

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 8, 1897.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. J. H. Sweet.

Mr. Booth presented the sixteenth report of the private bill committee in the following: That with respect to petition No. 49, your committee is of the opinion that the standing orders should be suspended so as to allow the bill for the incorporation of the Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Co. to be introduced, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

Your committee also beg to report that they find the preamble of the under intitled bills proved, viz.: An act to incorporate the West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd. An act to incorporate the Revelstoke Tront Lake & Big Bend Telephone Co., Ltd., and submit the same with amendments.

The report was received.

Mr. Booth moved that the fourteenth report of the committee on private bills be adopted, and the time limited for the reception of reports on private bills be extended to March 22.

The report was adopted.

Immediately after this the Premier rose and said:

Mr. Speaker, as you are aware since the house adjourned last week this province has sustained the loss of a citizen in the death of the late Honorable A. N. Richards, and I am sure that I shall voice the feeling of the house by a motion to adjourn, and in expressing sympathy with the surviving members of his family.

The late Mr. Richards played no unimportant part in the history of this province and of Canada. He was, I believe, the last surviving member of the old Executive Council of Canada and was also, I understand, the first Premier of Upper Canada from 1863 to 1864. He was long a resident in this province and bore an important part in public affairs.

He filled the highest offices in the province, that of Lieutenant-Governor, and during the whole period of his residence here he was to a great extent a public man giving his efforts to the benefit of the province. I am sure that the general feeling of the people is that they have lost a honest and upright citizen and one who did what he thought was in the interests of the province, never swerving from the path of duty nor from the course that he thought was right.

Mr. Semlin—"I am sure that this side of the house joins with the Premier in his expression of regret, and I beg to second his motion to adjourn.

The house then adjourned.

NINETEENTH DAY.

TUESDAY, March 9.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

Mr. Hume presented a petition from A. St. G. Hammersley and others, asking for leave to present a private bill to incorporate the Bechtelung Railway.

The private bill committee had already reported that the bill had not complied with the standing orders as to the time for presentation, and the proper length of time having since elapsed the company sought to have their bill reinstated.

The request was granted. Mr. Speaker intimating that the payment of double fees would be necessary to reinstate the bill.

Mr. Cotton presented a petition from free miners in Kootenay district asking that the legislature would not grant any further mining concessions from that district without due care being taken to preserve water for the use of the public.

The annual report of the librarian was presented and received.

Mr. Kennedy introduced a bill to further amend the Pharmacy Act, 1891.

The bill was read a first time; second reading on Thursday.

The Hon. Mr. Turner moved that the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Carried.

Hon. D. M. Eberst presented a message from the Lieutenant Governor transmitting a bill "to consolidate in one act certain provisions usually inserted in acts authorizing the sale of lands for undertakings of a public nature."

The message was considered in committee of the whole, and the bill was reported to the house and read a first time; second reading on Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Booth the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Hume in the chair, to consider the advisability of introducing a bill for placing restrictions on the granting of licenses in rural districts.

The committee rose and reported; the bill was read a first time and placed on the orders for second reading on Monday.

Mr. Walkem moved, seconded by Mr. Helmecken that an order of the house be granted for a return giving a detailed statement of the travelling expenses of ministers on duty, together with a statement of any advances made in connection therewith; the dates thereof; such return to embrace a period between June 30, 1896, and 31st December, 1896. Carried.

Mr. Forster moved—"Whereas, in the present stage of mining development in British Columbia, the construction of railways has become an imperative necessity; and whereas the construction of a railway from the Coast to Southern Kootenay and on through the Crow's Nest Pass, has become particularly desirable; and whereas it is deemed to be in the interest of the people that such railway should be constructed and owned by the government; and whereas the province annually pays into the Dominion treasury a sum several hundred thousand dollars in excess of the sum returned to it in subsidies, public works and its share of the cost of administration; therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this house the government of British Columbia should enter into negotiations with the Dominion government to secure the construction by that government, or by that government with the assistance of this province, of a railway from the Coast to Crow's Nest Pass; and that failing the acceptance by the Dominion government of this policy, the provincial government should endeavor to obtain from the Dominion government such assistance as will enable the province to build the railway as a provincial work without straining its resources too heavily.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order as contemplating the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Walkem moved, seconded by Mr. Semlin, that an order of this house be granted for a return giving a detailed statement of all money donated to the Kamloops Fire Company prior to the incorporation of that town, to whom paid, and details of expenditure, if any. Carried.

