

air, and run by Mr. Ian... aside, not cross-exam... eron Nichol, called and... full name? A.—Walter... editor of the Province... Editor of the Province... live where? A.—130... You were editor of the... paper during the month...? A.—Yes. You were... to say during the whole... A.—During the whole... did you become editor?... about the first of Oc... remember the exact date... were you appointed?... Province, Limited Liability... directors? A.—By the... present at the meeting... were appointed? A.—I... manner was your appoint... to you? A.—I think it... in writing? A.—Oh, no... re a written contract... to you a copy of the in... of December 11th, b... you an article in these... page 908. The question... is light at last? gong... words, "highest bidder"... did you write that?... advised the witness... there was a case pend... in which this question... was not directly prov... of law any answer he... to the question could... possible use in the case... —It is a privileged an... Yes, that is so... role it... You had written previ... the Province along the... —Criticism of the gov... to say about this matter... improper connection of... and Pooley with pub... —I think I might... ance, I show you one... issue of December 4th... the heading "Men and... nencing with the words... H. Turner and the equal... E. Pooley." Did you... ger any hope of mak... Did you write that, A... that... so produce to you an... newspaper on Nov... 1897, and on page 253... the heading "Men and... article beginning: "The... demnation continues. On... every quarter of the... almost, the legislative de... British Columbia are b... down to "find them... four to blush for your... name, and pray that... ample of silence be betw... own over both." Did you...? A.—I wrote that, too... what extent did the... Province interfere with... those articles? A.—Not... too much to say, I sup... directors, in common with... knew what you were do... are I don't know? A.—They never... about it, and I never ask... It right to say that they... a free hand? A.—... right to say that, yes... answer? A.—It is right... I had no definite in... all of any kind... aside, not cross-exam... of Iana Coltart was... in the course of the... marked by repeated... between Mr. Cassidy and... as shown that Mr. Bos... preponderating interest... but took no active part... made a short, straight... to the court by say... witnesses to call and I... ship to dismiss the charge... seeks to make me crim... that I am the proprietor... called the Province, Lim... which published the an... a shareholder and a... an the present system... Companies Act, of 1800... that a company such as... body politic and corporate... name, and there can be... of what the corporate... have a distinct and separate... for the prosecution shows... did not know or see the... publication, and gave no... regarding its appearance... of fact at the time of... of the alleged libel I was... miles away (in Ontario),... the copy of the paper con... of the 23rd of December... to my ranch at Ducks... desire whatever to evade... for any of my actions, this... prosecution as a trans... attempt to brand... in prevent both the... legislature of this provin... a matter of first import... of this could not... England without the order... if it is the law in this... shareholders, large or small... can be branded as crim... acts about which they... are plain because I feel... not now." I reserved decision for a day... ment made no difference... was committed for trial... All four of the "crim... on bail.

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GOSSIP OF LONDON

Press and Public Sentiment on the West African and Maine Scarcities.

Important Schemes Maturing for Army Reform—London County Council Elections

London, Feb. 26.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore says: "It is reported from Chinese sources, at Hong Kong, that a French force has landed at Kwai-Chuen-Wan, 240 miles southwest of Hong Kong, and has informed the Chinese that it intends erecting buildings."

Bursting of West Africa Bubble. The West African war scare of a week ago has crumbled, hardly leaving an echo. If there is any fighting, it will be on the initiative of the Royal Niger Company, which proposes to acquire French territory in the company's territory will be immediately ejected by the company's troops, which Captain Lambert, who was in the presence of ladies, used language which, in my country, would not be tolerated. Tammany was bad enough, but the Tammany men are gentlemen compared with the lot I saw and heard on Thursday."

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STILL IN THE DARK

Not Yet Known What Caused the Disaster to the United States Battleship Maine.

A Resolution Offered in Congress to Authorize the Purchase of Warships

Washington, Feb. 25.—It can be stated authoritatively that the navy department has received nothing to indicate the cause of the explosion, and reports that it has been advised that it was by external causes are without foundation. Representative Brownwell (Republican), of Ohio, today introduced in the house the following resolution: "That the secretary of the navy be and he is authorized whenever, in his judgment, it shall become expedient for the best interests of the country to do so, to secure opinions upon an consummate the purchase of such battleships, cruisers, rams, torpedo boats or other forms of naval vessels as are of the most modern type and ready for immediate use."

