



EMPEROR'S YACHT LAUNCHED TO-DAY

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT CHRISTENED THE BOAT

Prince Henry and President of the United States Present When the Meteor Took the Water.

New York, Feb. 25.—The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 a.m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Emperor's train a few moments after 8 o'clock.

A cylinder head on the engine of the Emperor's train blew out and that train was more than an hour late in reaching Jersey City. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore. The stalled train was pushed into Magnolia, N. D., by a passenger train and there got a new engine.

Soon after three o'clock the President and the Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's island, where the launching takes place.

The Meteor launched.

New York, Feb. 25.—In a drizzling rain, and in the presence of a brilliant assemblage, amidst cheering and the roar of cannon, the German Emperor's schooner yacht Meteor was launched from Shooter's island to-day.

At 10:30 Miss Roosevelt broke the champagne bottle, saying: "In the name of the Emperor, the President of the United States, the Kaiser and the Emperor of Germany, I christen this Meteor."

The launch occurred without mishap. The President's daughter lifted a silver mounted hatchet and struck the rope. It parted cleanly and down came the weights. The ropes flew up and one of the cables trembled, started forward and then slid slowly down into the water.

Under the bow of the boat, this time under the Emperor's yacht, the Emperor's yacht Meteor was launched. The launch occurred without mishap.

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NEW MINISTER WAS SWORN IN TO-DAY

SENIOR TEMPLEMAN ENTERS THE CABINET

Opposition Caucus Arranges Work for Session—Number of Delegations at the Capital.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. William Templeman, Senator for British Columbia, was sworn in to-day a member of the cabinet, without portfolio for the present, to represent British Columbia.

Lord Minto administered the oath in his office in the eastern block. The newly made minister was receiving congratulations this afternoon from his colleagues in parliament and numerous friends here.

Opposition Caucus.

There was a caucus of the opposition today when E. Gus Porter, M. P., Hastings, presided. The principal business done was to cut out work for the session.

Delegations.

There is a batch of delegations here. The boot and shoe manufacturers and leather men and retail dealers are asking for an increase of ten per cent.

Supreme Court Vacancy.

Mr. S. Perry Mills's name is also mentioned in connection with the vacant position on the bench.

Favor Gordon Hunter.

All the Liberal members of British Columbia had an interview with Hon. Clifford Sifton to-day regarding the appointment of a Chief Justice for the province.

Teacher Murdered.

Murderer After Twice Shooting Himself Jumped Into Well.

Dublin, Feb. 25.—Fletcher Barnett, a school teacher, to-day entered a school house one mile from Cannasara, and without warning shot and instantly killed Miss Eva Wiseman, the teacher in charge. He then shot at Bert Hopewell, a pupil, who attempted to interfere, but missed him. Barnett then shot himself apparently without serious injury. He rushed out of the building and then shot himself again, but still not fatally. He then jumped into a well and was drowned. Barnett had been a suitor for the girl's hand. All were highly consoled.

ON PLEASURE BENE.

Steamer Celtic Reaches Greece With Party of Tourists Aboard.

Athens, Feb. 25.—The White Star steamer Celtic, having on board a party of American tourists, arrived at Piræus to-day. The passengers are well. The steamer is due at Constantinople on February 28th; Smyrna, March 2nd; Calta and Jaffa, March 5th; Alexandria, March 11th, and Naples, March 26th.

PROBABLY LOST.

Sailing Vessel With Eighty Persons Aboard is Long Overdue.

Calais, France, Feb. 25.—The maritime authorities here posted as lost the sailing vessel Jules Dean Baptiste, bound for St. Martin's France, which has been long overdue. There were eighty persons on the vessel, including sixty passengers, mostly working people.

THIRTEEN INDICEMENTS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Thirteen indictments, charging grand larceny, have been reported by the grand jury against Philip Gerst, formerly city treasurer, who was removed from office by Mayor Diehl for misappropriating public funds.

When arraigned Gerst pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$10,000 bail. In the charges many persons were injured. About 200 arrests were made.

AT SALONIKA.

LIVELY MEETING OF PROHIBITIONISTS

DEPUTATION WILL INTERVIEW PREMIER

Salonika, Feb. 25.—Miss Stone and Miss Tella and baby have arrived here well and cheerful. They received the members of the Anglo-American community in the railway carriage.

