

AN ORATORICAL BATTLE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper Principals in Most Exciting Debate.

The Leader of the Opposition Delivers a Speech of Extraordinary Proportions.

The Premier's Brilliant and Effective Reply to the Verbose Effort of Sir Charles.

one granted by the British Columbia legislature two years ago. Ontario men were well acquainted with...

From Friday's Daily. The death occurred yesterday at the Men's Home of Joseph Giesler, a native of Russia, aged 78 years. The funeral will be held...

From Saturday's Daily. Hon. J. H. Turner, Mr. G. A. Kirk, Mr. H. P. Rice were re-elected as members of the Executive Committee...

James Yale Simpson died at St. James Hospital on Sunday afternoon. He was the youngest son of George Simpson, of the H. B. Co., grandson of the late Sir George Simpson, governor-in-chief...

At a meeting of the residents of Boundary Creek at Greenwood, on Friday evening last, Duncan Bos, editor of the Boundary Creek Times, for a member of the reformatory staff...

Two of the officers of Nelson's Bank, Herbert Lockwood, inspector, and H. B. Wilson, are in the city supervising the construction of the new Pass railway. The board have a steps to deal with the matter.

REPORT ON HEALTH. A report has reached the officers of provincial board of health that diphenyl has broken out among the men employed on construction of the Pass railway. The board have a steps to deal with the matter.

the deputy speaker amid cries of "Order" and "Take it back." Sir Charles Tupper wished to maintain the rights of members of the house. You cannot make me say that I do not think the Governor-General violated the constitution.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—That is a poor subterfuge. Sir Charles Tupper—I understand the hon. gentleman refuses to withdraw the expression against the Governor-General.

Sir Charles Tupper—I am not prepared to say that the Governor-General did not violate the constitution.

The Deputy Speaker—The hon. gentleman says that his expression is directed against the government. I understand he withdraws any expression against the Governor-General.

The scene here ended and Sir Charles Tupper proceeded with his speech, taking up the Yukon railway contract. He said that he was not prepared to say that the Governor-General did not violate the constitution.

Sir Charles Tupper—The hon. gentleman says that his expression is directed against the government. I understand he withdraws any expression against the Governor-General.

It was within an hour of midnight when Sir Charles Tupper rose. He said that he was not prepared to say that the Governor-General did not violate the constitution.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had nothing to say in regard to the Klondike railway before the meeting of Tuesday next except to commend the energetic efforts to be made by the government.

The Klondike railway. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had nothing to say in regard to the Klondike railway before the meeting of Tuesday next except to commend the energetic efforts to be made by the government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier indignantly resented the attack made by Sir Charles Tupper without cause or provocation upon the representative of the Crown in this matter.

Alluding to his failure to secure the Governor-General's signature to the contract with the Atlantic coast steamship service, Sir Charles Tupper made an unexpected attack on His Excellency the Governor-General in connection with his refusal to approve of the late administration's recommendations.

Does the hon. gentleman say there is no truth in the article? Mr. Foster—My hon. friend may be sure I did not read the article, but to the hon. gentleman's statement.

Mr. Maclean—I gave him what was to do; will he deny that he wrote the article? Mr. Foster—The hon. gentleman knows as a newspaper man that he is not doing a man's thing in trying to get a secret which is the secret of the bill and the writer alone.

Mr. Maclean—When the leader of the Opposition was seeking in every way possible to commend this contract the writer of this article signed "Onlooker" was justly arranging the government for the Yukon territory and as only the ex-minister of finance that there is the clearest and straightest indictment against the government in this article.

Mr. Foster—That is good for "Onlooker." Continuing, Mr. Maclean charged Sir Charles Tupper with having directed his party by rushing headlong into the approval of a transaction which was justly condemned in the article.

MR. DEANE'S CAMPAIGN.

Another Rousing Meeting Enthusiastically Supports the Opposition Candidate. Kamloops, B. C., Feb. 8.—The public meeting held in the K. M. Hotel, on Saturday evening, in support of Mr. F. J. Deane, the Opposition candidate, was a great success.

IN TWO SNOOWSLIDES.

Three men employed on the property of the New Brunswick Company on Quartz creek, in the vicinity of Ymir, had a thrilling experience on Saturday afternoon last with a couple of snowslides, says the Victoria Mail. It is a wonder that they are alive to tell the tale, when they passed through the narrow channel between the two slides, when they were working in the New Brunswick, when they heard a great roar and all of a sudden the place became a mass of snow.

Harrison started to the cabin a hundred yards from the mouth of the tunnel for the purpose of procuring another shovel so that the great mass of snow at the mouth of the tunnel might be cleared away.

In the cabin at the time was John Henderson, one of the owners of the property, who was in charge of the work of development.

Henderson was afraid that there might be another slide and he directed Harrison to hurry and tell Pollard to get into the cabin before he was swept away.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Receipts and Expenditures of the Provincial Government for the Last Fiscal Year.

Very Material Increase in the Revenue, but Nevertheless a Large Deficit.

The public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th were submitted to the legislature yesterday afternoon. They show that the province has seen equal to the task of furnishing a very material increase in revenue and that the government of the day has gone the province one better by expending sufficient to eat up the total revenue for the year, and roll up a deficit of \$186,023.34.

The net receipts for the year were \$1,285,048.24, as against \$980,705.22 for the year 1896. The major portion of the increase of \$304,343.02 is accounted for over eight heads. The receipts from land sales were \$12,787.00 greater than in 1896. Timber royalties and licenses increased \$24,117.87, and registry fees increased \$27,043.12.

REVENUE.

Table with columns for various revenue sources and their amounts for 1896-97 and 1897-98.

EXPENDITURE.

Table with columns for various expenditure categories and their amounts for 1896-97 and 1897-98.

MANN'S PECULIAR PLIGHT.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—(Special)—D. D. Mann is meeting with great difficulties in sending men up to Wrangell. Steamship berths are all booked in advance and he cannot hire a vessel anywhere on the coast to convey 150 horses, 100 men and supplies to Wrangell, where the steamer Hercules will be made a few weeks hence. He is now sending prospectors to wait till he makes a start. There is no use in going to Wrangell till then. If prospectors would stay at Victoria or Vancouver a little longer they would lose nothing, yet give him a chance to get men and supplies in.