Mr. Macpherson moved that an order of this house be granted for a copy of all the correspondence in connection with the resignation of Dr. Watt as secretary of the provincial board of health, and of all applications for the position. Carried.

Mr. Wattam moved, seconded by Mr. Helmecken that an order of this house be granted for a return showing the fees and emoluments received by all sheriffs, such returns to include all fees received by their deputies and bailiffs, from chattel mortgages, bills of sale and distress warrants for financial year ending June 1896. Carried.

Mr. Booth moved that the fifteenth report of the committee on private bills be adopted, and the standing rules and orders be suspended to enable the bill entitled "The Yukon Mining, Foreign and Transportation Company" (Foreign) to be introduced.

Carried.

Mr. Braden to ask the Minister of Mines the following questions: 1. Has he any applications for record of mineral claims in lands granted by Hudson's Bay Company to settlers on Vancouver Island, the minerals in which have not been surveyed, and by whom? 2. If so, what are the names of the applicants and the dates of the applications? 3. And the grounds upon which such applications (if any) were refused? 4. Hon. Col. Baker replied:

1. "F. G. Richards and others in 1891, and Alfred Deakin in February 1897." 2. "On the ground that the property was not land whereon the right to enter and mine for gold and silver has been reserved to the crown and its licensees." 3. "Mr. Macpherson on the motion to adjourn the report of the committee on the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields bill, moved to insert the provisions of which he had given notice prohibiting the employment of Chinese or Japanese on the works of the company." 4. "Mr. Speaker inquired of Mr. Macpherson were in order, for they seemed to go beyond the scope of the bill as introduced and it was, in Mr. Speaker's opinion, against the whole spirit of private bills legislation to go so far beyond the scope of the bill which merely asked for leave to remove any doubts as to the company's power to change their articles of incorporation. He was not able to quote any authority on the matter, but he was sure that it was only when introduced by the government that such an amendment was allowable.

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enough to pay the bonded interest for the first three years.

Hon. Premier Turner replying to Mr. Julian under date January 25 last said a general railway policy was being formulated by the government. The correspondence also includes a copy of a resolution passed by the city council of Vancouver, Victoria and other places in regard to the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.

The house then adjourned.

[FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, March 11.] SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE WHEEL.

VICTORIA MAY READ A LESSON. VANCOUVER, March 8.—(Special.)—The petition for the improvement of the roads to Stanley park for the benefit of the 1,000 resident riders of wheels and another thousand that are waiting their turn for the next twelve months, reached hags promissory before it was presented to the council to-night. It included the names of the petitioners, and when presented to the council received any amount of moral support from the presence at the council chamber of an influential assembly of wheelmen. The petition will receive the careful consideration of the council, but it is not to be favorably considered as there is in it a number of provisions which will not be benefited by the improvements suggested.

THE OAR.

VANCOUVER'S CHIEF OFFICERS. VANCOUVER, March 8.—(Special.)—The Vancouver boating club met at the Merchants exchange Saturday night and elected officers as follows: Mr. H. Abbott, honorary president; A. G. Ferguson, president; H. Cambie, vice-president; J. L. Heilmann, secretary; F. W. Charlson, treasurer; J. H. Senkler, captain. Delegates to the N. P. A. of A. O. C. E. were: Mr. H. Abbott, committee—Messrs. V. Bodwell, Bennett, W. E. Gravelly, Jno. Boyd, F. M. Robertson, J. O. Benwell, C. W. Eschinger, Chairman; P. N. Thompson and F. W. Boulbee.

THE RING.

PORTUGUESE FOR CHIEF SEATS. SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(Special.)—The sale of seats for the Cortes-Fitzsimmons fight began in this city at noon on Saturday. As soon as the sale opened Charles L. Fisher of the Baldwin purchased \$1,000 worth of 40 tickets. During the afternoon nearly 200 tickets were sold. About half were \$40 seats and the proceeds of the sale were \$10,000. Many tickets were also sold in the evening. It was expected that 5,000 tickets would be sold in this city alone, but the estimate has been reduced considerably, as shown by the fact that just 2,000 tickets have been retained to supply the demand of both Overy H. and San Francisco.

