Captured By British

Eight Hundred Boers Reported t. Have Been Made Prisoners.

Asked For Ninety Thousand More Men.

posed to Be a Preluge to Renewed Activity.

ews from Gen. Buller's headquarters, nd the only information which has reached London in anyway supporting the reports that he has recrossed the Tugeia river is found in the Associated Press dispatch announcing Dundonald's econnoissance, which is taken to indiate a prelude to renewed activity.

Dundonald found no difficulty in crosslic anxiety is again concentrated on the Upper Tugela.

French has captured 800 Boers, where and when not being announced.

Sensational Reports.

and volunteers and 40,000 militia re-

dealt with these matters.

Inspection of Yeomanry.

This morning at the Life Guards Barinspected another contingent of Yeomanry volunteers prior to their depar-

against the British. .

outhward, seems to dispose of the story hat Mafeking has been relieved. On that date the Rhodesians captured two Transvaal flags and drove off the Boer outposts before returning to Gaberones.

contributes \$100 to the Canadian Patriotic fund.

The Masona.

Capetown, Feb. 2.—The Supreme Court as decided to make no order of confiscation in the case of the steamship Masona, at present, in order to give her trade with the enemy.

BRITISH ARMY IN AFRICA.

ore cheerful feeling in London.

The confirming of the report that Bul-

Figures just published have also had eassuring effect, after causing much onishment. The government annces that it was ascertained before war began that the Boers would put 0,000 in the field. The British in a

Joubert, according to late advices, has

and confronting Buller. In the recent turning movement Budler lost 1,985 men, Kop. but the places are filled. The Boers have no means of replacing the lost men with fresh soldiers. Looking at the matter in this light it is as inevitable that Joubert will be beaten, as it was that

Grant would take Richmond.

Gatacre.

Surrounding Ladysmith

Few dispatches are now allowed to come through from the seat of opera-tions about Stormberg and Colesburg, and Roberts is clearly anxious to direct attention from the work in progress. Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division is actively at first insisted on the release of some employed in co-operation with General

The garrisons both at Stormberg and passe by which

The British Invasion of the Free State may be blocked. Military experts are inclined to be easier with Buller since he and his army are so undaunted, and harsh criticism is

shifting to the ministry.

The Daily Mail says: "When, as s notorious to all with any knowledge of politics, the government is tremblingly awaiting the news of some little victory to ward off temporarily just criticism. the situation is too humiliating for words. Some weeks ago many of the best friends of the government were urging its reconstruction. It is almost too late now for that policy. People are ooking for some strong man to lead them. Rosebery's name has been on every tongue during the last few days, but to turn to him before Mr. Chamberlain has been tried appears to be unwise and unfair from many points of view."

"Death to the Boers." Oktawa, Feb. 2.-Private F. C. Page, who is with the first Canadian contingent at Belmont, Africa, writing under the date of Dec. 22nd, says: "The Boers are very much afraid of Canadians on account of reports they heard that the first contingent was composed of a thousand of the best sharpshooters in the world." Page says the motto of the contingent is "Death to the Boers."

SEARCHING OF STEAMERS. Important Statement in the British House of Commons.

London, Feb. 2.-In the House of Comthe commander-in-chief of the British mons to-day the under secretary of state for foreign affairs, Mr. Wm. St. J. forces in South Africa, has cabled for Brodnick, replied to a question confirm-

ed to give him, sending 50,000 militia to the British engagements regarding with common sense. ed, had not surrendered any rights, but | vances. on the representations of the German

Attempts made to illuminate the con-

cribing a reconnoissance of some of Col. Hawkesley had declined to produce. The cable messages were sent to him in turned them with a letter saying there again without being reinforced. would be no personal objection to their

publication. Patriotic Fund.

London, Feb. 2.—The following dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan, 30th, appears in the Daily Telegraph: "Col. Wynne has taken command of Gen. Woodgate's brigade. Col. Miles has been appointed chief of Gen. Buller's staff. The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgetter's Drift.

"A strong cavalry reconnaissance pro ceeded to-day westward in the vicinity of Honger's Spruit." Spearman's Camp, Tuesday, Jan. 30-Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance in the

British Losses. London, Jan. 31.-The war office has issued an additional casualty list of the bat- gets at 7,000 yards often at the first shot tle of Spion Kop and of the engagements at Venter's Spruit. The additional list numbers 139 men killed, 391 wounded an 63 missing, a total of 593. With 174 additional casualties given for the fighting at Venter's Spruit; the total loss since the

London, Feb. 1.-The war office com letes this evening the list of the British regiments, including 137 members of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

The Fight at Spion Kop.

to the terrific Boer fire. Several estimates are that the total loss- ness of the war.

he ordered the retirement, and he actually

Gen. Woodgate was wounded about to be held down on the stretcher. It is reported that the Boer commander

A curious incident is related of the fight-Colesburg have been reinforced, and the ing on January 24th. One of the Lanca-Boer strategists are striving to repeat shires while firing from a prone position their tactics at Magersfontein, Colenso had his head taken clean off by a shell. and Spion Kop by creating a new im- To the amazement of his comrades, the headless trunk quietly rose, stood upright a few seconds, and then fell.

> A Times dispatch from Pletermaritzburg dated Sunday last, says: "Col. Thornycroft had a narrow escape last week. He went to meet a Boer flag of truce, which asked a parley, but, having become suspicious, he told the Boer commandant that he would not parley. Both retired and the Boers fired a voiley, the colonel only escaping in consequence of their bad shooting.

The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraphing yesterday,

"Information has been received here from the Transvaal that the war department, convinced that it would be useless to storm Ladysmith, and that the bombardment and Pretoria for the purpose of damming smith, the idea is to flood the town and the bomb proof caves so as to expose them to shell fire."

BULLER'S TASK.

Mr. Churchill Thinks He Should Have 10,000 More Men.

London, Feb. 1.-In the Morning Post to day Mr. Spencer Wilkinson discusses long dispatch from Winston Churchill, dat ed at Pietermaritzburg, and describing the situation in Natal. He says: "This dispatch deserves to be closely

read. It is an appeal to the public at home, and as it has been passed by the censor, may be taken to represent the feelninety thousand additional men which, ed the accuracy of the statement of ing of Gen. Buller's army. Mr. Churchill it is added, the government has promisof foreign affairs, in the Reichstag as task in concise terms. The enemy will act the searching of vessels. He explained posts on the hills and keep back their main that the government undertook that body until they see the decision of Gen. there should be no search at Aden or Buller's movement. Then they will quick-It is also said that volunteers will be at points more distant from the seat of by bring up the main body and extemporize war, but there was nothing to prevent what defensive works they can in addition the shipping of contraband from inter- to such as they have profusely prepared to-day that the cabinet has specially vening ports. The government, he add- in anticipation of various possible ad-

"That is what everyone would expect government and assurances of the mail them to do, and that their main body can for. mmarried man between eighteen and steamer company, Great Britain had ride faster than Gen. Buller's main body acreed, pending further arrangement, can walk is also pretty generally undernot to arrest mail ships except on the stood. The consequence is that the

Boer Army Cannot Be Turned. Wherever it is attacked it can cut an entrenched front, According to Mr. Churchection of Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, secre- ill there are 7,000 Boers watching Ladyracks, Regent Park, the Prince of Wales tary of state for the colonies, with smith, the same number held ready to the Jameson raid did not meet with resist Gen. Buller, and 5,000 kept in re-

serve to reinforce either body at need. "Thus Gen. Buller has to attack 12,000 men entrenched on favorable ground. For esley, counsel for the British South Af- that purpose Mr. Churchill thinks he ought to have 35,000 men instead of 25,000. In Tinned milk and matches are commandeerother words, Gen. Buller ought to have ing. Liquor is scarce, another division. This opinion coincides with the view we have all along evpressed that the centre of gravity of the war lies in Natal, and that a British victory there would be decisive, while a complete Brit-

consequences not to be estimated. "It seems difficult, in view of the strategy accepted at the war office as well as no knowledge of them at the time they at Capetown, to believe that Gen. Buller is to be allowed once more to attack a cable dispatches were those which Mr. position with less than the numerically superiority of 3 to 1, which tacticians com-1896 for confidential perusal, and he re- is hardly intelligible that he should attack the receipt of this message.

> A Third Attempt deed, it seems probable that the movement

splendid bravery of our men will be rewarded." Mr. Churchill says that "the public must

position. He says: "The most serious at The great army in South Africa is of the Boers can find the range of moving tar-

FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA. Statement in the House of Commons—Dis

cussing the War,

London, Feb. 1 .- Mr. Balfour, in the of the Highlanders at Magersfontein.

es of Gen. Buller's turning movement will Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary

amount to something approximating 1,500. secretary for the war office, who followed, When reinforcements arrived the troops admitted that the war office had not been impregnable, but he argued that the government had done its best, considering the secure the position. Guns were on the limitations of the military system, and welcomed criticism, for the country would to strengthen the entrenchments. Col. thus be enabled to turn to best account Thornycroft was not aware of this when the tide of patriotism and the lessons of the war. If the government had done wrong, he continued, it had done it with 2 right motives. The cardinal points in the o'clock in the afternoon. Even then he campaign were, first, a desire to give protested that he was all right and had diplomacy a chance; secondly, the decision of Gen. Buller to relieve Ladysmith. Mr. Wyndham again deplored the amendment, stood by the Continental critics, by our to talk sense, whereupon the Speaker refellow-subjects in Natal, and by our kinsmen in America, who are watching the his expression.

vicissitudes of the struggle." As regards Continuing, Mr. Goschen assured the the forces engaged, Mr. Wyndham said House that since the outbreak of war that, exclusive of the Eighth Division and there had been an unbroken tension at the Fourth Cavalry Brigade, Great Britain the admiralty. They knew their position had 142,000 foot and artillery; 34,700 (?) and their strong and weak points. They cavalry, 36 slege gune, 38 naval gune, 36 had regard for the situation from the nowitzers, 58 guns of the Horse Artillery, point of view of the Empire, and not from and 238 field guns. The combined forces that of South Africa alone. It would have of the two republics were estimated in been a criminal act to do otherwise, but 1898 at 59,000. He would have to ask the it would be unwise to parade their House for large financial means in order strength. that the war might be brought to the only possible conclusion, and that the system of had been in our position, would they have some defence be put on a sound footing. Sir Edward Grey, Liberal, said he recog- He then said he realized the position was nized that the speech of Mr. Wyndham serious, but, he added, there was no rea was one which gave greater strength to son for any feeling of insecurity. the government, and had done something Sir Edward Clarke, member for Plyto lift the gloom that had fallen on the mouth, who followed Mr. Geschen, suggest country. "There are differences of opinion ed that at the end of the debate the

censure for what is past, but we are pre- Europe. pared to give the government our support | Coi, Saunderson, Conservative member in the future, and prepared to help in pro- for North Armagh, in a lively speech criticliange of tactics. Huge quantities of ing object of the government's policy is timber and sand bags and hundreds of equality of right between the white races Kaffirs have been sent from Johannesburg in South Africa, and next in point of im- by declaring that the Nationalists never the Kilp river, some miles below Lady- be possible for a vast arsenal to be formed rear. there under other control than Great drive the soldiers and inhabitants out of Britain's. To that end the government shall have our support."