At the instance of the officials of the United States legation here, Miss Ellen M. Stone and Miss Tella will start without delay from Strumitz, Macedonia, for Constantinople. In the meanwhile they are staying at the missionary headquarters, where they received missionaries are receiving the congratulations of their colleagues.

Official Cable.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The state department this morning received a cablegram from Minister Lelshman, at Constantinople, containing the first official announcement it has had of Miss Stone's release.

The state department does not hesitate to announce its full approval of all that has been done toward affecting the release by Minister Lelshman and Spencer Eddy, the secretary of the legation, and by Consul-General Dickinson.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

BOERS ARE ACTIVE IN TRANSVAAL COLONY

Lost Fifteen Killed in Rushing Outpost Line—British Convoy of Empty Wagons Captured.

London, Feb. 25.—Lord Kitchener reports that 600 Boers, driving cattle, rushed the outpost line near Boghsburg, Transvaal Colony, during the night of February 23rd, and that some of them got through. The Boers left 15 dead and 6 wounded on the field.

Convoy Captured.

London, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener made public to-day: "A convoy of empty wagons was attacked and captured by the Boers south of west of Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, on February 24th."

"The escort consisted of a force of the Imperial Yeomanry, three companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns.

"The fighting was severe, but had no further details."

FIGHT FOR INSURANCE.

Decision in Favor of Mrs. Sternaman Who Was Charged With Murdering Her Husband.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Through a decision of the Court of Appeals Mrs. Olive A. Sternaman will receive from the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, of New York, the amount of the policy carried by George H. Sternaman, her husband, who she was accused of murdering.

As will be recalled, Mrs. Sternaman was arrested in this city about four years ago following the death and burial of her husband in Canada. It was claimed that she had poisoned him. She stood trial, was convicted, and was awaiting execution in the Cayuga jail, when an order came granting her a new trial.

On the second trial she was acquitted. The Metropolitan officials refused to pay the amount of the policy carried by the alleged murdered man, and the widow brought suit. The lower courts decided against her, and the case was carried to the Court of Appeals, with the result that a decision was handed down reversing all the decisions of the lower courts.

RETURNED UNOPIPOSED.

Joseph Devlin Will Represent North Kilkenny in the Imperial Commons.

Dublin, Feb. 25.—Joseph Devlin, the official leader of the Belfast Nationalists, who is at present in the United States, has been elected to represent North Kilkenny in the House of Commons without opposition, to succeed Patrick McDermott, who resigned his seat in his appointment as steward and bailiff of the Manor of North Stead, Co. Wick.

BARCELONA RIOTS.

Barcelona, Feb. 24.—The Alcalde, in a statement made public to-day, fixes the number of persons killed during the rioting since February 17th, at fifty-six. The number of wounded cannot be estimated.

The ironmasters have compromised with their employees on the basis of nine and one-half hours' work per day. There are fifty-seven undischarged vessels in the harbor.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

Yalta, Crimea, Feb. 26.—All immediate danger of the death of Count Tolstoy is past.

GORDON HUNTER TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE

HIS SELECTION HAS BEEN DECIDED ON

Cost of Permanent Corps in Canada The Cabinet Changes—Statement by the Premier.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Gordon Hunter, of Victoria, will be Chief Justice of British Columbia. His appointment has not yet been made, but it will be within the next few days. It has been decided upon.

Proceedings in the House.

Mr. Gallinger introduced a bill in the House to-day, entitled an act respecting the United Gold Fields of British Columbia, and asking for power to construct a line of railway about eight miles long from Frank, on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, in the Northwest Territory to Grass Mountain. The bill was read a first time.

In answer to Col. Hughes, Dr. Borden said that the cost of the permanent corps in Canada was \$300,000 per year.

Replying to Mr. Puttee, Hon. Jas. Sutherland said that 115 railway employees were killed during the year ending June 30th, and 970 were injured.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained the recent changes in the cabinet, stating at the same time that in order to recognize the growing importance of the West, Hon. W. Templeman was sworn in a minister of the cabinet without a portfolio. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, approved of the changes, as well as the elevation of Sir Louis Davies, and Hon. D. Mills to the bench.

At the Privy Council.