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STILL COQUETTING.

The Coy and Unstable Sivash Plays Have With Sealer's Plans.

Steamer "Boscowitz" Returns From the North—Gossip of the Docks.

Through the return of the C.P.N. steamer Tees, Capt. Roberts, from Kyuquo and way ports on Sunday morning, the major number of the sealers now cruising along the West Coast in search of seals, or in shelter awaiting their Indian crews, were heard from. The Tees brought the first lot of 97 skins to port, consisting of 155 from the C. D. Rand 38 from the E. B. Marvin, 68 from the Sapphire and 35 from the Triumph. The Triumph and Marvin were at Ahonsett and the Sapphire at Clayoquot. All sailed on Friday last, and the C. D. Rand, which was met at Esquelt, left for them at Esquelt. When all were ready for their embarkation, however, the Indians objected to leave except on condition that they receive \$5 day money for the trip. When all were ready for their embarkation, however, the Indians objected to leave except on condition that they receive \$5 day money for the trip.

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THAT COFFERDAM.

Aldermen Don't Want to Raise It Without More Information on the Subject.

A New Keeper Selected for the Isolation Hospital—Dr. Helmecken's Offer.

There was food for quite a little discussion at the city council last night in a motion moved by Ald. Stewart, that the cofferdam at Beaver lake be not removed but be retained as a permanent work, and raised to a height of at least two feet above high water mark. The Mayor explained that as a result of the opinion expressed by Mr. Rudolf Hering, the eminent engineer who was here some time ago, the water committee after consultation with the city's legal advisers had decided that it would be advisable to retain the space between the cofferdam and the filter beds as a settling basin. It would, however, be necessary to raise the cofferdam above the chance of high water.

Ald. Hall wanted to know the cost. The Mayor explained about \$1,300 to \$1,500.

Ald. Farbridge thought that before the mayor had made his recommendation he should have taken the council into his confidence. He would like to know now what the position of the council would be in reference to their responsibility towards the contractors if they touched the cofferdam at all at the present stage. He moved that the matter lie over until the council was in receipt of more information.

His Worship explained that the recommendation had not been made without consultation with the city barrister and city solicitor.

Ald. Vigilius would not object to the resolution if he thought that the cofferdam would stand all right.

Ald. McCandless did not know the first thing about the matter, and would not vote for any resolution of the kind proposed until he had more information. He preferred that the question stand over for a few days so that the council might have a chance to discuss it properly.

Ald. Kinman was of the same opinion, whereas Ald. Stewart, for the water committee, explained that they had not gone about the matter blindly. It was only a question of raising the cofferdam three feet, so that the necessary repairs might be made to give the people a pure water supply as quickly as possible.

Some further discussion followed in which, at the request of the council to give an opinion, Mr. C. D. Macdonald, city solicitor, remarked that there had been an agreement prepared which met with the approval of the contractors and which stipulated that the city, in taking over the reservoir could do so without prejudice.

Ald. Hall was in favor of laying the matter over till Wednesday. It was a long time between "Drinks."

Ald. McGreggor—"Drinks?"

ARTERS LITTLE LIVER PILLS

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Colds, Sores and Burns.

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WHISKY

A COLD RECEPTION.

Chinamen Brought by the "India" Create an Interesting Scene in Quarantine.

Lose Sight of Their Clothing and Become Confused and Wildly Excited.

The deplorable manner in which Chinese are now located at the Williams Head quarantine station on their arrival from the Flower Kingdom was very forcibly illustrated to those who went out on the tender Maude to meet the

just arrived C. P. R. steamship Empress of India Tuesday night. The big trans-Pacific liner made the station from the Orient during the early morning and the tender went out to bring the Chinese and mail for Victoria to the city at 5 o'clock. Long before the time the steamer passengers or at least those who desired to disembark there had arrived on the tug Sadie.