> London, Feb. 3.-According to heliograph messages from Ladysmith three days ago, front. the Boer investment lines were then thinning, and the besiegers were moving in force toward the Tugela, indicating that a adding: "If I had said anything I should

collision was expected there. This intelligence bears out other signs The war office continues to reveal nothing | Union Jack in Pretoria."

of what has happened in Natal. Lord Kitchener has been travelling from army to army in Northern Cape Colony, and Gen. French, by instructions, is now | mentary. in Capetown consulting with Lord Roberts. Large engineering constructions are pro-

the Free State. It is learned that the war office intends existing regiments.

fiscal year, March 31, is estimated at £20 .-000,000. The House of Commons has already granted £10,000,000, and the Times says the other £20,000,000 will be asked

The Times Capetown correspondent says "As a military train was traversing Hex River pass to-day an unknown individual fired a shotgun and killed a soldier. The occurrence of this outrage so near Capetown suggests the advisability of reconsidering the decision not to enforce martial

law throughout the Colony." Situation at Mafeking. Mafeking, Jan. 17 .- Slege rations of bread and meat have only now been enforced. Oats intended for horses are nov saved to supply the troopers if needed.

Lady Sarah Wilson is pluckily attending the hospital work and constantly passing

to and fro under shell fire. London, Feb. 3 .- As the House of Con mons was about adjourning Mr. Balfour from the Mayor of Mefeking, dated January 27th, and in the following terms: "Upon the hundredth day of the slegg Mafeking sends loyal devotion to Her Majesty and assurances of its continued resolve to maintain Her Majesty's supremacy in this town."

The Court Olicidar announces that the The Boers Retired.

Montreal, Feb. 2.-The Star's correspondent with the Canadian contingent sends the following: "Belmont, Feb. 1.-A rebel force of 200 is now in progress. We must hope that the retarned to Sunnyside langer after the Terontos and Queenslanders drove them oct last month. The rebels occupied Thorn Itial, some distance to the northwest of nerve themselves." He probably means here, this morning. When word was brought here, orders were given for the lispatch of a relief force, and the mountid troops of the garrison here sortled out against the rebels. The Boers had received word of their coming, for they had retired from the hill, after looting farms, before the mounted infantry got there."

> For Valor. London, Feb. 2.-The Gazette indicates Proposed Road From Horseshoe Bay to this evening that it is the Queen's intention to confer the Victoria Cross on Cap tains Congreve and Reed, Lieut, Roberts and Corp. Nurse for their attempts to save the guns at the battle of Colepso.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT. Lively Times in the House of Commons.

London, Feb. 2 .- Mr. John Macnell!, anti-Parnellite, enlivened the session of the House of Commons to-day by asking questions regarding the Irish militia. Among other things he asked why the Irish militlamen were sent away from Ireland, to swer to a question, that while the military which Mr. William Johnston, Conservative operations were proceeding he could not member for South Belfast, promptly inter-answer any inquiries as to the slaughter jected: "Bucause they are rebels." This caused Mr. Dillon, Irish National Str Charles Dilke resumed the debate on ist, to exclaim: "Irish rebels are good Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's amendment to enough for you to fight behind in the

few days will have 213,000 men in Af- Spion Kop continue to arrive. All testify reputation was never lower, and even now for North Louth, joined in, asking: "Why the government failed to grasp the serious- doesn't Saunderson (meaning Edward J. Saunderson, Conservative member for North Armagh, son of the Orange leader Col. Saunderson) go to the front?"

The debate on the amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, was then resumed. Mr. James Bryce, LAberal member for the South division of Aberdeen, had se verely censured the government for "provoking an unjust war," and Mr. Geo. J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, declared that the cabinet assumed full re

sponsibility, and proceeded to rebuke the

charge of provocation.

At this juncture, the Irish members showed a disposition to

which, he asserted, would be "misunder- Mr. Redmond invited Mr. Goschen to try monstrated and Mr. Redmond withdrew

"If Germany or any of the great powers been more patient?" Mr. Goschen asked.

among the opposition," he continued, "but amendment to the address should be withthe amendment is not intended to cover drawn, as the vote might be misunderthese differences. We cannot withhold stood in the Transvaul and throughout

will continue ineffective, has decided on a secuting the war to the end. The dominations the pro-Boerism of the Nationalists, Provoked Another Scene

portance, to see that never again shall it attacked in front, but always from the This remark was met by an uproar from

the Irish benches, Mr. D'llon complaining that the Nationalists had been grossly insulted, and others jeeringly asking Col. Saunderson why he did not go to the

Mr. W. Redmond said the Speaker ought to protect Irishmen from such insults not be permitted-" the bull evoking roars of laughter. Mr. Redmond retorted to the gela River, but that Gen. Buller can get that Gen. Buller purposed a fresh attack. | laughter, "That's the way to hoist the

Mr. John Redmond then appealed to the Speaker for a decision as to whether Col. Saunderson's remarks were not unparlia-

The Speaker declined to be drawn, bu in guite a long speech, for him, binted that such remarks used in the freedom of mative deserters report the following Lord Methuen's fortified camp has been debate by the Nationalists as well as othected as the base from which to invade ers were, as long as they did not become personal, in order.

Col. Saunderson, resuming, said: "I have Bremersdorp, Opperman of Pretoria, o increase the regular army by lifteen not meant to insult anyone, but looking battalions of infantry, adding those to the back upon the historical record of The Irish race, I thought myself justified." The cost of the war to the end of the This was followed by renewed Irish protests and

> Cries of "Coward!" and Mr. Dillon exclaimed: "Some English soldiers get behind Irish soldiers."

Mr. Redmond said: "This will be nice reading in Pretoria." Mr. Dillon exclaimed: "Thrice as many Irish soldiers as English have been killed

in the Transvaal." Mr. Balfour, the scene of recrimination continuing, appealed to the House to re frain, and the Speaker succeeded in persuading Col. Saunderson to withdraw the

BY CABLE FROM LONDON

The Pacific Cable Scheme-Committee at Work-Eastern Extension Company Seeking Concessions from Australia.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Feb. 3.-The Globe's London correspondent cables that Hon. Jos Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the Pacific cable scheme, said two meetings of the committee have been held, and the committee was now engaged making inquiries into the technical character of the scheme. However, the colonial secretary had no doubt that there would be no unavoidable delay.

The correspondent says he learns that Joubert Goes to Boer Camp on the Upthe Eastern Extension Company is employing all its energies at present to attempt to secure valuable concessions from Australia for the proposed South

African line. The same correspondent says he has learned that the Imperial government out of London during the past twentyhas ordered three thousand more tons

of hay from Canada. J. G. Colmer, for many years secretary in the high commissioner's office, it is understood, will shortly resign to take a position in the city of London.

AN ISLAND RAILWAY.

Nanaimo Lakes. Thence to the Headwaters of Alberni Canal.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 2.-Application will be made this session for an act to incorpor ate a company to build a railway (standard or narrow gauge) for the carrying of passengers and freight from some point on Horseshoe Bay, Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, thence in a north westerly direction by a convenient and feasible route to a point on Nanaimo Lakes, and thence to a point at the head of Alberni Canal, with power to build a branch line to the headwaters of Che- the latest this morning." mainus river, and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, and to construct branch lines and all necessary bridges with roadways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves

Casualties at Spion Kop

Boers Reported to Have Lost Over a Thousand Men Killed.

British Flying Column is Causing the Burghers Considerable Anxiety.

London Paper Says Buller's Orders Were to Advance This Morning.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 3 .- The war office is silent as regards Buller, but there is reason to believe he is continuing movement

Those who are in a position to know confirm his reported recrossing of the Tugela River, and believe he was en-

The news from Ladysmith on Thursday saying the Boer forces were leaving again, and that the besieging force was considerably diminished, tends to

Highlanders Prisoners.

Roberts notified the war office that 40 Highlanders, who were previously reported killed at Magersfontein, are prisoners at Pretoria.

Boers at the Tugela.

Major Bathurst, who was wounded at the battle of Colenso, arrived at Southampton to-day on board the Servia. He says there are 20,000 Boens at the Tuthrough if he is prepared to sacrifice fine or six thousand men.

Field Cornets Killed. A dispatch from Ladysmith, undated, via Spearman's Camp, Feb. 2nd, says ign :Lomnard of Waterburg, Gobelair of

one Free State cornet. The British artillery broke seven Boer

Danielerasmus of Magaliersberg and

The Boer casualties were approximately one thousand, though information is not confirmed officially.

BOER CASUALTIES.

Eleven Hundred Killed and Six Huadred Wounded-Free Staters Refuse to Fight.