Hon. W. Templeman took his seat at the privy council meeting for the first time to-day.

Contract With Marconi.

Hon. W. S. Fielding laid on the table to-day the contract the government has with Marconi. The amount which the government promises to contribute is \$80,000 for assistance. What they receive has already been made public.

HUGO CENTENARY.

Series of Festivities Began in Paris To-Day.

Paris, Feb. 26.—The series of festivities to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo, which will last till Sunday, opened to-day with a grand ceremony in the Tuileries, under the auspices of the government.

President Loubet, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the Premier, and other members of the cabinet, the members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, representative delegations from the institute and other state bodies, including the leading lights of art, science and literature in France, and deputations from the various lycées and educational institutions were present.

KING'S HORSE WON.

His Majesty Saw One of His Racers Finish First in Steeplechase To-Day.

London, Feb. 26.—For the first time since his accession King Edward appeared on a race-course. He went to the Kennington Park steeplechase to see his Grand National candidate, Ambush II, run in the grand steeplechase. This was the first appearance of the King's horse on a race-course since the death of Queen Victoria. Consequently the sporting world hailed the day as notable in turf annals. As anticipated Ambush II won the race, and his victory was followed by a scene of wild enthusiasm. The distance was two and a half miles.

SAYS HE KILLED RICE.

Statement Made By Jones at New York To-Day.

New York, Feb. 26.—The cross-examination of Charles F. Jones was continued to-day in the trial of Albert T. Patrick. Jones, in his direct examination, said he killed Rice by the use of chloroform and that he did so by Patrick's orders. Yesterday Jones, in answer to Attorney Moore, who conducted the cross-examination, said he had made four different statements of the circumstances attending the death of Rice.

DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Ashville, N. C., Feb. 26.—Dudly Johnson, white, and Ben. Foster, colored, were hanged here to-day for burglary, which is a capital crime in this state. The crime was committed in the combined post office and store kept by Sam Alexander at a little hamlet near Ashville, on the night of February 15th, 1901.

STRIKE SETTLED.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Col. Solt has satisfactorily settled the 'loneshoremans' strike at Cienfuegos, by having all the parties agree to pay the same scale of price as is now in force in Havana.

DEPUTATION WILL INTERVIEW PREMIER

Manitoba Referendum Discussed in the Legislature—In Favor of Sunday Cars.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—A series of lively scenes were witnessed at the opening of the prohibition convention in the Pavilion to-day, and the proceedings indicated many differences of opinion on the course to be adopted with regard to the proposed referendum. Rev. W. A. Mackay, referring to the Referendum Bill, said the conditions surrounding the proposed vote were unjust and unsatisfactory, and temperance workers should have no hesitation in saying so. When Dr. Mackay took his seat at least a score of delegates arose with resolutions which they wished to read. There was considerable tumult, and finally Rev. Dr. Courtice was recognized by the chairman, and read a series of proposed amendments to the bill. Rev. Dr. Courtice favored regulations requiring that 50 per cent of the electorate be polled, and that 55 per cent of this vote should be necessary to carry the measure. The delegates protested loudly, and at one time two delegates were reading resolutions from the platform, while another read his resolution at the top of his voice from the rear of the hall. Dr. Mackay appealed repeatedly for order, and finally declared that he would allow no more resolutions to be read, and the entire meeting was thrown open. After listening to a discussion for two hours, J. McQueen, of Dresden, expressed the firm conviction that there were five hundred opinions in the meeting. Rev. Dr. T. Scott, of London, said any referendum they would get from the Ross government would make the temperance men do all the work. Mr. J. A. Rankin said that much as he hated the liquor traffic, he did not want prohibition unless it was a measure that could be enforced with some degree of certainty. The strongest evidence that the people of the province did not want prohibition was to be found in the hall in that they were afraid of the contest. Various amendments were also voted down, and the report of the executive committee was finally carried almost unanimously by the numerous deputations. Premier Ross practically decided to have the referendum taken next January, at the same time as the municipal elections are held.

Attack on Increase.

The Bricklayers' Union has asked the master bricklayers to increase the wage scale from \$74 to 45 cents per hour, effective May 1st.

The Referendum.