The president and cabinet will not be in the Maine disaster, look for most serious consequences from the intervention of the United States in Cuba. There are those in the cabinet who believe that Secretary Sherman will demand an indemnity from the Spaniards for the wrecking of the Maine, either by accident or treachery, lies the determination of the president to do so. Preparations are now being made. A prominent senator, after a long conference with the president, said: "The danger does not lie in the Maine incident. I expect it will be closed favorably. The real danger lies in the conversion of the president into a more or less frost-bitten Unsworth."

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THE RAILWAY ROW

Explanation as to the Causes Which Led Up to the Great Quarrel.

O. P. R. Claims That the Grand Trunk Did Not Play Fair With Them.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has prepared the following statement of their case with the G.T.R.: "The C.P.R. has a system of railways in Ontario radiating from Toronto. The only connection between these lines and its main line is via Smith's Falls and Carleton Place. The G.T.R. has a line from Toronto northward to a connection with the Canadian Pacific near North Bay, on Lake Nipissing, a distance of 220 miles. The Canadian Pacific distance from Toronto around by way of Smith's Falls is 444 miles. The saving in distance afforded by the G.T.R. line led to an agreement years ago, whereby the freight traffic collected by the C.P.R. on its various lines in Ontario west of the G.T.R. west of Lake Nipissing, and freight traffic coming from the western lines of the G.T.R. line and destined to points on the Ontario lines of the C.P.R., west of Peterborough, should be hauled at a carload rate over the Toronto-North Bay section of the G.T.R. all of this freight being controlled by the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. having no claim upon it as regards this freight."

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For Five Days She Had Been Adrift at the Mercy of the Waves.

Halifax, Feb. 27.—The 300 and odd passengers on board the French liner La Champagne will rest more soundly than they have for ten days.

Since Thursday, two weeks ago, they have been at sea, and half of that time they have drifted on the Atlantic.

Port was reached just in good time. Three or four hours more would have found the two steamers in the grip of a dark and stormy night.

The correspondent of the Associated Press boarded the La Champagne just as the anchor was dropped. The saloon presented an animated scene as the passengers were eager to learn what news friends in New York had thought of the detention of steamer.

La Champagne sailed from Havre on February 12 with fine, clear weather, which continued for two days.

The ship was steaming fast against the head seas, when suddenly after 4 o'clock, a tremendous crash was heard in the engine room.

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ANXIETY IN MADRID

Spaniards Fearful in Regard to the Verdict of the U. S. Court of Inquiry.

If War Occurs Cuban Insurgents Will Act Conjointly with the United States.

Madrid, March 1.—Greater anxiety is visible here in regard to the verdict of the United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine than was apparent a week ago.

The constant rumors of possible hostilities are harassing and weakening the government, and are also trying the patience of the public.

"Jingo papers" publish exhaustive despatches from New York and Washington to the effect that the relations between the United States and Spain are hourly becoming more serious.

Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, is actively seeking the best means to procure additional warships.

The Situation at Havana.

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It is an encouraging sign when officers of high rank in the army, who deplore the Maine catastrophe deeply and sincerely as do the American people, begin to denounce the military "intents" to make the disaster a cause for going to war.

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AT CAMP FAIRVIEW.

An Interesting Letter on Mining Matters—Condition of the Tin Horn.

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The Same Man advertisement with illustration of a man and text: May be made to look very differently if the photographer knows how to produce the deception.

Columbia Flouring Mills Co. advertisement with text: HUNGARIAN, PREMIER, R. P. RITHET & CO., VICTORIA, AGENTS.

Railway Rate War advertisement with text: A Burning Theme in London—The Grand Trunk in Bad Odor.

Mine Theory Scouted advertisement with text: General Weyler Says the Harbor Contained None.

No Water Seen on Mars advertisement with text: Possible Areas of Cultivation by Possible Inhabitants.

Well Done Home Work advertisement with text: Diamond Dyes are Home Helpers.

Patents advertisement with text: PATENTS PROMPTLY SECURED.