Sterks Spruit, Jan. 29 .- Commandant Olivier, of Orange Free State, in a speech to the Boers at Lady Grey sid his men were almost surrounded at Stormberg, and unless recruits were forthcoming he would be compelled to abandon the position.

It is admitted that in the recent fight at Ladysmith the Boers lost 1,100 killed

and 600 wounded. Many colonists who fought at Stormberg have gone to their farms and refuse to return to active service, though threatened with death. Among these are some conspicuous burghers who originally invited the Free Staters to invade Cape Colony.

IS BULLER ADVANCING?

per Tugela-Burghers Are Becoming Uneasy. New York, Feb. 3 .- Very little news of the situation in Africa found its way

on the southern frontier of the Free State, but details are being held back until results can be reported. That is the impression made by such dispatches as are allowed to come through from Sterkstroom and from

four hours. Much work is in progress

French's camp near Colesburg. The report that Boer losses at Spion Kop on Wednesday last exceeded one thousand dead, although unconfirmed, created favorable impression and very

few are disposed to discredit it. The Morning Leader believes Buller has begun a movement toward Ladysmith. The article says: "Buller ware probably engaged soon after noon wenterday (Friday) if his artillery and comnitions had come up. In any case his orders were definite for an advance at

There is no actual news to support the statement of the Leader, but several London papers confess to believe that Buller is pushing toward Ladysmith. Warren's troops on Wednesday were still

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Rumors That Lord Roberts Has

Dundonald's Reconnoissance Sup-

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 2.-There is no official

As the dispatch is three days old and ing the river, it is not impossible Buller may have moved in the interim and pub-

Cape Colony. Dispatches from elsewhere in Africa merely tell of desultory shell firing and the movements of patrols through Cape Colony and mentions a rumor that Gen.

Sensatioal rumors are current that the Militia Ballot Act will be put in force on February 14th and that Gen. Roberts,

mobilized forthwith. It is even asserted

The Militia Ballot Act makes every thirty years of age liable to serve for five years,

ture from London to South Africa. Will Basutos Rise? The Times to-day has a dispatch from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, reiterating the reports that Boer emissaries are disributing leaflets and working through- if the cable dispatches referring to the

Plumer's Force at Gaberones. Lorenzo Marquez, Feb. 1 .- A dispatch rom Gaberones, dated January 23rd, de-Plumer's forces around the Boer laager

The Premier's Contribution. Ottawa, Feb. 2.-Sir Wilfrid Laurier

wners an opportunity to show within ee weeks that she had no intention

Will Shortly Number Over 200,000 Men -Cheering News From the Front. New York. Feb. 2 .- It is to be seen the mass of cable matter printed here his morning that there is a decidedly

had announced that he would reeve Ladysmith, together with the unnfirmed report he had acutally began new forward movement, had a good effect on the public mind.

were much cramped on the top of Spion Preparations were made below to way, and engineers had been ordered up

met the artillery coming up.

Boer prisoners before he could permit the English to collect their wounded.

Firing on Flag of Truce.

A Plan That Failed.

gravest suspicions. The Jameson Raid.

Mr. Chamberlain on being asked in regard to a letter sent by Mr. B. F. Hawkrica Co., to Earl Grey, formerly British administrator of Mashonaland, under the date of February 20th, 1897, in which he said that Mr. Chamberlain would have no one but himself to blame out Basutoland to incite the tribe to rise negotiations of 1895 were produced before the parliamentary committee of inquiry, replied that they were communications between third parties and he had were exchanged. He assumed that the

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The Canadian Patriotic fund to date is \$94,688.37.

direction of Honger's Spruit found the road clear. The enemy was not seen.

beginning of the war is placed at 9,658 casualties at Spion Kop, announcing the names of 215 missing men of various

London, Feb. 1.—Details of the fight at | throne. He said the country's military | Mr. Timothy Healy, Nationalist member | and docks.

ish defeat in Natal would have disastrous read a telegram received by the Queen

monly think necessary for such a task. It Queen is much touched and gratified at "Apparently, however, will be made without loss of time. In-

"Prepare our countrymen at home for heavy losses in the coming battle." Mr. Winston Churchill's dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, in addition to details respecting the position on the Tugela, gives a most interesting survey of the general tacks upon the war office appear unjust. finest quality, beautifully organized and equipped in all details, and with excellent The Boer guns are few but splendid, and are cleverly handled. The

of our guns. We cannot explain how."

House of Commons to-day, said, in anthe address in reply to the speech from the Transvaal."

deton's brigade held its position on the

Gen. Joubert has gone to the Boer camp on the upper Tugela, an apparent culverts were wrecked for a considerable indication he expects another attack on distance.

his right. The Boers are exhibiting considerable anxiety in regard to the movement of the British flying column which started through Zululand in the direction of when he charged Mr. Bryce, who declar Wryheid, about the time Buller began his ed the war unjust and unnecessary, prove toward Springfield. Boer reinforcements from Ladysmith have been hurried back to protect their lines of communication northward.

command the 7th division, has gone up to Modder River. This seems to indieate the troops of the division which are utilized along the border of the Free State and take part in the prospective invasion.

in Africa has arrived in England, They are mostly skilled gunners. They say the Boers' Maxim one-pound quick-firing guns have a most demoralizing effect on the British. The guns are made in Engfand, but they are not supplied to Brits ish troops.

A dispatch to a London paper from Pietermaritzburg says the appearance of a flying columnsof scouts in Zululand has created uneasiness among the Boers over the border.

A number of Boers have been hurriedwithdrawn from Ladysmith and Dundee to Vryheid to protect that place, and to oppose any British advance. The Boer force there is about a thousand men with three guns.

> Canadian Patriotic Fund.... (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 3.-Hon. C. Sifton has contributed \$100 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Dr. Leyds in Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 3.-The German foreign matic agen't of the Transvaal, is attempting to induce Germany to join in an intervention movement.

Dr Levos declines to discuss possible interv nion, and denies that he is go- tung publishes a letter from Commandine St. Petersburg. He is under ant Albrecht, the Orange Free State ar- in the dark for similar reasons, med ... treatment. The diplomatic agent 17th. He says President Kruger is an should be a bond of sympathy between grandest of patriots. The commandant the said States and the Transvaal, as adds: "The artillery hitherto has prov-Whit, the former consul-general of the of the fact that the Boer guns are better South African Republic in London, who than the English, and that the Boers' is, now in the United States. The lat- aim better than the English, the battles mer, however, is not accredited to the of Magersfontein and Colenso were de- ments of importance are transpiring.

matisfaction, a specimen of a Mauser losses through the modern weapons are impression that his main force is Herr Loewe of Berlin. The barrel is smaller smaller almost completely cased in wood to ob wiate heating.

The Transvaal Agent. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.-Montague White, agent of the Transvaal, will arrive this afternoon and will spend the might at the executive mansion. Goveror Roosevelt says his visit is purely

a social one. Durban, Feb. 4.-Gen. Buller crossed the Tugela River Friday night and is marching on Ladysmith. No definite news will be permitted to so out until Ladysmith is relieved.

Presidents Visit Troops. London, Feb. 3.-A heliograph mes sage sent from Ladysmith yesterday re

ported all well. It was also said that President Kruger of the Transvaal and President Steyn of the Orange Free State visited the laager in the neighborhood of the bebeguered town for the purpose of making peace between the troops of the Transvaal and the Free State. It was of, have the best of it .- H. W. Shaw. said that there were grave dissensions between the Transvaal and the Free

State forces in regard to the prosecution of the war. The result of the visit of the two

presidents is not known. Reviewing the Situation. London, Feb. 4.—Reviewing the situa-

You Mr. Spencer Wilkinson says: "It is morally impossible for Buller's army, so long as there is a fight left in it, to sit still while Sir George White is invested at Ladysmith. Better than that would be to lose 10,000 men in an attempt at relief. Accordingly it is probable that Buller will try again, and indeed that he is now on the move or fighting. As he has kept Gen. Lyttleton's brigade north of the river the probability is that his next move will be an advance on Lyttleton's right. He would hardly go to the left, because that wonth had to a fresh attack upon Spion Kop and the range of which it is a part. He would not go to the east of Colenso, except with his whole force, less Barton's Wrigade. The retention of Lyttleton's brigade at Potgeiter's Drift may therefore be taken as a proof that the new

move will not be to the east of Colenso. "East of Potgeiter's there are several drifts, one or two of which Gen. Buller's guns becommand, and he can therefore cross the river but the Boers have had ample time to prepare a position beyond the river

"A frontal attack would as usual be costly, but unless Gen, Buller is prepared for a heavy loss he has little chance of breaking through the Boer defences. "Lord Roberts will certainly not hurry his move from the Cape. He will first the assembling of his forces, which will not all have arrived for an other three weeks. Then he will have transports properly organized and in order before he will move. After that he will probably make a rapid move. But

he-considers all is ready.' Destroying the Railway. Modder River, Feb. 4.—The Boers yes

no outcry will induce him to start until

mesting south of the Tugela, while Lyt- terday were busy destroying the railway building here and at Langeburg, from a point 2,000 yards from the British advance position. Two hundred explosions were heard, and doubtless the line and The Navy is Ready.

London, Feb. 3.-In the House of first lord of the admiralty, roused his hearers to strong excitement, notably with giving "a brief to every enemy of England." The whole tone of Mr. Goschen's measured language was reassuring and showed the admiralty is keeping a good lookout ahead. There was no Gen, Tucker, who came from India to mistaking the significance of his intimation that the admiralty had been assiduously, yet undemonstratively, engaged in perfecting naval arrangements to medt all contingencies. Mr. Goschen innow at the Cape, as well as those of the dulged in the usual reservations and

6th division under Kelly-Kenny, will be qualifications, but the country reads between the lines a recognition of possible international dangers, and is immensely relieved at Mr. Goschen's assurances that the country thus far has only put The first batch of wounded men be out its left arm, and its mighty right longing to the naval contingents serving arm, with all the muscles hardened, is held in reserve for possible foreign inter-Great Britain of the fruits of victory.

Appeal to Americans.