Confusion among the hapless Chinese when the Maude called to take the sixty-nine destined for Victoria, on to the city was worse than confounded, and in the hurry and fume which followed half did not apparently get what belonged to them, and some even lost every stitch of clothing they possessed.

One poor being would have fared rather badly had not Mr. Hamilton Abbott, acting C. P. R. agent and Customs Officer Beckwith taken compassion on him, and at a warm stove in the Maude's cabin given him a ship's blanket to wrap about him. The cold atmosphere of last evening offered little comfort to the wretchedness of the foreigners, and it is easy to imagine what suffering would have been when let loose from a hot bathing room into the fresh chilly air. Quarantine Officer Watt, however, says he did the best he could under the circumstances with the means at his disposal, and much of the misery which he saw, he said, was directly attributable to their own excitement and non-compliance with the regulations. They forgot to present their checks given them for their personal effects, and in so doing brought on much trouble. When they had all been dealt with, the sailors were subjected to the bathing process and the mails were given the usual fumigation. Dr. Watt was particularly careful in handling the Empress in consequence of a case of smallpox which had, he said, been discovered on the vessel at Hongkong. The vessel, however, had been thoroughly fumigated before sailing from that port and had several times since been put through quarantine treatment. She was the first vessel to reap the benefits of the many improvements that are now in progress at Williams Head. These include, besides a large disinfecting tank for washing out the ship with bichloride of mercury, a reception shed 150 feet long, where Chinamen can be comfortably housed, two sulphur sheds, 30 feet long, a post office for the expedite handling of the mail, and the enlargement of the power house by nearly 300 square feet.

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THE CITY.

The contribution of Triumph lodge, L.O.G.T. to the Indian famine fund is \$3.00.

Three hospitable ladies of Metchoia are making preparations to entertain their friends at a masquerade dance and supper on the evening of the 19th instant.

There appears to be no circumstances on which to base a confirmation of a report that one of the Empress line of steamships had been wrecked, the rumor being of the vaguest and most indefinite character.

"BURN" KING, who was on Tuesday committed for trial on the serious charge of assaulting a young lady resident of Victoria, has decided to ask for a speedy trial. His application will be considered to-day or to-morrow.

James H. Lawson, of Messrs. Bodwell, Irving & Duff's office, left this morning for Rosland where he will complete his law studies in Mr. J. S. Clute's office. Mr. Lawson has been an enthusiastic supporter of lacrosse, football and other athletic sports in Victoria and his friends most eager to see him go.

The time-worn subject, "Is woman's influence at the polls a beneficial thing?" was energetically debated at the last regular meeting of Perseverance lodge of the I.O.G.T., an evening of the 7th inst. The arguments were ably conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall and Miss G. MacDonald (affirmative), and Rev. P. C. L. Harris, Mr. Rumble and Mr. Newbegin (negative). The four judges decided in favor of the hand that rocks the cradle.

The second Victoria company of the Boys' Brigade had a reunion last evening at their hall on Kingston street, which was made doubly interesting and important by the presentation during the progress of the proceedings of the medals won during the past six months in the service. Inspector Burns, of the department of education, presided, and a programme was presented of music, recitations, in which the following took part: The Misses Haughton, Mr. John G. Brown, Mr. Messon, Miss Black, Miss and Master Fraser, Master Bloom and Master Haughton; the boys of the company also presenting effective drill and a mirth provoking farce, "The Quack Doctor." The presentation of the medals for good conduct and efficiency was made by Rev. P. C. L. Harris, Mrs. Charles E. Redfern, wife of the Mayor, planning the six volumes of merit upon the respective recipients. That awarded by his excellency the Governor-General was won by Col. Sergt. E. Burnes, and that given by the officers of the brigade by Sergt. E. Whyte.

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CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

Three Church Fires in Succession and All of Similar Origin.

Christ Church Cathedral Damaged to the Extent of a Thousand Dollars.

There are no limits to the vagaries of coincidence, the most recent and a decidedly curious example of which was afforded yesterday noon in the partial wreck of Christ Church cathedral in this city by fire. The edifying nature of the fact that it was only on Thursday last that Holy Trinity cathedral at New Westminster caught fire during the morning service, from a defective chimney. On Monday night, or during the very early hours of Tuesday morning, the Anglican church at Spokane was the scene of a \$800 blaze—a defective flue being assigned as the cause of the church's misfortune. And to make the chain of parallel experiences complete, it is notable that Chief Deasy has given as the cause of yesterday's fire in this city "a defective flue in the north-west corner of the building."