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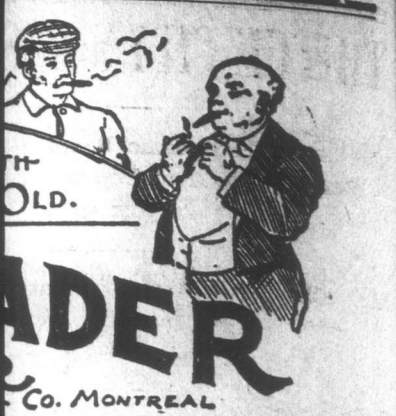
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Agents for Klondike

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THE CITY'S BUSINESS

The Aldermanic Board Have a Long Session and Transact Important Business.

Mr. Chipchase Appointed Sanitary Sewerage and Plumbing Officer. All the members of the aldermanic board were present at the usual weekly meeting last evening, Mayor Redfern presiding.

His worship laid on the table the estimates for the current year and on motion a special meeting for Friday evening was decided upon for Friday evening.

Mr. Chipchase moved and seconded that the secretary of the board of school trustees be appointed to the position of sanitary sewerage and plumbing officer.

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PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Mr. Cotton's Mortgage Tax Is Defeated by a Straight Party Vote.

The Government Members Contend There is No Double Taxation Involved. A Wonderful Change of Front in the Opinion of Members Inside a Year.

Victoria, Feb. 28. The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Ralph Trotter. The following petitions were presented: By Mr. Hume, from Messrs. Macdonald and others, residents of Kootenay, re amending 'Municipal Clauses Act' with reference to licenses to transient traders.

By Mr. Hume, from Mr. A. Skinner and others, free miners of Ainsworth Mining Division of Kootenay, re proposed amendments to the mining acts. The petition from Charles R. Hosmer and others, for leave to present a petition for a private bill to incorporate the Red Mountain Railway Company was read and referred to the private bills committee.

Mr. Rogers moved the first reading of the Skeena River and Eastern Railway Company bill. It was read a first time and referred to the railway committee.

On motion of Mr. Hunter, the third report of 19th February, inst., from the private bills committee was adopted, and the standing rules and orders amended, to enable the bill entitled 'An act to incorporate the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway company' to be introduced.

On motion of Mr. Kellie, private bill (No. 14) intitled 'An act to incorporate the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway company' was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the railway committee.

The following resolutions were moved and agreed to without debate: Mr. Macpherson—That an order of the house be granted for a return of all papers, correspondence and statements of accounts between this government and other parties in connection with the settlement of the lease of the said property.

Mr. Hunter presented the ninth report from the private bills committee. That your committee has considered petition No. 23, being a petition of William McKenzie, Donald D. Mann and John Herbert Hoar, and your committee begs to recommend that the order of the house for the reception of the said petition and its reference to this committee be rescinded.

The report was received and upon the motion to adopt the report Mr. Hunter explained that there were irregularities in connection with the signatures to the petition.

Attorney-General Eberts took exception to this proceeding by the private bills committee. That your committee has considered petition No. 23, being a petition of William McKenzie, Donald D. Mann and John Herbert Hoar, and your committee begs to recommend that the order of the house for the reception of the said petition and its reference to this committee be rescinded.

IS THIS SAYING A TRUE ONE?

"Love, like water, only flows down hill." Do you know who first said that? Or wrote it? I don't know myself. But it is a keen saying. Maybe you don't catch the meaning exactly. Depends on who you are. If you are an elderly man or woman, with children grown, or fast growing out of hand, you will understand it. Yes; and possibly the thought may stir up bitter regrets here and there.

Now don't any of you strike back before you are hit. The author of that sharp saying doesn't mean to say that he is a child, or a young man, or a young woman. He is a man, or a woman, or a child, or a young man, or a young woman. He is a man, or a woman, or a child, or a young man, or a young woman.

One, two, three. Here are three short letters, all from mothers; and all about daughters. Read them, please, and then we will have a dozen words of talk. "Five years ago I said the first, 'my daughter fell ill. She seemed tired and languid. We could scarcely induce her even to taste food. She said she didn't want it, had no relish for it. When she would finish up, she would complain of weight and pain at the chest; and her face would flush up. She was weak and miserable. Nothing gave her any strength. No medical treatment helped her. For two whole years she was like this. We were worried, and didn't know what to do. Then she began giving it to her, and a few days her appetite returned, and her food agreed with her. Then her color came back, and she got strong and well. Since then she has enjoyed the best of health. To show our gratitude I freely consent to the publication of this letter." (Signed) Mrs. Bess Stobbing, Banford, Wymondham, Norfolk, March 22nd, 1897.