London, Feb. 3.-Extracts from a reed in the papers here. The document, which is countersigned by Secretary of the American public. It says: "We to ment is anticipated." great extent depend on America and Europe for foodstuffs. It would be Regarding the dispatches from Ladyeriminal on the part of the great pow- smith saying that Buller's guns have ers to suffer this little nation to perish by famine since the sword has failed. Since in 1880 the President of the Unit- some practice may have been going on ed States acknowledged our republic as with the new batteries which just reacha sovereign state, Americans have flocked here in numbers. In every instance the front. the hand of fellowship has been extended to them. Not a single case of disagreement is on record. But with the informed that America is acting in league with the enemy. If our sister to be preferred to sincerity and truth, we will no longer believe in the justice office denies that Dr. Leyds, the diplo- and integrity of Americans, and their It is thought that either the denial was professions of Christianity we will consider empty sounding."

Decided by Rifles. Berlin, Feb. 3.-The Magdeburg Zeitillery chief, dated Kronstaad, December cided by the rifle and not by the guns." Vashington government.

Gen. Albrecht concludes with saying It is true that the correspondents at that, judging from the present war, the Gen. Builer's headquarters convey the

THE LATE GEN. LAWTON.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 5.-The funeral train bearing the bodies of Major-General killed in the Philippines, and Major E. L. Armstrong, who died in Manila hos-

last night. The body of Gen, Lawton was left on the composite car which, with the Pull- soon relieve the uncertainty. man bearing the accompanying party, was turned over to the Pennsylvania

Major Logan's body was placed in a where the coffin was placed on a bier was heavy fighting yesterday. and decorated with flowers and flags. There it will remain until to-morrow night when it will be taken to Youngstown, Ohio, for burial.

Selfish people, with no heart to speak

The Jolly Girl

Often changes to the jaded woman. "I can't see what's come over Mary; she used to be such a jolly girl," was the remark of a young woman visiting a



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"For two years I had been a sufferer from chronic diseases and female weakness," writes

Mrs. Allen A. Bobson, of 1125 Rodman Street,
Philadelphia, Pa. "I had two different doctors, Philadelphia, Pa. "I had two different doctors, and they gave me medicine which only relieved me for a time. My niece advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I concluded that to open a correspondence with you for your advice would be safest, so I did, and have been highly benefited. I find that after taking six bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and five of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and following your advice in regard to local treatment, I am now a strong woman. Accept my sincere thanks for the interest manifested in my case and the happy results obtained." Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free. Correspondence private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Campaign in Cape Colony

Commons this week, Mr. G. J. Goschen, Strong Force of Brit sh Soldiers Dispatched to Seize Norvals Pont

> Boers at Colesburg Are Reported to Be Virtually Surrounded.

> Durban Dispatch Says There Was Heavy Fighting in Natal Yesterday.

> > (Associated Press.)

Lordon, Feb. 5 .- The Associated Press learns officially that absolutely no conference in the war or an effort to rob firmation has been received by the War Office of the report that Buller has recrossed the Tugela River and is marching on Ladysmith. On the contrary, acmarkable document emanating from the office of the secretary of state at Pres cording to the information of the War toria, dated December 16th, are publish. Office at the present moment, there is every indication that things are quiet State Reitz, seems specially written for at the front and that no immediate move-

been heard there, it is surmised that

Officials Decline to Give News. The War Office statement that it has

first war note of the oppressor we are received no confirmation of the report that Gen. Buller has re-crossed the Turepublic has no sympathy with us, if the 'gela River has failed to shake the pubboasted condescension of the British is lic belief that preparations of tremendous importance are proceeding at the Tugela. prompted by a desire to keep the military movements as secret as possible until something is accomplished, or that Gen. Buller is keeping the home officials

It is obviously extremely difficult to did not desire to emphasize why there unimpeachable character, one of the extract the truth from the conflicting statements shrouding Gen. Buller's movem ght embarrass Mr. Montague ed of hitle avail on both sides. It spite ments, but most of the commentators agree that the aggregate of the litems tends to confirm the belief that move It is true that the correspondents a

conceivable that the dispatches are so censored as to convey a false impression.

Preparations Completed. Whatever may be the actual situation, Henry Lawton, Major J. A. Legan, there seems no doubt that Gen. Buller's preparations for a fresh attempt to repital, arrived here from San Francisco lieve Ladysmith were completed on Thursday or Friday, and that news will

Heavy Fighting Reported.

railroad to be taken to Fort Wayne, London, Feb. 5, 4:45 p.m.-A special where the remains will be in state to- dispatch from Durban, Natal, dated today, says: "There is no definite news hearse and escorted to Memorial hall, from Buller, but it is reported that there

> IN CAPE COLONY. British Are Moving to Seize Norvals

> Pont. Capetown, Feb. 5.-A dispatch from Naauwpoort savs:

"There is great activity here and on the Rensburg-Hanover road due to the dispatch of an overwhelming force of infantry to seize Norvals Pont.

"The cavalry having completed the reconnoissance, is being retired to recoup "The Boers at Colesburg are virtually

surrounded. ---

SURPRISED BY THE ENEMY. ---London Times Correspondent Tells of

the Reverse at Stormberg. New York, Feb. 5-A correspondent of the Associated Press, writing from London on January 20th, says extended

accounts of British reverses at Storm-

The correspondent of the Times describes Gatacre's reverse in part as follows: "The infantry had been at work, or in the train in open trucks, or marching since 4 a.m. on Saturday. The actual march occupied seven hours, and it is therefore little to be wondered that the men were wholly incapable of making a supreme effort when at last they were surprised by receiving fire at short

range while warching in fours in fancied security. "On receiving the enemy's fire the companies it hand rushed at once against the kopjes from which it proceeded, and, advancing from boulder to boulder, swiftly commenced to ascend. Indeed, it is a fact that considerable yards of the lower line of the "Scanses,"

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Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Skilled surgeons, with their trained nurses and ambulance corps, look well to the sufferings of soldiers wounded in battle, the Red Cross Society has provided comforts for the hospital, but there are other sufferings, which, though not so fatal, are none the less torturing.

Long walks make sore feet, heavy clothing and accoutrement causes chafing and skin irritations, sleeping on the ground and exposure to all sorts of weather brings on torturing itching piles.

Against these miseries the soldiers have been well armed, as each one carries with him a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, the gift of the proprietors of the Dr. Chase Remedies.

SOLDIERS IN CAMP.

When in Camp at Niagara, London, Kingston, and other places, soldiers have so frequently expressed their appreciation of Dr. Chase's Ointment that it will und ubtedly prove of very great value to our boys in South Africa. Ex-Sergeant Wm. Johnston, 10th Royal Grenadiers, writes as follows: - "It is impossible for me to speak too highly of Dr. Chase's Ointment for piles and any itching or irritation of the skin. It is simply invaluable. Many of our men used it while in camp in the hot summer months, and received excellent results.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is prescribed by physicians as the only positive cure for piles . It has entirely superseded surgical operations, which were cruel, expensive and painful. It stands without a rival as the world's greatest cure for itching skin irritations and skin eruptions, 60 cents a box, at all dealers or by mail, on receipt of price, by Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

without ladders.

"But at this juncture our artillery, failing in the yet uncertain light to observe the ascent of the infantry, opened fire upon the enemy, and shells, falling short, dealt destruction among the astirement instantly ensued and, having that the case was hopeless, the general ordered the "retire" to be sounded.

the troops might not improbably have to move that Canada stands the whole been withdrawn without any serious loss, shot in the field and out of it. and a fresh attempt might even yet be successfully prosecuted. But it was not because they were anxious to go on, the speech from the throne and Mr. while not a few were so utterly exhaust- Geoffrion seconded it. ed that they simply preferred to stay Mr. Gould made the announcement where they were at all hazards, than to that the government would pay for the undertake the ordeal of a rapid retire- Canadian contingents while in the field hille

least hurry or confusion and halting constantly to fire."

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Recruiting Began To-Day-Contingent Will Not Leave Until March,

Ottawa, Feb. 5.-Recruiting for Stratheona's contingent begun to-day. Reports from Col. Steele show the only difficulty is the one of selection. It is Fisher has given \$50; the Lake of the the battery ever endured, yet even then. now a week since Lord Strathcona Woods Milling Co., \$1,000; Justice Gir- all was not over, for four men persisted was communicated with regarding the arrangements for the selection of officers. etc. The delay in the response will probably delay departure until the first week of March. The first train will leave Cal- Milwaukee, which will take the last of gary for this place February 10th, but the last of the three trains is not expected to reach here before February 23rd or 24th.

Nearly a Hundred Thousand. Ottawa, Feb. 5.-The Canadian Patriotic Fund is now \$98,691.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENTS. Correspondence to be Presented To-Day -The Question of Pay.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 5.-The correspondence between the Canadian government and made in the proper quarters it is learnthe British government in regard to the ed that the stories of the Echo de Paris Canadian contingent will be presented to that the British ambassador to Italy, Sir tain much that is new, but it will add representations to Italy regarding the gan in the human body, materially in facilitating the debate. In landing of troops in Africa, are quite unregard to the pay of the contingent it founded.

which could not, however, be reached jected as the colonial office thought it because he is unwell or requires a rest. best that all colonies should be on the but because he finds his position very unsame footing, and that the arrangements pleasant at the present moment owing provided by the war office should pre- to the strong feeling against Great Bri-

It is not known what course the Canadian government may take in regard attitude of the French government. to this matter, but there is no doubt that Adiplomatic official said: "The French sailants of the position. A partial remembers of the contingent will be paid the difference between Imperial pay and been brought to a standstill, the attack what they would have got if they regradually melted away until, convinced mained continuously under the control of the Canadian militia and the Canadian government.

