the owners to a crown grant.

Remarkably fine copper ore, so rich that it is almost malleable, was discovered a short time ago by the Josie, in Summit camp, by the upturning of a tree. The Josie was twice staked as a wild-cat, that is to say, without mineral being found in place.

Work will be started next week on the Highland Chief, one of the properties of the Highland Chief Consolidated. An attempt was made without success to force a way through the deep snow this week to the Snowdrop with the intention of developing this claim simultaneously with the other.

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A GOOD THING TO LET ALONE

The Times in Canada Decide Not to Discuss the Manitoba School Question.

Arrangements All Complete for a Jubilee Regiment to Go to England.

Some More Talk Regarding the Approaching Lieut.-Governorship Vacancies.

Ottawa, March 31.—The Conservatives met in caucus this morning in the railway committee room.

It was decided not to permit the government to go on with the franchise bill until such time as the tariff bill was introduced.

A good deal of time was spent discussing wages and means and the central government for the provincial elections in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Poupart did not attend the caucus. Some of the Ontario Conservatives were also absent.

Lieut.-Col. Burland and Major Maclean, of the Sixth Fusiliers, were here yesterday, and completed arrangements for a Jubilee Regiment to go to England next June.

It will be made up of volunteers of the different corps, and each will have to pay \$75.

Lieut.-Col. Burland will be in command, Captain Macleod, Royal Regiment Canadian Artillery, adjutant, and Captain Cartwright, assistant adjutant.

There begins to talk in government circles regarding the lieutenant-governorship which will have to be filled very long.

In spite of the denial that has been made in some quarters, it is nevertheless true that Chas. H. Macintosh has tendered his resignation as lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territory.

There are reasons for this step other than his honor's wish to retire from public life.

As to Sir H. Joly taking Mr. Macintosh's place, the report is based largely on the fact that the controller of inland revenue is to take one of the lieutenant-governorships.

He may go to Toronto to succeed Kirkpatrick, but this is scarcely as likely.

When Chapleau's term expires in Quebec in December the office will immediately be filled, and most likely the appointee will be Speaker Pelletier of the senate.

Thirty prominent men of the Itany River district appeared before the government today asking a bonus of \$4,000 to the Rainy River Railway.

Representing that trade was being diverted from its natural channels to the United States.

Messrs. Mulock, Scott, Blair, Cartwright and the premier promised consideration.

Yesterday Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick made an important speech upon his trip to Rome, and later on in the evening Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick read the memorial petition to the Pope, signed by 45 senators and members.

The petition complains strongly of the action of the bishops in the June elections, and calls for the reorganization of the hierarchy.

The petition led to the sending out of the Papal delegates, Hon. Mr. Tarte delivered a most spirited speech.

Messrs. Earle and Morrison, M. P.'s, arrived yesterday, and last year condemned the fast service, meets the views of his critics by suggesting a fast Atlantic service from Sydney, C. B., in substitution of the present service.

Hon. Oliver Mowat introduced an important bill in the senate yesterday respecting the employment of children.

No boy under 12 or girl under 14 is to be employed in any factory, the hours of labor to be limited and factory inspectors to be appointed.

Mr. Davin will move in the house that the time has arrived when the claims of the Wood Mountain scouts scrip and land warrants, for services during the rebellion, should be settled.

Mr. Laflamme will ask to ascertain the precise nature of the negotiations for the school question settlement.

Toronto, March 31.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe says: "If the government keeps up the present pace prorogation will be reached by the middle of the month."

Discussing the arrangements for the prohibition plebiscite the correspondent says: "It may be allowed that only persons entitled to vote in Dominion elections shall be given the right to vote, and that a clear majority of all the electors of Canada shall be required to make an introduction of a measure of prohibition obligatory upon the government."

A RIOT IN MAUI. Trouble Among Japanese Coolies Employed on Sugar Plantations.

