

at this session to raise a police force, as constables will be direct vision of the superintendent thought this was a very wise sessional allowance from \$1000 to \$1500. Experience dictated to take the position of \$1500. Experience dictated to take the position of \$1500. Experience dictated to take the position of \$1500.

put in a plan to do the government binding. Hon. Mr. Davie held that no orders were given that the News-Advertiser company were not to be allowed to compete. It had been said that members of the government controlled the Colonist. He would say that he did not know of a member of the government who had any direct or indirect interest in the Colonist. The apparent object of the lower tenders was to squeeze the present contractor out of business. The government intended to do the work themselves.

supply the cities with agricultural produce. He could bring in thousands of colonists immediately but it would be necessary to place them near the cities where they would have a market for their produce. Mr. Booth advised the government to proceed very cautiously in this matter. Mr. Kitchen said great care should be exercised in placing colonists. Several of the Belle Cooles colonists had returned to Victoria and the reports they circulated would do the province more harm than the provincial secretary could do good.

was the system detrimental. He also spoke of the system of referring questions to the registrar for decision. Hon. Mr. Davie also thought the system of referring questions to the registrar should be checked and the house should know something about it when judicial functions devolved upon registrars. He thought the resolution might embrace this question. The motion was agreed to. On motion of Hon. Mr. Turner it was resolved that the house should resolve itself into a committee of ways and means on Friday next.

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APPEALS IN FULL COURT.

Judgment is Reserved in the Celebrated Will Case of Adams v. McBeath. The Appeals Dismissed in Two Other Important Cases Heard To-Day. Some important judgments were delivered by the Full Court this morning. In Adams v. McBeath the appeal was allowed and the testator's goes into force again.

MINISTERS SWORN IN.

Mr. Bowell and Colleagues Take Their Oaths of Office To-Day in Montreal. Dickey Very Modest and Montague Confident—Carling is Not in It. Montreal, Dec. 21.—Although the swearing in of Messrs. Bowell, Dickey, Tupper, Costigan and Montague was set for 10 o'clock to-day it was 11 when they left the Windsor for the viceregal residence on Sherbrooke street.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

One Unsuccessful and One Successful Attempt at Suicide. Boissevain, Man., Dec. 21.—Mr. J. Richardson, a young man who comes from Portage la Prairie, Man., and is now running the White Star restaurant at Boissevain, attempted suicide at an early hour this morning. Having written his parents at Portage la Prairie and bidding farewell to his friends, he placed a revolver at his head and fired. He missed his mark and put a hole through his cap and fell on the floor apparently dead.

PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS.

Mr. Williams Anxious to Find Out Who the Contractors Actually Are. Among the motions of which notice were given in the legislature this morning was one signed by Mr. Williams, which, if passed, will answer the many questions asked of late in regard to the work on the buildings. Mr. Williams will move for the appointment of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Booth, Bryden, McGregor, Kennedy and the mover, to examine the contracts for work on the new parliamentary buildings, to ascertain who are the parties actually interested in the said contracts; how far, having regard to the actual work done and the amount paid, the province is secured as to the completion of the work for the contract prices; what has already been allowed for extras and what is likely to be required for same before completion and how construction of same is progressing, with power to call for persons and papers and report to the house from time to time.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Cabinet Meet—Writ for Cumberland Issued. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lieut-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney are here. The first meeting of the Bowell cabinet was held this afternoon. Speaker White is issuing the writ for Cumberland now. ARMENIAN ATROCITIES. Foreign Ministers Determined to Fully Sift the Outrages. Vienna, Dec. 22.—The foreign ministers at Constantinople have refused the request of the Sultan to change the instructions given the delegates commissioned to investigate the Armenian outrages. As a result the situation has become strained. CATTLE DISEASE. Splenic or Southern Fever Amongst Mexican Cattle. Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—In view of the fact that the live stock sanitary commission of this state has been reliably informed that a malignant disease known as splenic or southern fever, exists among the cattle in a large part of the republic of Mexico, and as there are no sanitary regulations in that country to prevent the spread of the disease, Governor Hogg yesterday issued a proclamation declaring a quarantine against all such cattle.

DIVISIONAL COURT.