"Sixteen years ago," says the third, "my daughter had an attack of scarlet fever, which left her very weak and miserable. After all she ate she suffered terribly. She had scarcely any appetite. She became weaker and weaker, and she could only walk in a feeble, spiritless way. "It was constantly calling in a doctor, but his medicine seemed to do her no good. I took her to Bourne-mouth, but the change was of no avail. A friend of ours, Mr. Hutchings, of Walpole street, London, urged us to try your remedy. We did so; and soon she began to eat and gain strength. In a few weeks, by continuing to take it, she was hearty and well as ever. It gives me pleasure to state these facts. All mothers should keep this wonderful medicine in the house." (Signed) Mrs. A. S. Harmer, White Horse Hotel, Weymouth, March 10th, 1897.

In their anxiety about their daughters these good women felt only as mothers feel. The current of love, running downhill from parents to children, is a mighty river. With what toils and watchings and cares and sacrifices it is expended for yourself. Does it come strongly? I am afraid not. Solve the mystery for yourself.

But whether they are grateful or not the young people will fall ill. Youth is a perilous time. Parents cannot be too much on guard. The first signs of ill-health should not be overlooked or made light of. The remedy finally employed (Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup) ought to be even nearer than the nearest chemist's shop; it ought to be right on the shelf.

The need of a good spring medicine is almost universal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

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No such deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company has for the first time taken this startling offer. They will send their costly and magical effluvia—Erie Medical Company's—entirely free of charge to all who will send them a penny paid-in-advance. This is a real and a true offer. No one can afford to neglect their health. They are the best of all. They are the best of all. They are the best of all.

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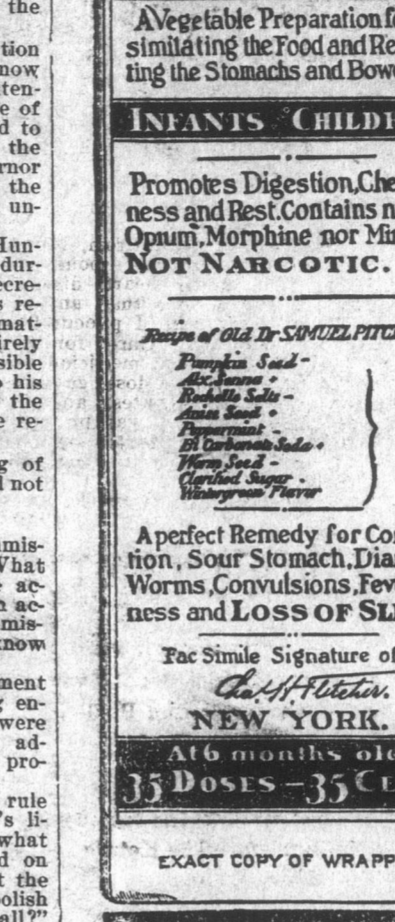
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Mr. McPherson spoke against the amendment and in favor of the resolution. He contended that the mortgage tax was a double tax; that it was unjust and should be swept off the statute book.

Mr. Cotton said that in so far as hoping to change a vote in the house was concerned, anyone debating the question for that purpose would be wasting time. In spite of this he said that he had no doubt but that there would be a radical change in the vote on the mortgage tax. He repeated the illustration of Mr. Kidd to show the absurdity of the contention that there was no double taxation. If a man came into the province and paid off the mortgaged indebtedness of the mortgagor, he would be paying \$8,000,000, not only would there be no increase in the taxable values of the province, but the government would immediately lose the amount of the tax assessed upon mortgages. At present the government got the taxation upon the real estate of the mortgagor, and the mortgagor was well. When the mortgagor was paid off the government would be deprived of just so much taxable value. If anything would simply take there was a double tax under the present system this would. In reply to the contention of Mr. Poley that the repeal of the tax would not help the borrower because the amount of the tax would have to be raised just the same, Mr. Cotton said that the adoption of the amendment would be contributing the whole \$4,000,000 themselves, the amount would be spread over the whole province. It would not fall upon the mortgagors alone. They would pay but a due proportion of it, while at present the whole burden of it falls upon them. To Hon. Mr. Turner's contention that if the mortgage tax was taken off, the mortgage companies would not agree to any such interest charges and cheat the borrower of any benefit, Mr. Cotton replied that there could be no ground for any such statement. There was no competition in place money at interest just the same as there was competition for everything else. The competition among the loan companies would fix the rate of interest. To the question raised by Hon. Mr. Eberts as to what the cities were going to do to make up for the loss received by the exemption of mortgaged property, Mr. Cotton replied that it would be the duty of the government to rearrange its system of taxation that it would be evenly.