To a deputation representing the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance this afternoon, who objected to the conditions of the prohibition referendum, Premier Ross practically decided to have the referendum taken next January, at the same time as the municipal elections are held.

Attacked Societies.

The conference of mission boards of the United States and Canada this morning decided to hold next year's conference in New York city next July and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Rev. Dr. Reid, Nashville, Tenn., made a vigorous attack on the young people's societies of the various churches. When he went to China, a number of years ago, he had great hope of them, but on his return discovered that they had become social and literary organizations. He said he would prefer to see them cultivate the muscles of knees in prayer than wearing bigger minister's shoes. A number of delegates defended the work of the societies.

Will Retire in a Body.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 26.—The city council last night decided by a vote of nine to six to retire in a body on April 30th next in order to give the citizens an opportunity of approving or disapproving of the high taxation which, it is alleged, the aldermen are responsible for.

Certificate Suspended.

The Marine court of inquiry into the loss of the Allan liner Gremlin, off Herring cove on February 9th, this morning suspended the certificate of Capt. Hester for three months for not having made himself acquainted with the proper course and failing to notify the pilot of the same. The board recommends that the minister of marine employ all pilots to be examined in hearing and seeing every six months.

Centenarian Dead.

Elizabeth A. Ether died this morning, aged 100 years and nine months. She had all her faculties up to the time of death.

Rev. J. Livingston's Proposal.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25.—Rev. John Livingston, president of the London Methodist conference, intends to inaugurate a movement to have in Methodist church adopt the Roman Catholic rite, which he thinks no man shall receive a Christian burial if he is not a member of the church.

CARNEGIE OFFERS MEDAL.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—Andrew Carnegie to-day wired the secretary of the American telegraphers' tournament to offer a gold medal in his name for the speediest work at the coming contest in Atlanta. Mr. Carnegie's telegram came from Fernandina, Florida, and says: "May the record be broken; 738, to all." The convention will be held on Saturday.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

That the King of Servia Has Been Assassinated.

Belgrade, Servia, Feb. 25.—There is no foundation for the rumor which emanated from Buda Pesth that the King of Servia had been assassinated.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

Nainaimo, Feb. 26.—The water is falling in Extension mine at the rate of about 14 feet a day by leakage. No 2 level, where most of the bodies are, will be cleared of water to-morrow. It is expected that the body of Anthony Pescatello was found in No. 1 level to-day.

FIREMEN BURIED.

Munich, Bavaria, Feb. 26.—Duvine a fire at Dinkelsbuhl to-day the wall of a house collapsed, and buried fifteen men, which were not rescued. There is no hope of rescuing the men.

Vertical text on the left margin containing various advertisements and notices.

THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS DEFYANT

IVEY REFUSES TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS

And Says His Americanism Will Not Allow Him to Rescind Recent Order.

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ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE LINE PAVED

BOERS REPULSED BY BRITISH TROOPS

They Took Refuge Behind Carcasses of Cattle and Kept Up a Heavy Fire.

London, Feb. 27.—The attack made by the Boers, numbering 600, and driving cattle before them in an attempt to rush the outpost line near Boshabs, Transvaal Colony, during the night of February 23rd, was most determined. They were led by two well-known fighters, Ross Hands and Manie Botha.

TROUBLE AT VAN ANDA

Mine Has Closed and Miners Have Had No Wages for Two Months.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—The Van Anda mine management is again in trouble. Miners, Allan and Downs, of Seattle, have been recently operating the property on a bond from the debenture holders of the company.

THE COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON CHINESE

THEIR PRESENCE IS A MENACE TO WHITE LABOR

General Trend of Opinion in Province is in Favor of Their Exclusion.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In replying to a query by A. Morrison, Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid the report of the royal Chinese commission on the table of the House today.

The commission is unanimous in reporting that the capitation tax of \$100 is insufficient, and that further immigration of Chinese laborers ought to be prohibited by increasing the tax to \$500.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The Chinese report, presented to parliament to-day, covers over 800 pages of typewriting. The conclusions arrived at may be summarized as follows:

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PRINCE HENRY IN CITY OF NEW YORK

WILL BE SHOWN THE SIGHTS THIS AFTERNOON

Was Entertained to Luncheon and Tonight Will Review Parade of German Societies.