The subject will be discussed at length, "Had the order been promptly obeyed for Sir Charles Tupper evidently desires

Important Announcement. Ottawa, Feb. 5.-In the House to-day to be. Many men were loath to retire Mr. Gould moved the address in reply to

ment over the ground at the foot of the in South Africa, the difference between is a story from Bennett Burleigh, reprethe Imperial and Canadian rates, which sentative of the London Dally Telegraph, would be placed to the credit of the dealing with Col. Long's daring, but un-"Eventually, as if on parade, the re- men in Canada, or paid over for the fortunate artillery movements at the battirement was executed by those who re- benefit of their families, so that mem- tle of Colenso. It contains the following: sponded to the order, the soldiers mov- bers of the Canadian contingents would "As the men were being shot down very ing back at steady pace, without the get Canadian rates until they returned. rapidly, Col. Hunt advised that it would that he would not say anything regard | self had just been shot through both legs. ing any part of the speech, but that re- Long's reply was 'We never abandon history leading up to the second contin- guns, gent, which wearied the House. He was

speaking at 6 p.m. Contributions to Fund.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Sir Richard Cart- don the guns, which for over one hour had wright has contributed \$100 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund; Hon. Sydney ourard, \$50; and Miss Emily Gould, in serving two guns and remaining beside Montreal, \$500

Sailing of Milwaukee. Halifax, N. S. Feb. 5 .- The steamer the second contingent to Africa, is deing auxious to avoid any danger from gency round of case their last shot. Then any likely fever before the steamer docks they stood at attention beside the gun. at her berth.

of the quarantine and arrived at her dock at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Ottawa, Feb. 5.-The Milwaukee will ing the last of the second Canadian con-

France is Friendly. Paris, Feb. 5.-As a result of inquiries

tingent to South Africa.

numbers actually reached within a few will be shown that New Zealand offered What is true is that Sir Edmund Monto pay all cost, but this offer was re- son had gone to the Italian Riveria, not

tain in the press and society which, perforce is reflected to some extent in the

government is undoubtedly friendly to Great Britain, but it is unable to make a display of its real sentiments just now because a demonstration of friendliness to Great Britain would be an act of sui-

In view of this situation Sir Edmund thought his temporary absence from Paris would have a salutary effect.

DIED BESIDE THEIR GUNS. How Four Gunners Continued to Fight After Order to Retire Had Been

Given.

New York, Feb. 5.-Among the battle accounts from South African war correspondents received here by way of London, Sir Charles Tupper followed, stating be better to abandon the guns. He him-

"Subsequently Col. Hunt called attention to the fact that there was no use firing. there was scarcely any men left and next to no ammunition.

fought in the face of the flercest fusilade their cannon. One of either pair carried the shell, the others laid and fired their beloved 15 pounders. But two men were left. They continued the unequal battle. and an instant later fell, pierced through Later The Milwaukee has passed out and through by Boer bullets.

"Thus I say, by the light of all my experience in war, these gunners of ours are men who deserve monuments over their sail between Feb. 17th and 20th, carry- graves, and even Victoria Crosses on their reoffins."

AN OLD THEORY EXPLODED.

The old-fashioned theory of tearing down disease was entirely changed by the advent of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food, parliament this afternoon, when the de- P. Curry, coferred here recently on Ital- and nerve tissue. Through the medium of bate on the address will be proceeded ian affairs, or that Sir Edmund has the circulation and the nervous system with. The correspondence will not con- gone to Rome to support Sir Philip in they strengthen and invigorate every or-

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc.,

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Old Country

Lord Rosebery is Mentioned Leader - Mr. Chamberlain Has Supporters.

Vacancies Among Officers to Be Filled by Promotions From the Ranks.

(Associated, Press.) amazement of the nation at the incompetency displayed by its ministers has risen to heights probably never before attained. While the Empire is enguged in the most serious struggle to which it has been committed since the first years of the 19th century, and while the statesmen and the legislatures of the selfgoverning colonies faithfully represent the Imperial spirit of their annals, the statesmen at home have committed themselves to party manoeuvring, mutual recriminations, contraditions, shuffling, evasions and palpably lame excuses so utterly heedless of the

Temper of the People that the movement in favor of a reconto develop into a national uprising. Even the Times declares the "chatter in the House of Commons during the past few days is simply irritating and offensive to nine out of ten people in the United Kingdom."

the people are looking for some strong said: "At the present moment there is the building of a material part of it, or so risk of the company, who know they may men to lead them. Lord Rosebery's no turning back. The legislature will change the route that the declared object thereby lose their expected grant, and difname is the most prominent. His piti convene at London, where it will conless lashing of Lord Salisbury on the day parliament reassembled marks him, policy in the conin the opinion of many, as the right man to face the present Imperial crisis. A small faction, led by the Daily Mail, is pushing

The Claims of Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, for a trial. The Mail says he has shown himself to be a shrewd, determined and able organizer, and apparently is the only member of the cabinet who grasped the realities of the situation in Africa.

One by one the other ministers have been unmasked and discredited, and the weakness of the official lenders of the

arisen the cry that party strife must cease, and political ambitions be laid aside; that the stifled determination of A result of this outburst is seen in the The grievance is alleged to be due to the a willing people must have rein.

new and more lofty tone introduced into the discussion by the speech of George retary of the war office, on Thursday evening, which was the first

Ministerial Statement evincing a proper appreciation of public

There is no hope of the debate on to the address in reply to the speech in rates in favor of Winnipeg. from the throne collapsing, so a division will hardly occur before Tuesday. There is a movement on foot to in-

duce the government to refuse to discuss at any length John Redmond's amendment on the ground that the present state of the campaign is not suitable for a discussion of conciliation or the forms

The important statement was made by Mr. Wandham in the House of Commons Tooke's gent's furnishing establishment on Thursday that the vacancies made at the corner of Peel and St. Catherine's among the officers by the war would be streets was broken into by burglars at partly filled by

Promotion From the Ranks. This means the democratization of the

On this subject a letter, which is atcers are drawn is "distinctly degener- were at work. ate, due to lack of intellectual training, and the dissipation and vice of the aristocracy," and that the class "commonly known as society, provides ninety-nine per cent, of officers." The writer also says "the intellectual standard of a young man of 17, fresh from the Eng. Anthony Decker arrived from Baltimore lish public school, is lower than that of yesterday, Paul Decker, son of the first a German boarding school boy of 8. His

Devoted for Athletic Sports, as his ancestors have done, he marries a girl of the same training, and in three or four generations society will consist physically splendidly developed the writer, is intermarriage between so-

ciety and the healthy middle classes. The social future depends entirely upon the progress of the war, but the Queen wishes everything to go on as usual as far as possible. She has orderesty's decision is gratefully welcomed by the London tradesmen.

A MINER KILLED

Fatal Accident in Extension Mines-Injured by a Fall of Coal.

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Feb. 5 .- Varesio Eugenio, Saturday while at work in Extension mines. His death was caused by a fall of coal from the roof. Joseph Mottishaw, who was working near the Italalso struck by the falling coal. Mottishaw was badly bruised about the back and arms and will be laid up for sev-

The assistant will be installed on March The members of the city solice force have sent a communication to the com-missioners protesting against the long hours they are compelled to work for the rate of wages they receive, which they state compares unfavorably with the wages paid in other cities of the meeting on Saturday evening, referred e matter to the chief for suggestions.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE. Members Recalled to Frankfort Where a Meeting Will be Held. (Associated Press.)

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 5.-Democratic and Republican members of the legislature have been summoned back to Frankfort, and a session of the legislature will be held to-day. Whether Gov- St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—The campaign gerner Taylor will officially withdraw his in favor of taking advantage of the prestroups or not, is not settled, but it is believed the end will be that the legislature will resume its sittings in the state House without molestation, and the en-London, Feb. 3.—The indignation and fire controversy will be settled by the

> Report Denied. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5.-It was be-

lican members who have gone there frustrated. would come back as fast as the trains could bring them. Word was sent to them this morning that it would be well for them to return to Frankfort at Governor Taylor, it was expected, would give the Democrats in an informal

way to understand they would be allowed to enter the capital building as soon as they wished to do so, and that no attempt would be made to prevent them struction of the cabinet first inauguarates from holding a session of the legislature. ed a few weeks ago, promises, unless a He to-day, however, gave, an emphatic more vigorous policy is speedily adopted, denial to the report that he had revoked the order convening the legislature at London, Ky., and ordering the legislature to sit at Frankfort to-morrow. He made a written statement to this effect afterwards.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES. (Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 5.-The heaviest snow ed until 5 o'clock last night. During that time about two feet of snow fell. Toronto, Feb. 5.-The city is buried winter.

From every newspaper in the land has Wilfrid Laurier's salary, which they as-Liberal c'ub is going to take the matter up at its meeting to-morrow evening, A number of union moulders, employ-

introduction of machinery. Wyndham, the parliamentary under see Goderick, Feb. 5. Twenty ave thoustory of the Goderich Organ Co. by fire ion, that the railway now in operation

Stratford, Feb. 5.-The Board of terminus was ostensibly constructed by Trade here has passed a resolution fav- the B. C. Southern Railway Company, and oring the appointment of a railway com- that from point to point the railway exists mission and sympathizing with Brandon, and is in operation upon the route provid-Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's amendment Man., because of alleged discrimination

DARING "HOLD UP."

Five Men Enter's Grocery Store, Cover Clerks With Revolvers and Steal \$300

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The branch of an early nour this morning, and the safe cracked. It is understood a good sum of money was taken, but the firm is not

prepared to say what amount. Five men were arrested, this morning, on suspicion of having been implicated Governor in Council, but this has been issue of the Daily Chronicle. It was written by a British officer who knows nearly all the armies of Europe from store on Saturday, when \$300 was taken persona' observation, and has seen much from the store in the presence of the service. He plainly declared that the proprietor and clerks, all of whom were class of society from which British offi- covered with revolvers while the culprits

COUTERFEITERS IN JAIL.

(Associated Press.)

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 5 .- Four of the counterfeiters are now in jail here. named, Hans Kuntz, and Mrs. Decker, from Hamilton. Kuntz occupies Birchall's old cell. The preliminary trial iens to-morrow. Crown Attorney Balla, who accompanied

Anthony Decker from Baltimore, Md., says the counterfeiter admitted his guilt idiots." The only remedy, according to to the detectives. The Crown attorney kelieves all of the accused will plead

FOR THE BABIES.