San Francisco, March 30.—The schooner Transit, just arrived from Honolulu, brings the news of a riot among the Japanese coolies employed on the sugar plantations on the island of Maui on the 18th instant.

Three hundred of the little brown men stoned one of their number to death and afterwards beat his body to a pulp with clubs.

The murdered man was an interpreter by the name of Kawata. He was accused of wrongdoing in regard to money advanced to the natives.

A number of white men tried to preserve order and save Kawata's life, but they were too few to cope with the crowd and were compelled to flee to save their own lives.

As soon as the news of the murder reached Honolulu, Sheriff Scott and Dow, with a number of armed deputies, visited the plantation and though many wild threats were made by the Japanese, four of the ringleaders were arrested and taken to the jail at Honolulu.

The coolies planned an assault on the jail, but before they could reach it the sheriff's men were notified and they called upon the Citizens' Guard for assistance.

The Guard and a number of volunteers turned out to protect the jail. The Japanese were ordered to return to their plantations immediately with the alternative of being fired upon within five minutes.

They slowly dispersed and went back to their huts, but it is believed that not the strongest stand been made the coolies would have destroyed the jail and overrun the island of Maui.

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS. The British Counsel Have Filed Their Argument in the Case.

Montreal, April 1.—The British counsel before the Behring Sea claims commission have completed, signed and forwarded to the members of the commission and the United States counsel their written factum of argument in the case pending before the commission.

The American counsel will again reply to this argument before the meeting of the commission which opens in June.

The factum covers over 200 printed pages and each claim is argued separately, the introductory remarks covering over thirteen pages.

The claims cover the interests at the rate of 7 per cent. from dates mentioned in particulars until payment are 20 in number, aggregating a total amount of \$87,702, exclusive of interest.

The dates of the claims are 1886, 1887, 1889, 1890 and 1892. The factum is signed by Hon. Frederick Peters, F. L. Belque, O. C. Ernest, V. Bodwell and Sir Charles Herbert Tupper.

THE BILL DEFENDED. A Different View of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company's Charter.

Reputation of the Idea That Establishment of Monopoly Is Intended.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Its Growth Sketched by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain—Imperialism in Great Britain.

He Believes in the Practicability of a Federation of the British Race.

LONDON, April 1.—The annual banquet of the British Colonial Institute was given last evening, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain presiding.

In the large and distinguished company were representatives of almost every colony of the empire.

After the usual loyal toast the Marquis of Lorne proposed "The Naval and Military Forces of the Empire."

Mr. Chamberlain, in proposing the toast of the evening, "The Prosperity of the Empire," sketched the growth of the British empire and the development of imperialism in Great Britain.

He said: "We have now reached the true conception of our empire, for I think we may speak of our colonies as part of ourselves."

He stated that the rule over the territories dependent upon us is justified only as it adds to the happiness of the populations they contain.

There are always people who sympathize with the Premier and the Lobengulies, but you cannot have omelets without eggs—laughter—and you cannot destroy slave trading and slave raiding without the use of force.

He stated that the new railway to the Rainy River, Ashanti and Nyassa, is, in his opinion, the most important thing that has happened since the British Empire was first established.

He said: "I have no hesitation in saying that it would mean the most important undertaking for our interests that has occurred since British Columbia was first inhabited by white men."

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THE BILL DEFENDED

A Different View of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company's Charter.

Reputation of the Idea That Establishment of Monopoly Is Intended.

To the Editor:—I observe in last evening's issue of your paper a scare-headed article entitled "They Want the Earth," in which the writer accuses the promoters of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company's bill of an insidious attempt to smuggle their bill through the present session of the legislature and thus evade the restrictions imposed on water companies by the Water Privileges Act.

The article contains no small misrepresentations and false inferences against not only the provisions of the bill, but also against the gentlemen promoting it, as to lead one to believe that it was penned not with the intention of protecting the public but with the object of producing the minds of a majority of the members of the legislature against a legitimate public enterprise which has successfully borne cost and careful investigation by the private company.