New York, Feb. 28.—This was to be a quiet day for the Prince compared with the busy one yesterday. After resting on board the Hohenzollern during the morning he was entertained at a luncheon at Sherry's, to which one hundred men from different parts of the city were invited.

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INSTRUCTIVE TALK BY PRACTICAL MAN

ABOUT THE RAILROADS AND THE FARMERS

Hon. Mr. Smith, of Minnesota, Shows the Strong Connection Between Them—Educative Pointers.

The address delivered before the Dairy-men and Live Stock Association in the city hall by Hon. C. L. Smith last night was most interesting and instructive, not only to farmers, but to business men as well.

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Table with financial data: Overdraft at Bank of Commerce, Deposits payable to sundry persons, etc.

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This statement was certified as correct by J. W. Pearson, auditor. It was prepared \$850 had been received as a grant from the Dominion government.

Palatable as Cream. The D. & J. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, for those suffering from severe coughs and hemorrhages.

human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women.

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ITCHING, BURNING SKIN DISEASES: relieved by Dr. J. C. Allen's "Favorite Prescription".

A DISGRUNTLED GANG.

The opposition at Ottawa are not satisfied with the speech from the throne. It does not contain enough "meat" for them. They will be displeased even when it is pointed out that the speech is a mere formal document and contains no indication of the actual business of the session.

It is perfectly plain that the British preference has reduced the duties on certain imports by one-third. We know that as far as possible the raw material necessary to stimulate manufacturing in Canada has been placed upon the free list.

With the shuffling of desks which precipitated the row yesterday the public is not concerned. The Times has not been a particularly warm admirer of the course of Mr. McBride. But Mr. McBride is the recognized leader of an opposition which constitutes very nearly half of the House, and he is entitled to the seat which custom in every Canadian legislature, from the Dominion Parliament down to the local level, accords to such a position.

The fact is our Tory friends have made their minds to cavil. They will affect to groan and shake their heads dismally for a number of years yet. They want capital to come in along with population to develop our resources, yet they object to American investors because they are conspiring to seize our railways and other works and use them against us, and they are afraid of American immigrants because they may try to upset our political system.

DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.

It is difficult to find words to properly characterize the conduct of the persons who were responsible for the disgraceful exhibition on the floor of the Legislature yesterday afternoon. No wonder the indignation of the occupants of the galleries was aroused, and there were loud demands for the ejection of the individual who commenced an unseemly brawl in the midst of devotional exercises which seem to be very much out of place in the assembly as at present constituted.

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of the House yesterday must rest upon the Speaker and upon the government. Some power must be responsible for the ordering of affairs generally in the House. As a rule it may be true, especially in cases where all members have a mainly, not to say gentlemanly, regard for the rights and privileges of others, that the relations of the House adjust themselves automatically. But in cases of dispute, and until certain elements are finally cast out of our public life there will continue to be disputes and squabbles—the dominant party must be prepared to exercise its power and the authority vested in it for the maintenance of order and decorum in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.

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THE ARMISTICE.

The explanation given in the Colonist for the adjournment of the House until Monday is, to express it mildly, not very clear. Perhaps it is not an easy matter to explain just why the breathing spell was asked for. It is not unfair to assume, however, that the ministers find themselves hard pressed. Possibly the pressure is not entirely from one quarter. The exhibition given has not been exactly edifying or in any way calculated to increase the very small modicum of esteem in which the government is held.

The Times is in possession of no inside information. It, like the public, can only judge of what is occurring to-day by what has already taken place. The government is ashamed of some of its supporters and desires to shake them off. It has approached the opposition more than once with proposals which had much to be desired—consummation in view. No doubt a continuation of these negotiations will be attempted. Whether anything will be accomplished it would be difficult to say. We surmise, however, that nothing but a very radical change in the personnel of the government would be satisfactory to the opposition, which evidently has merely to bide its time and it will have the game in its own hands.

AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

On the 5th of September, 1901, a reporter of the Times interviewed Mr. Joseph Martin in regard to the change in the political situation created by the decision of the Dunsmuir government to take Mr. J. C. Brown into its cabinet. The interview was in part as follows: The quondam leader of the opposition was seen to-day and asked if the reports appearing in the Vancouver press accurately represented his attitude to the now habilitated administration. He replied that they did, and that he was fully in accord with the government as at present constituted.