There is no better medicine for the ed two drawing rooms to be held before babies than Chamberlain's Cough Rem-Easter, and others in May. Her Ma- edy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the an Italian miner, was instantly killed on croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquaties the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms ian, narrowly escaped with his life, being of coughing, thus depriving that disease

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> In Order to Secure Ports in In dian Ocean and Mediterranean

> > (Associated Press.)

ent complications in Africa to secure Russian ports on the Indian ocean and Mediterranean is being pushed with

The newspapers openly advocate profiting by Great Britain's difficulties to realize the schemes upon which de Meved here to-day that the London ses- pends the ultimate prosperity of Russia. sion would be abandened and the Republand which Great Britain has always

> More of the Opinion of Eminent Counsel Regarding the Position of the Province.

on Thursday:

But though the merely becoming a Dominion work might not of itself affect the company's right to the bonus, the Dominion parliament, we think, might so deal with the road before the bonus had been Consequently it is not astonishing that Press representative Governor Taylor If, for example, they should dispense with of the legislature in obtaining its construction would be defeated, or otherwise after construction of the road. render the road authorized and built under their control not in substance that for which the bonus was given, the bonus under such circumstances could probably not be enforced. What then has been done here on which the province could re'y as sustaining such a defence?

storm of the season set in here about 10 the provincial legislature had before them It may be noted, in the first place, that clock on Saturday night and continu- throughout a railway scheme which connected the Crow's Nest Pass with the west and east, by the construction of the line so as to connect with a contemplated under the heaviest snow storm of the and subsidized Canadian Pacific railway terminate at Burrard Inlet, and it was in wifrid Laurier's salary, which they as aid of such rallway scheme that a land sert is entirely inadequate. The Young grant was attached and reserves made of the public lands along the intended route. As to this, however, it must be observed. that the grant to the Farwell branch the C. P. R. was not kept alive, and that long before the Dominion legislation under consideration was passed, the time limit

was done to the fact. We assume, for the purpose of this opin from Lethbridge to the present western ed for by the British Columbia legislature. though we are not advised as to the filing of the plans provided for by sec. 9 of the act, 53 Vict., c. 40 (B. C.).

Under these circumstances it is open to the B. C. Southern Railway Co. to argue with much force that the only condition (R. C.), has been fully complied with, and ment entered into the matter we think, as injuries mentioned. we have already said, that the position of the railway company would probably be entitled to prevail,

But there are other circumstances to be considered. The road has not only been assumed by the Dominion, thus annulling the provision in the provincial charter that the line should be operated continuously to the satisfaction of the Lieutenantsuch charter; and more especially as part street. a general arrangement by which, among other things, the terminus has been altered by the line being extended into another territory. The work, which therefore was provincial scheme, has now become part of a great Dominion undertaking, and the construction of the road from Lethbridge special agreement, which we assume to have been entered into in accordance with the statute between the government of Canada and the C. P. R. Co., to which the road is to be leased, the consideration for such agreement being a subs'dy pof \$11,000 per mile to be paid by the Dominwife of Paul Decker, who was brought on government, not to the B. C. Southern Co., but to the C. P. R. Co.

Under this agreement the route of the sarlly in accordance with section 9 of the charter, a reduction of certain freight to Mrs. Herring by her late class. rates by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. is stipulated for, and the railway commitfee of the Privy Council are empowered to grant running powers over the line on such terms as they may fix.

Further, it is provided that if the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., or any other company with whom it may have an arrangement on the subject, shall, by constructing the line or any part of it, become entitled to and get any land as a Subsidy from the government of British Columbia, such lands, except coal-bearing & Titsworth's store. mothers and small cultures, preventing lands, shall be disposed of by the company exceeding those prescribed by the Gov- sion, was brought before Magistrate thereto, including all minerals and timber obtain any coal-bearing lands, 50,000 acres in the interest of the Dominion, to be selected by the Dominion government as they may determine, and held or disposed of by them on such terms as they may of coughing, thus depriving that disease prescribe, in order to secure a suitable of all dangerous consequences. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, not exceeding \$2 per ton, free on board at

All these are very important provisions, which the British Columbia legislature might or might not have assented to. In At a meeting of the school trustees held on Saturday night it was decided to hire an assistant teacher for the High tin. 25c. Davis & Lawrence Co., School at a salary of \$75 per month.

THE D. & L. MENTHOL PLASTER 's the most largely sold in Canada. For back which the British Columbia legislature with the complexion which the British Columbia legislature with the scheme.

Derangement of the liver, with constipation induces a widow and son.

When I feel tired and worn which the British Columbia legislature was accident occurred last week the canada in might or might to have assented to. In our view they afford strong ground for contending that the scheme, as thus refer to the liver, with constipation in the primary department.

A serious accident occurred last week to Thos. Ellis, jr., son of the well-known dose. Try them.

onstituted, is not in substance identical with that which was before the British Columbia legislature when they passed the various acts under which the land grant is claimed, but that the whole situation is so changed by the intervention of the scheme of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Dominion, which may be said incident: 1 to absorb the British Columbia Southern Co. and its proposed railway, that the British Columbia legislation no longer compels, if indeed it permits, the Lieutenant-Governor in council to complete the

land grant. It would seem evident also from the erms of their legislation that the Dominon parliament regarded the right to the bonus as an open question, and did not intend by their enactments to prejudice it. There may be other coal-bearing lands ungranted, and it may well be argued that the interest given to the Dominion in the public lands of British Columbia, with the purpose assigned for it, point to a control by the Dominion over property and civil rights in the province with which they have otherwise no concern, not required for the purpose of carrying out any specific legislative power assigned to the Dominion, or within the purview of ordinary railway legislation. It is true that the orders in council of

1897 were made after the passing of the Dominion statutes in question, but the executive government of the province, we apprehend, as regards the grant of such a bonus to a railway, could act only under the authority of the legislature. Sections 11st and 89 of the British Columbia Crown Lands, R. S. B. C., 1897, e. 113, would seem to show clearly an Intention to confine such power to the legislature. It may, doubt, be urged in favor of the grant that all or nearly all that has been dong ould have been otherwise effected beyond nestion by Dominion legislation after the onus had been granted. But though the present legislation might have been passed by the Dominion parliament after the land The following very important portion of had been granted to the company, notthe opinion obtained from Messrs. R. blu-son, Q. C., Osler, Q. C., and Lefroy, was have been offered by the province, and omitted from the papers on the B. C. though this might have offered no ground Southern land grant published in the Times for recovering it back, yet in such case the \$11,000 bonus obtained from the Dominion might not have been granted or required or the agreement made for which it is a consideration, and the grant would have been to the scheme for which the provincial legislature authorized it.

A change made by the Dominion legislation before construction is made at the fers very much from such a change made

In the latter case the provincial repre sentatives in the Dominion Commons and Senate would be heard, we assume, on behalf of the province as against any change to the subsidy given.

If the C. P. R., with a subsidy of \$11.-600 per mile and a right to issue bonds for \$30,000 per mile, and with the statutory agreement made with the Dominion government, had applied to the British Columbia legislature for a grant of 20,000 acres per mile of railway, it might or might not have been given, but the conbranch from Farwell, or with the west by siderations upon which the members of the construction of a line eventually to the House would have based their conclusiderations upon which the members of sions would have been very different.

Their gentle action and good effect on the system really make them a perfect lit-tle pill. They please those who use them. Carter's Little Liver Pills may well be termed "Perfection."

branch had expired. We assume for the nurrose of this only. · AND PROPERTY OF PARTY OF PAR

REVELSTOKE. is again able to be around.

ROSSLAND. Sisters' Hospital at 2 o'clock on Tuesday imposed by the acts 59 Vic., c. 4, s. 2 injuries and his recovery is a matter of days ago.

SLOCAN CITY.

Dr. Bentley has returned to town and has opened a hospital on Main street. St. Paul's church, the new Church of England building just completed, was opened Sanday morning and afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. C. F. Yates, of New Denver. The church is very conveniently located on Arthur

NEW WESTMINSTER. day evening last. At Whatcom and Al- captain of the schooner Hera, which now dergrove it was exceptionally heavy, even shaking things off shelves and and formerly mate of the ship Marion to Nelson has been made the subject of a tables, and one man declares that he was thrown down by the force of the shock, sailed originally from Baltimore for Pu-In another instance some guests at a get Sound. He left Seattle January small card party declared that the world 8th, 1900. Warren was married in Sawas coming to an end. A very pleasant surprise party was

dence of Mrs. A. M. Herring, Sixth the Atlantic Coast. street, by the pupils of her late class of the Holy Trinity Sunday school and dish and a short address were presented NELSON.

through the efforts of the provincial police. He is John Waddell, a miner, who came into the province from the

direction of Northport. James McGregor is in custody upon the charge of robbing the safe at Hyde

Tom Ward, the man arrested with a according to regulations and at prices not quantity of stolen goods in his possesthereon. And should the company thus the provincial jail. Ward strenuously

by a friend.

The resignation of Miss E. Harding as teacher in the public school takes effect this week, and Miss Smith will in future have her room in charge. Miss

rancher at Penticton. He was riding a AN bucking horse, and so violent were the movements of the animal in its affempt to disiedge him that either concussion of the brain or some injury to the spinal column column to urred. The was suddenly seem to the sw his hands up to his head, lies in a very critical condition.

VANCOUVER.

-News-Advertiser. Mr. S. Madison, foreman of the waterworks department, on Thursday sent a gang of men up the Capillano to make some changes in the channel, where the old er bbing of the dam is located. The extremely high water of the last season forced a new channel near the dam, and the force of the current was likely to undermine the cribbing, and thus take away the support of the water main which might be injured thereby.

Miss Nicola has resigned from the position of organist of St. Paul's church. and that place will hereafter be occupied by Mr. Kabery Wolfenden, of New Westminster, who is well-known as a very capable musician.