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Water Classes Bill a Blind-Companies Grabbing Everything in Sight.

West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Corraling All Privileges in West Kootenay.

This Octopus Also Clutches Water Rights in Boundary Creek and Kettle River.

Wants a Blanket Charter to Build Railways, Tramways, Telephones and Telegraphs.

Also Expropriate Lands, Build Water Works and Street Railways for Numerous Cities.

The haphazard policy pursued by the government has resulted in a needless prolongation of the session. If, instead of slipshod methods, a definite programme had been presented, the business of the country could have been disposed of in short order. This shiftness and dallying, however, is not an unneeded evil. The legislature has been drifting along in an aimless, happy-go-lucky manner, but this very drifting is better than being dashed on dangerous lurking reefs, for there is yet time to prevent the interests of the country being wrecked on the hidden rocks of legislative passivity and monopolistic greed. The Times has already sounded notes of warning respecting the brazen contentions of the water power companies now applying to our legislature for exclusive concessions and privileges extending over hundreds of miles of our richest territory, but the people must be aroused into a sense of the flagrant abuses and evils threatening to stifle and smother the struggling industries springing up in the southeastern part of the province. Incessant demands have been handed over to the British Columbia Southern; the Nelson & Fort Sheppard has been given a belt of land extending from the boundary to Nelson; the Columbia & Western will be presented with the territory of a municipality, and many other short routes are being bonused in a way exceeding all precedents of legislative recklessness. And now the insidious attempt is being made to smuggle private bills through the legislature, that, if successful, will hand over, without any guarantee of compensating advantages, a large proportion of our rapidly diminishing assets.

When consideration of all the water power private bills was deferred until the Attorney-General might bring down his belated measure, it was reasonably inferred that all applications to corral the water powers of the province would be treated with equitable circumspection as to vested rights and the public interest and interests of the people at large. The country was congratulating itself on the vigilance of the legislature in safeguarding our lands from monopolistic encroachments, when there is a rude awakening from this happy dream. Iniquities as culpable as the British Columbia Southern are being lobbied through the legislature, and will be given legislative sanction in an immediate date. The Attorney-General's water clauses bill has gone through committee, but if the inordinate demands of the private bills are conceded there will be no necessity for the general act. The elaborate machinery of the water clauses act, by which, according to the Attorney-General, the province will profit in return for any concessions or privileges given to corporations or individuals, will be rendered abortive, as people who have private bills before the legislature are attempting to gobble up all the water within the bounds of West Kootenay. If these private bills are allowed, what use is there in passing a general measure? What remains of water powers will there be in West Kootenay when all are being given away now? The measure of the Attorney-General is either an ingenious blind to conceal the demands of the private bills, or a flagrant despoliation of the people's rights or the production of a fatuous dreamer. If the private bills now before the legislature are permitted to pass, the crowning blunder to use a charitable expression of our apathetic law-makers will be enacted.

Imagine the temerity of three people coming before the legislature and asking for practically exclusive privileges to supply power, light, heat, compressed air and electricity to the inhabitants, cities, towns, mines, smelters, railways, and tramways in the district of West Kootenay within a radius of fifty miles from the city of Rossland, a distance which extends from our southern boundary to Slochan Lake on the north.

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THE TALK OF A COUNTY.

IS THE REMARKABLE CURE OF MR. JOHN MAIERS, OF DELAWARE.

Crippled With Rheumatism and Had to Be Wheelled About in a Chair—The Doctors said He Was Incurable, But He Found a Medicine That Has Restored Him to Health.

From the Chatham, Ont., Banner.