Attorney-General Eberts said that Mr. Cotton was endeavoring to get out of the middle which Mr. Williams had got into. He wanted to know what the municipalities would do if the government decided to exempt the mortgaged real estate from taxation. He said the honorable gentlemen opposite would not agree to any such proposition on the part of the municipalities. The result would be to exempt half of the real estate in the municipalities from taxation. How would Vancouver and Victoria pay the interest upon their bonds in such a case? He said he knew it was difficult for some farmers to get along, but it should be remembered that the taxation of the province was not heavy. The taxation he was talking of was a double tax, not more than one-third of the taxation of the state of California.

Mr. Williams—If the tax is just why the result would be to remove the tax? Hon. Mr. Eberts did not reply to this, but continuing he said the government were willing to accept the proposition of Mr. Williams and exempt property from taxation, the municipalities throughout the province would not be in a position to pay their just debts. He said that the American authority upon the taxation of mortgages, in which the issue was summed up in the state in this light he would see that in the manner in which the property was at

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Mr. Cotton said that in so far as hoping to change a vote in the house was concerned, anyone debating the question for that purpose would be wasting time. In spite of this he said that he had no doubt but that there would be a radical change in the vote on the mortgage tax. He repeated the illustration of Mr. Kidd to show the absurdity of the contention that there was no double taxation. If a man came into the province and paid off the mortgaged indebtedness of the mortgagor, he would be paying \$8,000,000, not only would there be no increase in the taxable values of the province, but the government would immediately lose the amount of the tax assessed upon mortgages. At present the government got the taxation upon the real estate of the mortgagor, and the mortgagor was well. When the mortgagor was paid off the government would be deprived of just so much taxable value. If anything would simply take there was a double tax under the present system this would. In reply to the contention of Mr. Poley that the repeal of the tax would not help the borrower because the amount of the tax would have to be raised just the same, Mr. Cotton said that the adoption of the amendment would be contributing the whole \$4,000,000 themselves, the amount would be spread over the whole province. It would not fall upon the mortgagors alone. They would pay but a due proportion of it, while at present the whole burden of it falls upon them. To Hon. Mr. Turner's contention that if the mortgage tax was taken off, the mortgage companies would not agree to any such interest charges and cheat the borrower of any benefit, Mr. Cotton replied that there could be no ground for any such statement. There was no competition in place money at interest just the same as there was competition for everything else. The competition among the loan companies would fix the rate of interest. To the question raised by Hon. Mr. Eberts as to what the cities were going to do to make up for the loss received by the exemption of mortgaged property, Mr. Cotton replied that it would be the duty of the government to rearrange its system of taxation that it would be evenly.

Attorney-General Eberts said that Mr. Cotton was endeavoring to get out of the middle which Mr. Williams had got into. He wanted to know what the municipalities would do if the government decided to exempt the mortgaged real estate from taxation. He said the honorable gentlemen opposite would not agree to any such proposition on the part of the municipalities. The result would be to exempt half of the real estate in the municipalities from taxation. How would Vancouver and Victoria pay the interest upon their bonds in such a case? He said he knew it was difficult for some farmers to get along, but it should be remembered that the taxation of the province was not heavy. The taxation he was talking of was a double tax, not more than one-third of the taxation of the state of California.

Mr. Williams—If the tax is just why the result would be to remove the tax? Hon. Mr. Eberts did not reply to this, but continuing he said the government were willing to accept the proposition of Mr. Williams and exempt property from taxation, the municipalities throughout the province would not be in a position to pay their just debts. He said that the American authority upon the taxation of mortgages, in which the issue was summed up in the state in this light he would see that in the manner in which the property was at

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Mr. Kennedy admitted that legally and perhaps technically, the mortgage tax might be double taxation, but he was positive that in practice it worked out as a case of double taxation.

The house then divided and the amendment of Major Mutton was adopted.