Another delegation of nearly 100 There's a girl to be wood if your hand children were vaccinated at Health Inspector Marrion's office on Thursday afternoon by Medical Health Officer Maclean. The services of a police officer; had to be called into requisition to look after the crowd of children, who came for the administration of the dose that is fatal to smallpox.

The customs returns for January are as follows: Imports, duitable, \$284,984; imports, free, \$47,965; total, \$322,949; exports, \$129,794; duty collected, \$62,-320.82; other revenue, \$5,251.80; total, \$67,572.62. The duties collected for January, 1900, are more than 50 per cent, higher than for the corresponding month of last year.

Mr. J. B. Lovell, of Victoria, is in the city making all arrangements for the brick block which is to be erected on his property on Carrall street. It is Mr. Lovell's intention to commence work on the building on April 1st.

At Friday's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a long communication from J. Wilks, official organizer of the Western Federation of Miners in B. C., in regard to the eight-hour law, and in in the scheme unfair to it, having regard reference to the debate, at present taking place in the provincial parliament on this law, was exhaustive y uiscussed, and it was finally resolved that "We, the Trades and Lubor Council of Vancouver, in meeting assembled, do unanimousty urge the prov.n.ial government to abstain from interfering with the eight-hour law in any way, but to give it a fair trial of a number of years, so as to be able to judge of its worth. We feel the agitation at present existing is being fomented by men who have no regard for humanity, whose only object is to amass a fortune at the expense of the workmen. Therefore we urge the government to stand by this law, and in no way interfere with its working, and this council will hold those members of parliament to account who vote in favor of repealing or modifying it in any way, and that this resolution be forwarded to the provincial government."

A labor paper is to be started here. The Trades and Labor Council at the last meeting passed a resolution favor-Dr. Cross has been laid up for a few ing the establishment of the paper, and days with an attack of la grippe, but a committee was appointed to visit the various unions to solicit subscriptions and support.

Mr. John Nicolls died at the city hos-Thomas Gossett was brought to the pital on Thursday evening. He was a weathy rancher of Lulu Island, and NICOLLS—At Vancouver City Hosp was brought in to this city a couple of Feb. 1st, John Nicolls, of Lulu morning suffering from severe internal was brought in to this city a couple of

considerable doubt. He went to work Mr. Neil McKay, an employee of the that the land grant for the eastern see in the Le Roi and fell down the shaft civic waterworks department for several tion has been earned; and if no other ele- a considerable distance, sustaining the years past, died at his home, 1236 Howe street, on Friday.

At the finance committee meeting it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Baxter, to recommend the council to donate \$500 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Chief of Police Stewart has received a Find New Hope and Fresh Energy in letter from Chief McLaughlin of Portland asking him to keep a lookout for Captain James Warren, wanted for the alleged murder and robbery of William Kirk, mate of the American ship Clarence S. Bennet, Portland, on the 25th A slight shock of earthquake was felt January. The following particulars are n various parts of the district on Tues- given: James Langhorne Warren was lies a wreck in Clayoquot harbor, V. 1. Chilcott, well known in this port. He vannah, Ga., and his mother is living in Washington, D. C. He is well known. given on Wednesday evening at the resi- among the shipping men, especially on

A very handsome railway is to be provided for, not necestheir friends. A handsome silver cake D. Taprel, manager of the Hotel Van sarily in accordance with the resulting th made on Wednesday afternoon to Mr. C. couver, by the commercial travellers who come to this city. In the deega-tion were Messrs, G. M. Leishman, A. The mystery of the identity of the man named gentleman read a brief address. killed on the Hall Mines tramway on to Mr. Taprell. The presentation at the 9th instant has been solved at last companying the address was a very, handsome library. There were in all

head, in the warehouse of Messrs. Mac- physical forces.

kenzie Bros., on False creek. ernor in council, having regard to the then Crease on Tuesday for sentence. His morning, of Mr. William Fraser, aged 38 existing provincial regulations applicable worship imposed a sentence of six years. Just a week ago on Saturday Mr. months' imprisonment at hard labor in Fraser was struck by a bar of iron on the new Granville street bridge swing, thereof are to be conveyed to the crown in the interest of the Deminion that the goods were given to him broken. He was taken to the city hospital. Dr. D. H. Wilson was called, and the man was attended to. For some time he did nicely, and his recovery was expected. Death occurred on Saturday morning, after he had been slowly sinking for several days. It is the intention to hold an inquest Mr. Fraser was born in Dalhouste. N. B., and leaves a widow and son.

EDITOR'S LIFE SAVED BY OHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

During the early part of October. 1896, I contracted a bad cold which sertled on my lungs and was neglected unand with an explanation pain he fe'll til I feared that consumption had apfrom the horse, un onscious. He now peared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doc-Word has been received by the local tor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberpost office authorities that an increase lain's Cough Remedy and the result was of \$5 per month had been made in the immediate improvement, and after I had salaries of clerks of the post office in used three bottles my lungs were restor-Vancouver, who were receiving \$800 per ed to their healthy state. B. S. Edwards, year or less, The clorks of the Victoria Publisher of The Review, Wyant, IL post office are also making an effort to For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale have increases made in their salary lists. agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

OUR WESTERN GIRL.

Clive Phillips-Wolley.

Where the sage brush rolls in an infinite As far as the eye can see;

Where the strong air works like wine in the blood As you ride through flowers to the knee;

Where the width of a world unfenced, unwon, Waits always the men who dare-

and the galloping hoofs of your unshed dun Ring the knell of that old knave care,

be strong, To be won if your heart be true; A girl with a laugh like a layerock's song And eyes of the Viking blue.

When the hounds run mute and the best men "ride," And the wolf life hangs on his speed, There's never a man in the country-side

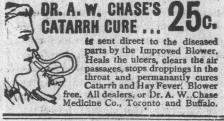
Can "live" with that girl to the lead. Her brown hair kissed by the morning

Blows wild in the prairie breeze-Her eyes are French in their wayward But deep as the English seas.

Her dear little hands are brown as a nut, No baby things merely for show, But light on the bridle and firm on the butt. And tender-as sufferers know.

A girl she is when the skies are bright,

A woman when life goes wrong; Sweetness in sunshine; in darkness light, Sauey and straight and strong.



BIRTHS. WALTERS—At Lillooet, B. C., on Thursday, February 1st, 1900, the wife of Thos. H. Walters, of a son.

SINCLAIR-On the 4th inst., the wife of R. G. Sinchair, of a son. REID-At Robert street, Victoria West, on 1st February, 1990, the wife of John Dunlop Reid, Gleurdsa, Metchos-in, B. C., Canada, of a son.

MARRIED.

WALLEY-ELLIOTT—At Nelson, on Jan.
31st. by Rev. J. Robson, Frank H.
Walley and Miss Dorothy J. Edliott,
daughter of J. Elliott, of Ingersoll. DAVIES-YOUNG-At the rectory, New Denver, on Jan. 26th, by the Rev. C. F. Yates, George Davies to Miss Dina. Young, both of New Denver. MARVIN-ADAMS—On Feature Christ Church Cathedre V Canon Beanlands, Mr.

Mrs. M. T. Adams. DIED. M'KAY-At 1236 Howe street, V on Feb. 2nd, New McKay, aged FRASER—At the City Hospital, Ver, on Saturday, Pebroary 3rd liam G. Fraser, aged 25 years, a of New Brunsweek.

DESPONDENT MEN

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Middle aged men and men advanced The death took place, early on Saturday years are specially benefited by this

> Mr. H. Hancock, of Hancock & Sadler, of the popular Iroquois Hotel, Galt. Ont., made the following statement: "I heartily recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills to anyone needing a tonic for the nerves or requiring a medicine to bulkl up the system when it becomes weakened and run down by too close application to bustness. I found the pills were just the medicine for my trouble. In fact, after taking three boxes I felt so much better that now

I would not be without them. When I feel tired and worn out I take these valuable pills and find they recoup my nervous and physical strength. They seem to furnish just the elements required

of nervous debil-the use of Carter's are troubled with ht sweats, etc.,

positions in South Africa, and is new Will it be in the interests of the people in Capetown in consultation with Gen. as a whole? Proprietors of coal mines Roberts. The Sirdar is noted for the de- or companies owning coal mines cannot Eberation of his movements, and it may be considered from the same point of he some time before his purposes become view as those engaged in ordinary comapparent, but it will not be surprising if some grand scheme to strike a blow that | ed valuable franchises from the province, will break the back of the Boer cam- and surely it will not be denied that the raign should unfold itself. That the people through their representatives in Boers are now anxious and uncertain the legislature have the right to impose of what is in store for them is appar- certain conditions and restrictions upon ent from the dispatches this morning. The great losses they are reported to have sustained in the fighting with Gen. apparent uncertainty of Joubert as ereases the chances of the success of