A former member of the Evening Banner staff while enjoying his holidays in the picturesque village of Delaware, and found the residents disposed to discuss considerably the almost miraculous cure of Mr. John Maiers, who conducts a market garden about half a mile north of the village. Knowing the old gentleman quite well and knowing how he had suffered, the newspaper man wheeled up to his residence to make enquiries into the matter. He found that Maiers was visiting friends in Cleveland, but Mrs. Maiers was at home and cheerfully told the story of her husband's recovery. She said: "You know how Mr. Maiers used to suffer from rheumatism when you were here a few years ago. Well, he got worse, and became so helpless that we had to feed him and wheel him around in an invalid's chair. He could not move his hands, and his cries at times were heart-rending. He also had the pains he suffered. For three years he was in terrible agony, and often longed for death. The doctors declared that his case was incurable. Many so-called rheumatic remedies were tried, but they gave no relief. One day a neighbor recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but it was with reluctance that Mr. Maiers could be induced to try them. He had taken six boxes before he found any relief, but it was noticeable that he no longer had any hesitation in continuing the use of the pills. From that out he steadily progressed toward recovery. The pains disappeared and the stiffness left his joints, and by the time he had used thirty boxes he was a cured man, and, mind you, the doctors said he could not be cured. The fact that he is now well is due to the wonderful curative properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and we both have reason to bless the day he began their use."

At a later date the writer saw Mr. Maiers, now strong and hearty, and he fully corroborated the statements made by his wife. The villagers who are acquainted with Mr. Maiers say his recovery is little short of a miracle.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic medicine, enriching the blood and strengthening the nerves, thus reaching the root of the disease and driving it from the system. They are beyond doubt the greatest medicine of the 19th century, and have cured in hundreds of cases all the ailments which are mentioned in the great popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has caused unscrupulous dealers to imitate them extensively, and intending buyers are urged to see that every box is enclosed in a wrapper marked with the name of the proprietor, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Pills colored pink, but sold in loose form by the dozen, hundred or ounce or taken from glass jars are not the genuine article.

Class 9 confers, inter alia, the mere bagatelle to erect and place an electric line, cable, main, wire, pipe, or other compressed air and electric apparatus above or below ground along, over, or through any street, bridge, or highway, etc., and to erect poles and place wires in such manner as the company shall think fit. This clause does not contain any restrictive word.

Class 10 allows two of these concession hunters to form a quorum, and one of the provisional directors has unlimited powers of disposition.

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Class 13 merely obliges the company to advertise in the Gazette and in some other newspaper which it is proposed to build such railways and the general route of the same. Why should they not be compelled to advertise in a paper published in the place directly affected by their line?

Class 14 gives power to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to determine and sanction the construction of tramways through private property and railways lands.

Class 22 confers power to construct lines of telephones anywhere throughout the district of West Kootenay.

Class 29 makes it "lawful for the company, as they shall see fit, to enter into and upon any land of any person, expropriate, hold and enjoy such part, together with the land, and to take all timber, stone, gravel, sand and other material, which the company under this clause set up a right without the necessity of a silver from the extraction of gold and sand of Kootenay?"

Class 34 further propitiate these grasping monopolists by lopping off five years from the statute of limitations. If some owner happens to be out of the country and only becomes aware of a right of action against the company one year after it arises, he will be barred. This is a direct contravention of the law of the land.

Class 39 prescribes that "the company shall begin the construction of its lines for conveying electricity within six months from the passage of the act." What lines? There are no mention of any specified lines in the act. The company can run anywhere and everywhere and then with charming indifference the company must build "its lines" within six months.

Within the area affected by this bill are located Rossland, Nelson, Trail, Sayward, Saino, Robson, Cascade City, Grand Forks, Greenwood City, Astoria, Boundary Falls, Midway, and many of the best known mining camps, nearly all of which are in their infancy.

To give such powers with incidental privileges of monumental extent to this octopus company means the creation of a gigantic monopoly. The passage of this and some other private bills, the creation of which has already been made, will place in private hands practically control over a wide extent of territory. But the legislators seem to think that is all right.

It surprised many visitors to the Chicago World's Fair to find that of all the blood purifiers, Ayer's Sarsaparilla was the only one on exhibition. The reason is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a standard remedy, and not a patent medicine or secret nostrum.