Mr. Martin is a poor and worthless imitation of life-saving Paine's Celery Compound is foisted on many an unsuspecting buyer by dishonest and greedy druggists and dealers who have not the slightest interest in the welfare of the sick and afflicted. Their thoughts are wholly centered on an extra large profit; it is a matter of indifference to them whether you or your friends live or die.

but added that at the present time he certainly would not accept a portfolio. He wished to be distinctly understood on that point.

When Mr. Brown's accession to the cabinet was suggested he had agreed to support him and the administration, and he intended to do so. He considered that last session it was a fortunate thing for the country that the Dunsmuir government was in power, and that a much worse state of affairs would have obtained had they been defeated.

In the House yesterday the ex-leader of the opposition denied that the above correctly expressed his opinions and that he had ever read the interview as it appeared. In this respect the honorable gentleman's memory is somewhat at fault. He sent a copy of the Times paper on the evening of the 5th of September, and it would be an extraordinary thing indeed if he did not read that interview, and it would be more extraordinary still, if, having read it, he did not repudiate the statements therein contained when they referred to a matter of so much importance to him as a public man. It is also very extraordinary that it is only now when circumstances have arisen not at all to the liking of the honorable gentleman, when he finds himself merely a supporter of what might be termed a makeshift and impromptu administration, with no prospect of being called upon as leader in succession to it when the psychological moment arrives, that he takes the opportunity of conveniently repudiating the whole thing. But that interview was the work of an experienced, able and reliable man, and it stands. The words are the words of Mr. Joseph Martin, follower of Mr. Dunsmuir, and it is now too late to repudiate them.

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their "embryonic" eloquence. The sound, practical common sense of the farming class might be exercised to some purpose in the discussion of public questions. This present House is not a perfect one, by any means. It is sadly in need of levelling up to a higher standard. More sound, wholesome agricultural counsel would be bound to have a good effect, unless the members fell under the spell of party leaders of doubtful motives, as we are sorry to observe some of the substantial agricultural representatives appear to be in danger of doing at the present time.

Probably the business to which he has decided to devote his life has more attraction for the average farmer than the prospect of being called upon as leader on the evening of the 5th of September, and it would be an extraordinary thing indeed if he did not read that interview, and it would be more extraordinary still, if, having read it, he did not repudiate the statements therein contained when they referred to a matter of so much importance to him as a public man. It is also very extraordinary that it is only now when circumstances have arisen not at all to the liking of the honorable gentleman, when he finds himself merely a supporter of what might be termed a makeshift and impromptu administration, with no prospect of being called upon as leader in succession to it when the psychological moment arrives, that he takes the opportunity of conveniently repudiating the whole thing. But that interview was the work of an experienced, able and reliable man, and it stands. The words are the words of Mr. Joseph Martin, follower of Mr. Dunsmuir, and it is now too late to repudiate them.

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MEN OF VICTORIA SHOULD ENCOURAGE MINING DEVELOPMENT ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Mr. Croft Urges Business Men to Interest Themselves in District Tributary to City.

At the meeting of the board of trade last week the matter of the development of Vancouver Island was discussed. The members present agreed that it was most important that the people of Victoria should interest themselves more in the development of the Island, especially that part south of Comox. The public generally do not seem to appreciate the importance of a greater cultivation of the Mount Sicker and other Island fields from a Victorian point of view. Development to date has demonstrated that the mining camps reasonably adjacent to Victoria are well worth taking an interest in, and if not allowed to be entirely controlled by outside capitalists will do much in making Victoria a great city.

Henry Croft, M. L., to whose efforts is chiefly due the making of Mount Sicker an important mining district, was seen by a Times representative today and asked for an expression of opinion regarding how Victoria could secure the greatest advantage from the exploitation of the Mount Sicker mines. Mr. Croft said: "The fact that Victorians at the present time had seen fit to invest in distant fields was brought up at the recent meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade, and the general impression was that it would be far more to the advantage of the people of Victoria, especially its merchants, if they were to exert their energies in building up that part of Vancouver Island which, if developed, would be controlled by Victorians beyond doubt. Some few years ago, when the mining boom was on in British Columbia, people were only too anxious to invest in cheap stocks of mining companies owning the properties of which very little was known."