The first alarm for the fire at Christ Church cathedral was sent in by telephone yesterday at 12:30, the fire being pulled a few minutes later, but the firemen being by that time on their way to the scene of danger—where the old cathedral was destroyed by a chimney fire twenty-six years ago, and where it is hoped to see a new and imposing pile reared in the place of the old one during the next few years.

The trouble was located between the ceiling and the roof, over the north aisle, and was caused by a defective flue, as well as from the hydrant on Quadra street the work of the brigade soon became productive of real relief, although the hydrant stream proved of very little service, owing to the poor pressure. At the same time the chemical was brought into use within a few minutes before preventing the spread of the flames while the firemen were getting at the roof of the building.

Their operations were conducted under extreme difficulties of weather—the hail and snow descending in variable clouds—while the firemen were working between roof and ceiling it was impossible for a man to reach the source of the fire. To meet this difficulty the spray nozzle invented by Chief Deasy a year or so ago was put through an aperture in the roof and proved its serviceability in a manner which has never before been highly pleasing to the inventor.

While the firemen were at work, Bishop Ferrin with a number of his clergy and laymen, and a volunteer fire brigade, corps, thanks to whom church contents, movable furniture of the pulpit, vestments, books, and other valuables were safely removed to the residence of Rev. Canon Beaudouin adjoining. Considerable damage was done to the church, and the loss is estimated at \$1,000, and there is an insurance of \$20,000 on the building. The fire was caused by a defective flue, and the loss is estimated at \$1,000, and there is an insurance of \$20,000 on the building.

WORKMEN IN SESSION. The Graded Assessment Plan the Subject of an Animated Discussion. The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. met in annual session yesterday morning in the hall of the order on Yates street, about 10 o'clock, and after a report by the Grand Master, the members of the order were present. Up to adjournment for lunch, the time was occupied in calling the roll, receiving the report of the committee on credentials, and the reading of the lodge degrees. The afternoon session was opened with the reading of the Grand Master's report, and the report on the necessity of a graded form of assessment. The membership of the order has increased in the past year, but not to the extent expected. The form of assessment adopted by the session of 1896, was not approved by the Supreme lodge, but the Grand Lodge of the order was adopted by the Supreme lodge which the jurisdiction may adopt if it pleases them.

TO SETTLE THE LAND. Hans and Claus Nelsen, two sturdy, wide-awake young Danes who arrived here two or three days ago from Waterloo, Iowa, are staying at the Dominion with the expectation of being joined there on or about the 15th instant by upwards of seventy of their compatriots—all of whom, like themselves, are on their way to take up lands in the vicinity of Cape Scott.

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ASK YOUR GROCER FOR WINDSOR SALT. For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only pills to take with Windsor Salt. Ask your grocer for Windsor Salt. For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

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THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Flour—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per 100 lbs \$6.00

Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) per 100 lbs 5.25

Victoria XXX 5.25

London 5.25

Portland 5.25

Salem 5.25

Frederic 5.25

Three Star 5.25

Superfine 5.25

Hungarian (Armstrong) 5.25

XXX 5.25

String Bakers 5.00

Gramam, per 10 lbs 4.00

Wheat, per ton 35.00@40.00

Buckwheat, per 10 lbs 2.00

Oats, per ton 25.00@30.00

Barley, per ton 20.00@25.00

Feed, per ton 17.00@18.00

Ground feed, per ton 25.00@30.00

Corn, whole, per ton 25.00@28.00

Cracked, per ton 28.00@30.00

Ordnance, per 10 lbs 45.00

Rolls, per 10 lbs 15.00

Potatoes, per lb 15.00

Cabbages, per lb 15.00

Hay, baled, per ton 15.00

Straw, per bale 5.00@7.00

Onion, per lb 10.00

Shallots, per bunch 10.00

Cherries, per lb 15.00

American, per lb 15.00

Eggs, island, per doz 25.00

Imported, per doz 25.00

Butter, fresh, per lb 20.00

Creamery, per lb 20.00

Dairy, per lb 20.00

Delta, per lb 20.00

California, per sq 20.00

Australian, per sq 20.00

Hams, American, per lb 16.12

Canadian, per lb 16.12

Gloucester, per lb 16.12

Bacon, American, per lb 16.12

Long clear, per lb 16.12

Canadian, per lb 16.12

Shoulders, per lb 16.12

Lard, per lb 12.50

Golden, per lb 12.50

Mix-Beef, per lb 12.50

Sides, per lb 12.50

Mutton, per lb 12.50

Carcass, per lb 12.50

Pork, fresh, per lb 12.50

Turkeys, per lb 12.50

Geese, per lb 12.50

Chickens, each 12.50

Pigeons, per brace 50.00

Partridges, per brace 50.00

Apples, per lb 12.50

Lemons, California, per doz 25.00

Bananas, per doz 25.00

Oranges, Australian, per doz 40.00

Navel, per doz 40.00

Japanese, per doz 40.00

Salmon, spring, per lb 10.00

Halibut, per lb 10.00

Rock

THE CRETAN SITUATION.

It is alleged that the difficulty at the bottom of the Cretan situation is due to a fear of Russia that if Crete passes into the possession of Greece the island will be converted into a new Malta, under the protection of Great Britain.

the Skeena and the Stickeen take their rise a rich field from the standpoint of the miner.

The very vastness of the unexplored area of British Columbia makes it difficult, for people whose attention has only been lately directed to it, to appreciate its possibilities or the tremendous task involved in its proper development.

banks of deposit pay less than 1 per cent. In Great Britain the supply of money is greater than ever, but it is noteworthy that call loans are now cheaper in New York than in London.

An analysis of the United States Senate shows that it will be impossible to secure the passage of any sound financial legislation during the present session of Congress, and the outlook for tariff legislation on McKinley's lines is not very promising, although the probabilities are that a bill which meets the views of the administration will pass.

LILLIAN NORDICA TO WOMEN.

Health-giving Paine's Celery Compound the Best Spring Remedy.

It certainly gives us great pleasure to testify to the health-giving effects of Paine's Celery Compound. I truly believe it to be the best of all spring remedies.

They should be compelled to leave at least half the number of shares in the treasury. Personally, I do not approve of the system at present in force of issuing 50 shares at 5 or 10 cents and would strongly recommend to the promoters and directors of companies to issue 1,000,000 shares at a par value of ten cents each, and issue the shares at ten cents, that is, the present \$100,000 should be made a capital of 1,000,000 shares.

A CIRCULAR TO BUSINESS MEN.

The Bureau of Statistics has issued a circular to business men for the purpose of obtaining an approximation of the value of imports into this Province during the year 1896 from Eastern Canada.

REFINISH COLUMBIA.

The references which appear in the papers of Ontario and the other Eastern provinces indicate that the general opinion in that portion of the Dominion is that British Columbia consists principally of the region lying between the Canadian Pacific and the international boundary.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

It seems to be agreed that the C.P.R. is to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway and that work will begin on it at once.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"I merely made a mistake in my calling," says a man in a court case. "I was too late to be remedied."

REFINED PUGILISM.

It is gratifying to observe piercing and irradiating the murky atmosphere of the brutality which envelops the prize ring.

WHY THEY DO NOT PASS.

Kidney Disease Prevents Hundreds of Apparently Healthy Men From Passing a Medical Examination for Life Insurance.

HIS FIRST.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—President McKinley this afternoon received a communication from the House of Representatives on Monday, March 15.

THE COMPANIES ACT.

To the EDITOR:—With your kind permission I desire to make a few remarks regarding the Companies Act, at present before the Legislature.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

A. Williams, senior member for Vancouver, arrived from the East on Sunday evening, and for the first time this session, took his seat in the house yesterday.

ON THE SAME M.

LONDON, March 6.—The British mission to about to start for Zanzibar.

SIGNED TO.

CANSA, March 6.—The error of Crete in an attempt to troops would be sufficient to compel evacuation in case of the ultimatum of the statement, however.

THE COMPANIES ACT.

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HONOR TO THE DEAD.

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