EXPORTING DEER SKINS.

Consignment Seized and An Information Laid Against M. Strouss.

Superintendent Hussey this morning laid an information charging M. Strouss, commission merchant, with exporting deer skins contrary to the game act. For some time, in fact ever since the provision was inserted in the act prohibiting the exportation of deer skins, it has been known that they were sent out of the country, but just how the police could not ascertain. Bate upon sale of skins have been received in the city, but they are not here now.

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Men and women, young and old, enter into the spring season with a variety of diseases that arise from a faulty or impaired nervous system. These ailments cause more sufferings and earlier deaths than all others, and that is why so much attention and prominence has been given to Paine's Celery Compound.

Of all medicines, Paine's Celery Compound stands first as a rapid and sure cure for all nerve diseases such as nervous debility, neuritis, rheumatism and sciatica. It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves.

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SEIZED HER CHILD

Sarah Ryan Swears Out a Warrant for the Arrest of Capt. Pamphlet.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Captain Thomas Pamphlet, David street, who is charged with depriving Sarah Ryan of her nine-month-old son. The case is a peculiar one. According to the story told by an, Captain Pamphlet allowed the use of a room in his house for the child. She remained there for some time, but trouble arose between Pamphlet and she decided to flee with the child. The captain claims for \$80 rent, so Pamphlet was unable to pay the rent, so Pamphlet, according to the information, seized the child and hid it for rent. Under the statute an indictable offence.

That tired, languid feeling and dull ache is very disagreeable. Take Hood's Little Liver Pills before you go to bed, and you will find relief. They never do you good.

ONLY A CRUST LEFT

The Crew of the Silver Sea Saved by Starvation.

New York, March 31.—Capt. E. J. de la Haye, of the Norwegian steamer E. J. de la Haye, which has arrived at quarantine, that on March 23, in latitude longitude 53.19, he spoke the foundland barkentine Silver Sea five days from Godtz for St. Nfld., short of provisions. The crew's lifeboats were lowered and alongside. The crew had been on short rations, and there was nothing but a crust of bread left. The captain of the barkentine E. J. de la Haye, who had just arrived at Crete, report that the Greek insurgents are in high spirits, and that the fact that the families are beginning to feel of bread, owing to the blockade, is a source of joy to the people. A SIGNIFICANT FEAT New York, April 2.—A special World from London says: "The British Government has arrived at a decision to revoke a decision and to order your admirals to give and any protection to the families, who seek only to deliver slaves forever from the yoke of tyrants by uniting themselves Greece."

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Thirty Thousand Refugees in Appeal to Each of the Great Powers.

Curzon's Statement in the Causes a Tremendous Uproar.

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Athens, April 1.—"I asked says Special Correspondent Perry, "the opinion of seven deputies on the Greek nation is not given if satisfaction is not given to the Greek nation is determined whatever may be the result."

"I have just seen a petition from the Greek nation in Greece to each of the great powers. After protesting against the oppression of fighting for their liberty, it is a reference to the powers' and answers out the insurgents: "After suffering so much oppressors during the long period, we did not expect that the horrors and ignominious fate inflicted upon us by the allied great Christian powers at the when we were commencing the air of liberty."

"In the name of the All-merciful God, who reigns in the hearts of all men, I implore you to revoke a decision and to order your admirals to give and any protection to the families, who seek only to deliver slaves forever from the yoke of tyrants by uniting themselves Greece."

Two cavalry officers and one deputy, who had just arrived at Crete, report that the Greek insurgents are in high spirits, and that the fact that the families are beginning to feel of bread, owing to the blockade, is a source of joy to the people. A SIGNIFICANT FEAT New York, April 2.—A special World from London says: "The British Government has arrived at a decision to revoke a decision and to order your admirals to give and any protection to the families, who seek only to deliver slaves forever from the yoke of tyrants by uniting themselves Greece."

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