To the question, "Shall the words proposed be struck out stand part of the question?" the division was: Ayes, Messrs. Sward, Kennedy, Hume, Foster, MacIntosh, Kitchin, Velder, Williams, Scoullin, Cotton, Graham and Kidd—12; nay, Messrs. Huff, Smith, Mutter, Baker, Turner, Martin, Hight, Adams, Booth, Stoddard, Pender, Ebert, Bryden, Rogers, Hunter and McGregor—16.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Mr. Huff—The C.P.N. Company's bill.

Mr. Cotton—The North Star and Arrow Lake railway bill.

Mr. McGregor—The Nanaimo E. L. & P. Company's bill.

Mr. Booth—The Southeast Kootenay Railway Company's bill.

Victoria, March 1, 1898.

The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock and by Rev. R. W. Trotter, Mr. Braden rose to a question of privilege and complained that there was no flag flying from the flag-staff on the grounds of the parliament buildings. He said that the only flag flying in the city was that upon the office of the United States consul. He thought the government should show a little more respect for the British flag.

The following petitions were read and received:

From Theo. Madsen and others, residents of Kootenay, re amending "Municipal Clauses Act" with reference to licenses to transient traders.

From W. A. Skinner and others, free miners of Ainsworth Mining Division of Kootenay, re proposed amendments to the Mining Act.

Mr. Williams' questions to the chief commissioner respecting the acreage of the lands conveyed to railway companies were again passed over, the chief commissioner not being in his seat when they were reached upon the order paper. Mr. Williams in passing over the questions said they were evidently hard nuts for the government to crack. The questions of Mr. Williams are:

1. Number of acres of public lands conveyed to railways and applied for by them, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the act in relation to this province authorizing the granting of land subsidies? 2. The names of the respective railways to which such lands have been conveyed or applied for, the number of acres to each, and dates of conveyances and applications? 3. Respective length of each railway? 4. The number of miles of frontage of such lands on each side of such railways, and depth of blocks of such lands? 5. Dates of such conveyances and plans showing course or direction of such railways? 6. Respective dates of all and any surveys of lands for conveyance in part to the said railways, giving dates as to each road and number of acres reserved? 7. Were all such surveys conveyed to the different railways made according to the Land Laws of the province?

Mr. Kidd asked the minister of finance: "Do the provincial government assessors place on the assessment roll all shares owned by shareholders in the railway companies as personal property?"

Hon. Mr. Turner replied: "All joint stock companies are assessed on their shares. This includes shares owned by shareholders."

Mr. McGregor was named a member of the printing committee in the place of Mr. Irving.

On motion of Mr. Hunter, private bill No. 19, intituled "An act to incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravel and Dredge Mining Corporation," was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the private bills committee.

Mr. Booth presented the second report from the railway committee as follows: "That they have examined and find the preamble of the bill No. 19, intituled 'An act to incorporate the British Columbia Great Gold Gravel and Dredge Mining Corporation,' which is submitted with amendments."

Upon the motion to adopt the Revised Statutes bill upon report Attorney-General Eberts moved to have section five of the act restored and that the amendments had been withdrawn by the commissioners and upon their request he now sought to have the clause restored. The amendment restoring the clause was adopted and the bill passed through its third reading.

On the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation bill being reached Col. Baker moved that the order of the second reading be discharged. He explained that the house had just passed the revised statutes, and the passing of the present bill would be merely confirming a provision which had been inserted to the statutes just passed.

Dr. Walker proceeded to give a history of the legislation affecting the employment of Chinese underground in the coal mines, but he was called to order by the speaker and the motion discharging the order for the second reading of the bill was adopted.

Mr. Hunter presented the tenth report from the private bills committee, as follows: "Your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders have leave to report as follows:—That your committee have considered petition No. 20, the petition of Dowrie Creek Gravel and Dredge Mining Corporation, and find that the petition has not been complied with the standing orders, inasmuch as the petition does not contain a copy of the petition as published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 28th day of November, 1897, in so far as that part of the line down the Columbia river to Revelstoke, and your committee recommend that leave be granted to introduce a bill in conformity with the said notice first published. Your committee beg further to report that the petition asks for the construction of a 24-in.-Port Simpson, Glenora and Kootenay railway."

No. 20A—Teslin Lake and Victoria Telephone and Cable Company—be not granted.