Conviction in the C. D. Rand Mutiny Case Quashed. In Cooley v. Fitzstubs the divisional court this morning dismissed the appeal without costs and added certain parties as defendants. A. J. Belyea for the appeal and A. G. Smith contra. The divisional court this morning, consisting of Justices Walkem and Drake, quashed the conviction in the "Boss Rand" mutiny case. At the Vancouver assizes several In-

AT THIS SESSION.

Mr. Semlin considered the vote of \$2400 for agricultural societies was sufficient. Exhibitions did much to encourage farming and should be liberally assisted by the government. Hon. Mr. Turner explained that it was proposed to organize a board of agriculture to be amalgamated with the board of horticulture. This would do much to encourage farming. The vote of \$250 in aid of the Flock-masters' Association was objected to. Mr. Muttter said the vote was to assist the association who encourage the importation of thoroughbred stock. Mr. Kitchen pointed out that when he wanted sheep he bought them and did not ask the government to assist him. Mr. Semlin asked who received the \$9000 voted for the office of the province in London. Hon. Mr. Davie explained that Mr. Beston, the agent-general, who had occupied the office without remuneration, had resigned, and it was the intention of the government to reorganize the office on the same lines on which the offices of other colonies are managed. It was the intention to appoint an agent and pay him a salary to manage the affairs of the province in London and do what he can to induce immigrants and capital to come to the province. Hon. Col. Baker explained that the vote of \$4000 was to organize colonies to settle along the northern coast to

EMPTY HONORS.

Nobility Who Have Come to Grief.

Who has just been disinherited in the Dublin police force...

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MORRIS BANK.

Business is going on with the Morris Bank. There is no sign of any excitement...

THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK.

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Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Cologne Gazette published a letter from Armenia...

THE MISSING COLLIERS.

Marine Men Have Very Little Hope for Their Return to Port.

Bark Wilna, One of the Overdue Sailing Vessels, Arrives at Frisco.

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For a long time it was thought probable that one of the vessels had been disabled...

The captains of both vessels are well known, and they each have many friends...

D. O. Blackburn, captain. John Brewer, first officer. M. Crowell, second officer.

It is thought there is a second assistant engineer on board, but as an official cannot be found on the articles...

- W. H. Jenkins, captain. A. W. Bowden, second officer. Charles S. Smith, chief engineer.

The apprentice, Edward F. Snow, is a son of Louis F. Snow, a wholesale grocer...

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ALASKAN NEWS.

Twenty-Five Persons Indicted for Selling Liqueur to Indians.

Port Townsend, Dec. 25.—The steamer Mexico, which arrived from southeast Alaska last night, brings the following advices:

The grand jury at Juneau has indicted twenty-five citizens for selling liquor to Indians.

FATHER MCGLYNN'S CHRISTMAS.

The Noted Divine Celebrates High Mass in New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn celebrated high mass at the Church of the Holy Cross...

GENERAL NEWS.

Newfoundland's Panic-New Trouble Among the Railwaymen.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 21.—The British warship Tourmaline will remain here until April. It is reported that the British government has offered assistance...

CRISPI SUPPORTED.

Former Opposition Papers Take up the Premier's Cause.

CLIFF HOUSE BURNED.

San Francisco's Favorite Resort a Mass of Ruins.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Fire started in the Cliff House at 8:30 o'clock on Christmas night...

ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

The Sultan declines to Recognize the American Delegate.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily News correspondent in Odessa says that numerous Armenian refugees from Moosh and...

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The Sultan last evening made a final reply to the application of United States Minister Terrell...

FADS OF ENGLISH WOMEN.

There are two fashions very largely, almost universally, affected by English women just now that I don't think will be copied over here...

The fashionable coiffure is hideous, nay revolting, and I am sorry to say it is affected by eight out of ten English women.

CABLE DISPATCHES.

Ex-King of Naples Dying—Priests and Bicycles.

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MONTRÉAL BANQUET INCIDENT.

Hon. Mr. Laurier Did Not Care to Speak on Sunday Morning.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association on Saturday evening...

Mr. Foster was called upon shortly after 11 o'clock to reply to the toast of "The Commercial Interests."

WAR IN THE EAST.

Cruiser Esmeralda Was Purchased for the Japanese.

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