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Yet woman need not despair. God never meant that His best gift to man should go through life in sorrow and suffering. What woman needs is to understand herself. Dr. Sproule has made this possible. He knows—for he has probed the hidden causes, the nerves all a-jag, the "want to be left alone" feeling, the weakness and prostration from the overwork, the worry and cares of her self-sacrificing life.

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To any woman who writes for it. She who reads it will learn all about the weaknesses and diseases of her sex; all about her complicated nervous and physical conditions; all the necessities and requirements of her wonderful organism; best of all she will learn what is necessary to maintain health, and how that health can be regained when lost.

Dr. Sproule has given particular attention to the illustrations in this book, and has spared neither trouble nor expense to get the very best. All the female organs, both in health and disease, are so clearly drawn that any woman looking at the pictures cannot fail to understand. Dr. Sproule's long experience as a surgeon and a specialist has made him an authority, and the illustrations have been done from drawings which he himself has made especially for this book. They are so clear and perfect that they will prove a revelation to the woman who sees them.

THE GOVERNMENT IN A QUANDARY COMPLETE TIE-UP OF DUNSMUIR CABINET Unable to Carry on Business—Redistribution Bill Being Forced on Them by Vancouver Member.

The air is heavy to-day with political rumor. The sudden adjournment of the House yesterday afternoon has set the tongues of the political gossip wagging, and the result is a persistent lot of rumors. While there is a wide divergence of opinion in regard to the final outcome, upon one point all are agreed, namely, that the government is in desperate straits and that the adjustment of the redistribution bill is a matter which must be speedily dealt with. It is believed that the members of the executive will meet to-morrow night to discuss the bill, and that the government will be forced to carry it out.

HE WANTS LITERATURE. J. H. Turner Asks for Information Regarding Mines. In a letter from J. H. Turner, Agent-General in London, it is announced that Angus K. Smart, who so successfully arranged the mineral exhibits at Paris and Glasgow, is preparing a large and comprehensive exhibit for the Royal exhibition in London, which opens in March. Mr. Turner finds a great deal to be said in connection with the mining and agricultural possibilities of this province, and asks for something more bulky than the annual reports from the departments. There is a renewed interest in British Columbia in England, and he believes that they will shortly be a large tourist and emigrant travel to the province. The department of mines has issued a general review of mining in British Columbia, which should meet Mr. Turner's requirements. It gives a concise description of the various mining interests in the province. A large number of the brochure will be sent to Mr. Turner.

A FARMER'S TRIALS.

The Struggle Against Sickness Is Most Trying of All His Difficulties—With Good Health He Can Conquer All Other Troubles.

No more courageous example of industry and perseverance against many difficulties and uncertainties can be found than the case of the average farmer in the Northwest of Canada. A bred of a stock that refuses to be beaten through its own faults, he has an absolute and absolute control of the most adverse circumstances to their advantage and profit. But in this struggle many a man forgets to husband his health, making the greatest demands on his bodily strength, forgetful of the fact that someday there will come a reckoning. Thousands of just such busy men rest and drink what they should not, and how they should not. They overlook the condition of their digestive organs till at last Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Bloating, Biliousness or Headache comes to warn them that it is time to stop and consider.

Mr. Ferg McGreggor, of Carnduff, Assin., was troubled for years with his stomach. He could get no relief. Everything he ate gave him pain and distress. Finally he was advised to try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and from the day he commenced to use them he began to get better.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNSEEMLY CONDUCT ON FLOOR

Hours Wasted in a Struggle—No Business Transacted Yesterday's Session.

The legislative assembly of British Columbia yesterday afternoon was a most unseemly affair. The Governor Douglas, after a long day in which his member a body while ex-member of the Queen's Speech to a but it is safe to say that it was a more childish, of it, a spectacle than the ed crisis of "shame" from this afternoon. For three hours the business of the country stood, while the legislative assembly debated whether Messrs. Martin should occupy a desk by occupying one of the other desks to which the ward in a position in which he reached the devotees of the interrupted by a most untoward incident which precluded a successful session of the day. The report this afternoon proceedings to a point which was snatched the seat of the other desks to which the ward in a position in which he reached the devotees of the interrupted by a most untoward incident which precluded a successful session of the day.

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