Hon. Mr. Eberts presented copies of all papers and correspondence between the attorney-general and a certain person, regarding the death of Thomas Thompson and the inquest on the body of the same.

Mr. Foster resumed the adjourned debate upon the adoption of the ninth report of the private bills committee. He copies the report of the report of Mr. Hunter, and after a short debate the report was adopted.

Mr. Booth then suggested the advisability of the house adjourning for a day or two to allow the railway committee to consider some of the bills that were to come before it.

Mr. Hunter followed Mr. Booth and said that it would be convenient to adjourn and he would be glad to facilitate the work of the private bills committee.

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DOMINION HOUSE.

Almost the Whole Time of the House for Days Spent on Yukon Railway Affairs.

Mr. Hughes, Conservative Member, Astonishes the Opposition by His Attitude.

The feeling overwhelmingly favor of the Government's Action in the Matter.

MUNHALL MEETING

An Impressive Closing Service With Crowded and Enthusiastic Audience.

Dr. Munhall Commends to Mr. Robertson the Wisdom of Minding His Own Business.

MORE ENGLISH CAPITAL.

Slough Creek Properties Sold to a Strong London Company.

The shareholders of the Slough Creek Mining Company yesterday confirmed the action of the directors in disposing of the property to the British Columbia Mining Company, a London company.

A CAPTAIN'S KINDNESS.

Words of Praise for Captain John Irving of the Islander.

"How is the weather?" asked Master John Irving, of the steamer Islander, on his trip up from Victoria, to one of the passengers, who replied, "Very pretty, sir," was the reply.

BRITAIN WILL NOT AID SPAIN.

London, March 1.—The Daily News, commenting upon the recent meeting between the United States and Spain, says: "Spain can expect no support, moral or physical, from Great Britain or the United States. She has ruined her colonies, and she has no other resource but to settle the account for it with those whom it may concern, without aid or sympathy from our part."

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FOR A B. C. TERMINUS

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A Resolution Disapproving the Mackenzie and Mann Contract Meets With Defeat.

Two causes, contributed toward producing the comparatively small attendance at the meeting held last evening in the City hall; first the lack of the necessary amount of publicity and secondly the fact that the object of the meeting was so closely in accord with the sentiments which have been on hand had they thought there was any need of their presence, stayed away from the meeting.

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Table with columns: Destination, Tons, and other shipping details. Includes entries for S. Burma, San Francisco, S. Peter, etc.

Mr. Beaven, who introduced the resolution, said that the object of the meeting was to draw attention to the fact that the Mackenzie and Mann contract was a serious obstacle to the construction of an all-Canadian route.

The resolution was carried by a large majority, and the meeting adjourned. Mr. Beaven's speech was well received, and he was complimented on his courage in introducing the resolution.

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THE SMOOGLER.

A trace to Latin, Greek and all the rest, The last exam. well passed, myself a guest, At some congenial board where "shop" and masters are not this, and I am blest!

Cinderella's Slipper

We were dining with Colonel and Mrs. Tait. The party consisted of about a dozen people, as intimate friends; and when we were assembled in the drawing room after dinner somebody suggested that the colonel should show us his curiosities.

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A trace to Latin, Greek and all the rest, The last exam. well passed, myself a guest, At some congenial board where "shop" and masters are not this, and I am blest!

Cinderella's Slipper

We were dining with Colonel and Mrs. Tait. The party consisted of about a dozen people, as intimate friends; and when we were assembled in the drawing room after dinner somebody suggested that the colonel should show us his curiosities.

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S.S. AUSTRALIA SAILS

The Biggest of the Alaskan Liners Sails for Juneau and Dyea This Afternoon.

A Busy Scene at the Outer Wharf Incident to the Departure of the Steamers.

Two Companies of United States Soldiers for Dyea—Rush for Licenses—The Noyo Sails.

The outer wharf this morning presents an animated appearance, and it is a wonder some enterprising kitescope operator does not come along and secure the picture for No. 1 of a series entitled "The Wave of Prosperity." Yesterday and this morning docking facilities were taxed to the utmost...

The Australia took up about forty horses, all comfortably stowed between decks, and about a dozen dogs, including 100 dogs. These noisy passengers are well housed, being placed in kennels built on deck above the horse and ox stalls.

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Arrivals from the Old Country Prophecy an Immense Rush From There.

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This is to certify that the Klondike and Columbian Gold Fields, Limited, in authorized and licensed to carry on business within the province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the company is situated at No. 34 Victoria street, Westminster, county of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the company is £100,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £1 each.

The objects for which the company has been established are: (a) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire lands, estates, mines, mineral rights, gravel deposits, mining rights and privileges, ore, minerals and other properties...

(b) To search for, prospect, examine and explore mines and ground supposed to contain minerals or precious stones, and to search for and obtain information in regard to mines and mining districts.

(c) To work, explore, develop and maintain the lands, estates, mines, minerals and other properties that may at any time be acquired by the company, and to erect all necessary buildings, stores and machinery for the purpose of exploring, developing and working the same, and to dress and prepare for market, produce, ore, metals, minerals or precious stones, and to sell, traffic and deal in the same.

(d) To cultivate, improve and develop the resources of any lands, estates, mines, minerals and other buildings, to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings, to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings, to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings...

(e) To carry on the business of smelters, and to reduce ores and minerals, whether obtained from the company or from any other property or mines, and to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings, to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings...

(f) To acquire, construct or aid in and subscribe towards the construction, maintenance and improvement of such ways, roads, tramways, railways, bridges, reservoirs, wells, water courses, aqueducts, ditches, drains, canals, mills, hydraulic works, electrical works, factories, warehouses, ships and other works as may be directly or indirectly required for the purpose of the company, and to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings, to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such lands, estates, mines, minerals, and other buildings...

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(i) To purchase, subscribe for and hold shares in any other company, also to promote and establish any company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the property or assets of this or any other undertaking; also to purchase from any other company, partnership, or person, any trade, property, or assets, or to cooperate, unite or amalgamate with any company, partnership, or person.

negotiate, purchase or discount bills of exchange, promissory notes, and all other negotiable instruments, and to carry on all other business, present or future, which may be deemed to be in the interest of the company, and to do all such other acts, matters, and things as may be necessary or expedient for the carrying out or effecting of the above objects, and to do all such other acts, matters, and things as may be necessary or expedient for the carrying out or effecting of the above objects...

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SPAIN BUYS S

Has Purchased Two Cruisers From England and is Negotiating For More.

Believed That Frenchmen Are Up the Money—Ships by Brazil.

London, March 4.—Spain has ordered two cruisers which are now being built for Brazil. The cruisers will be of the type known as "torpedero," and will have a speed of 23 knots and 10 guns.

Spain is also negotiating for two more cruisers of the same type, which have been building in Brazil.

The Amazonas is ready for her sister ship, and is now being fitted out for service. According to secure guns and ammunition in England, the latter of the Spanish government of Spain have funds, for it is understood, for a large part of the cost of the cruisers.

Some vessels and supplies purchased on credit from prominent firms with the government, and after having been fully paid for, the Spanish government has raised unknown sources. Diplomats express the belief that French are helping the Spanish government.

It is known that Spain is trying to purchase three other ships being built in England, but she has not yet made a bargain, or is still in time if the United States wishes to forestall her.

HURRYING THE WAR The Dolphin, Chicago and the Albatross are being hurriedly fitted out for service.

New York, March 4.—Cruiser characterizes the work of getting the dispatch boat into a normal condition. The Dolphin was hurriedly fitted out with new engines, boilers, and spars.

Admiral Bruce says that the Dolphin will be placed on the coast of the Dolbin was hurriedly fitted out with new engines, boilers, and spars.

Similar work is going on with the other ships. The Dolphin was hurriedly fitted out with new engines, boilers, and spars.

DIVERS WORKING STEEL Havana, March 4.—Warm rain prevailed here to-day and the divers are working slowly during such hours as is possible. The divers are working slowly during such hours as is possible.

Spanish divers have been doing the work, and any report coming from them are likely to be reliable.

Cabled despatches from Manila state that the minister of marine has confirmed the statement of the minister of marine that the torpedo boat destroyers are to Cuba.

Survivors Put in Ice Key West March 4.—All the survivors received a month's pay and their claims for loss of property were made. The survivors of the Maine, has total pay of \$1,223, which he says he has lost, which was blown to pieces by a mine.

TROOPS COMING WEST Atlanta, Ga., March 4.—The army is transferring the 10th Cavalry to the Pacific coast. The 10th Cavalry is transferring the 10th Cavalry to the Pacific coast.

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