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

We think a mistake was made by the doubt it is desirable that no time should be lost in the dispatch of public business. But when great interests are involved, as great interests are involved in this instance, it is desirable that the matter should be discussed from every possible point of view. We do not know what position Mr. Prentice occupies on the Moor of the House, but after the proceedings last night he can hardly be described as a thick and thin supporter of

the government. This morning the Colonist appeals to the member for East Lillooet to ring Mines," in last night's Times, it was Hamilton and others, residents of Whitedown the curtain on the present govern- stated that owing to the early age at water, B. C., in favor of "Eight-hour ment and make clear the path for a which boys started to work in mines in law." stable, and we may presume, "business," administration. But suppose Mr. Pren- an opportunity to attend school. Our Feeler and others, of Ross and mining tice transfers his allegiance to the op- attention has been called to the present district, in favor of "Eight-hour law." position, what will happen? We are told law of Great Britain, which in effect! By Mr. McPhillips, from the B. C. it would not be necessary to appeal to is that no boy or girl who has not pass- Mills Trading and Timber Co., and to the country, and if that be a fact, up- ed the fourth standard and can produce others, opposing certain clauses in bill an chom can the Licut.-Governor call a certificate to that effect shall be em- to consolidate the Vancouver City acts. where would be likely to form an administ ployed in any factory or mine in Great trate which would command a major- Britain, and no boy under 12 years of it; the present House? Clearly not age shall be employed in a mine. M. Firner, the present leader of the eppetation, for not only have we been told that he is impossible as the head of any future government in British Conambia, as a generation has arisen that Knows him not, but during the life of the present legislature he has already Been dismissed from office by His Honor. and his recall would be an anomaly and without precedent, we believe, in the history of parliamentary government. With Mr. Turner out of the question, who among his followers is capable of forming a government strong enough to attract supporters from the other side of the House? Mr. Eberts is vehement in denounclation, but he can scarcely be de strong debater, and it is like y that his attitude on the memdable occasion on which he told His Honor the Lieut-Governor that it was possible to raid the privincial strong box without his signature has been forgotten ether by His Honor or the country. We think we have exhausted the list of possible Premiers, but let us suppose there is a dark horse somewhere in the background capable of forming a government and directing the affairs of the province and Mr. Prentice did join is understood, embody a clause in the the doppers, what would the position of the parties then be? All the members of the government party appear to be firm in their allegiance to Mr. Semlin, but let us admit that one of them might be induced to take the chair of the speaker. Mr. Higgins seems at last to have landand firmly on his feet, but what about Mr. Martin? In speaking in the House resterday afternoon the third member for Vancouver spoke in terms of the most withering scorn of the late Turner administration, and it is clear any gov- tried by court-martial on the charge of ernment which might be formed would have his uncompromising opposition. So we find a change of the character adsocated by our own ingenious contemgorary would land us exactly in the

Look at the matter from any stand. soint, and the conclusion is inevitable that if the present government be de- gradually claiming you for its own? feated, there is only one way to secure a stable one, and that is through the agency of a general election.

position we now occupy, with the ex-

ception that the new government would

be at the tender mercies of Mr. Martin,

as Mr. Prentice is said to hold the life

of the present one in his hands.

NO CHINESE IN MINES.

---We assure our morning contemporary that the object of the bill now before the legislature is not to prohibit Chinese from working in the mines of Mr. Dunsmuir, but to exclude them from all the coal mines of the province. The government does not attempt to deny that that is the real purpose of the bill, and we are satisfied that the great mamake this the law and enforce it. ' No wonder the opposition look depressed ever this matter, for they are perfectly let by any preparation allows to science.

In deciding that the bill in question Co., Toronto: Book free.

shall become law we do not believe that private individuals have been consider-Kitchener has made a tour of all the ed at all; the sale consideration was: mercial occupations. They have securthese industries. Some of the coal mines in British Columbia have proved finan-

cial successes without the aid of Chinese tially correct, for any but a practically miners; is there any reason why all the beaten army would have taken some ad mines should not pay without the aid vantage of the British retreat. On Mongolian labor? We know that in the whole the clouds are lifting, and the the numerous undertakings in which the firm of R. Dunsmuir & Sons are engaged to where the next blow is to fall in- they employ many people, as stated in the Colonist, and we have never heard Buller's present advance to the relief any complaint as to the salaries paid; but these things have nothing whatever to do with the question of the employment of Chinese in coal mines. The mines in which Mongolians are employed are not as safe for the miners as government in refusing to adjourn the those from which Chinamen are excluddebate on the Coal Mines Regulation ed; the people of this province believe Bill when first requested to do so last that Chinamen should not be employed might, for the opposition should be al- in the coal or metalliferous mines, and lowed to advance all the arguments they will insist on their will being carried have at command in support of the po- out, and in opposing the measure now sition they have taken in defence of the before the House the opposition are proemployment of Chinese in mines. No viding the government with some very effective campaign material. The point of paramont importance to the people of British Columbia is, what would the effect be on the province if in self-defence, and in order to compete with the Mongolian-mined coal, all the mines put Chinese in their workings? That is something to think over, and we believe

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT.

such a calamity.

the government are justified in resorting

to any measures within the law to avert

In the article on "Workers in Coal

ONE ON MR. EBERTS. Nelson Tribune.

Two years ago the electors withdrew the privilege which enabled D. M. Eberts section 3, bill 1, 1900, to amend the Coal to be rude to every member of the legis. Mines Regulation Act, prohibiting the lature whom he did not like, as H. D. employment underground of any person Helmcken will probably attest. Speaker who is unable to read the special rules as Forster will no doubt become more parlia- printed in English, and to understand mentary as he becomes accustomed to his the same to the satisfaction of the injob, but until he does it would become spector." men like Eberts to hold their peace

> A NICE AGGREGATION. Fort Steele Prospector.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows, presence in the same hard bed of opposi- B. Davey, J. B. Donald, and Alexander tion of the renowned quartette, Turner, of Miller, praying for the incorporation by companies fame; our own Baker, late of private act of a telephone and telegraph St. Joseph's prairie; Joe Martin, of Mani- | company, with power to operate in the toba and the Rossland banquet; and the province of British Columbia generally much wearled Higgins, our champion political acrobat.

TORONTO ITEMS.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Feb. 3.-At a meeting of the Canadian Packers' Association last night it was decided not to again sell out the season's output to a syndicate, but to stand together. Ontario Rugby Union has determined

constitution against it. Local customs returns for January show an increase of \$250,000, compared with the same month of last year. According to the figures of the new di-

to stamp out professionadism and will, it

rectory, just out, Toronto has now a population of 250,000. RIOT AT RIO JANEIRO.

(Associated Press.) Rio Janeiro, Feb. 3.-In consequence of serious disturbances yesterday and today, four naval officers and a number of marines have been arrested and will be

The End is Paralysis.

If the Wasted Nerves are not Restored and Revitalized by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

"A living mind in a dead body" is the way paralysis is sometimes described. What can be more horrible than to lose all control of the body and feel death : Sleeplessness, nervousness, headaché loss of energy and vitality, gloomy forebodings, easy fatigue and weakness of the body are symptoms of the nerve exhaustion which will finally end in paraly-

sis, nervous prostration or insanity. Whether overwork, worry or irregular habits were the cause, restoration can be most effectually brought about by a few months' treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great restorative in pill

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food instils vital energy into the body, stops the wasting vinces of Ontario and Quebec? process and gradually but surely builds up the system, creates new nerve force 2. A resolution will be introduced touchjority of the people of the province are and permanently cures all nervous disor- ing the question referred to. behind them in their determination to ders and weaknesses of men, women and children.

led by any preparation known to science. *ware of their fate if they go to the ness to the form and elasticity to every for rents, royalties, tolls and charges in sittings. at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & der the "Water Clauses Consolidation with this. Representations had been in the provinces of Canada,

Provincial Legislature

Mr. McPhillips Speaks a Couple of Hours or so on Coal Mines Regulation.

those who conduct the operations of Mr. Joseph Martin's Views Thereanent -Mnch Routine Business Disposed Of.

> Captain Irving's Patriotic Resolution--Mr. Kellie's Long-Haired Bill.

Liquor License Bill Produces Interesting Discussion-Supreme Court Act Amendments.

Victoria, Feb. 1st, 1900. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers were offered by Rev. Dr. Wilsmall, but as the afternoon wore on the throng increased to quite respectable

Petitions.

The following petitions were read and ordered to be printed:

By Mr. J. M. Martin, from John Riordan and others, miners and residents of required by Placer Mining and Mineral Phoenix, B. C., in favor of "Eight-hour Acts?

By Mr. J. M. Martin, from M. G. Denny and others, citizens and business men of Phoenix, B. C., in favor of "Eight-hour law."

By Mr. J. M. Martin, from W. H.

the Old Country they had not much of By Mr. J. M. Martin, from Samuel Petitions from the employees of the Wellington Extension and Wellington coal mines were presented by Mr. Brydon, but ruled out of order by the chair as containing no prayer to the House. The petitions in question read: "The petition of the Wellington (or Wellington Extension) coal mine employees against

> By Mr. Prentice: The petition of William Farrell, of the City of Vancouver, banker, humbly showeth:

is 1. That a petition has been presented a true proverb and well illustrated by the to your honorable House in behalf of W. 2. That I am a shareholder in the New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Co., operating in New Westminster and Vancouver, and in the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co., operating in the Mainland of British Columbia, and my interests as such shareholder will be prejudicially affected by the passing of such

> 3. That the said petitioners have not complied with the rules with regard to the committee would attain by notice of applications for private bills what such a procedure would do. for the erection of telegraph and telephone lines, nor have they complied with the rule requiring a deposit of a printed copy of the bill with the clerk of the House eight days before the opening of the session, together with a copy of the petition and notices, and the payment to the clerk of the House of the sum of

three hundred dollars (\$300). Wherefore your petitioner prays that leave shall not be granted to the said petitioners to present their said bill to your honorable House, and that your petitioner may have leave to appear by counsel to oppose the same.

Dated the 1st day of February, 1900. W. FARREL, (Signed) Lyman N. Duff, parliamentary agent of W. Farrell.

Motions.

Mr. McPhillips asked leave to introduce a bill intituled the "Queen's Counsel Act Amendment Act, 1900." Bill read a first time; second reading

next sitting of the House. Mr. Green asked leave to introduce a hill intituled "An Act to make special provision with regard to the qualifications of the members of the Council or the City of Sandon." Bill read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Questions.

Mr. Higgins asked the Hon, the Attorney-General the following questions: 1. If he is aware that the salaries naid each member of the British Columbia judiciary is one thousand dollars per annum less than the salaries paid the Ontario and Quebec judiciary?

2. If he is so aware, whether it is his intention to call the attention of the Dominion government to the anomaly, and request that the salaries of B. C. judges be raised to a level with that of the pro Hon. Mr. Henderson replied: 1. Yes.

Mr. McPhillips asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and the Hon, the

solidation Act Amendment Act, 1899," (would be as well to let the section been fixed?

2. What rates (if any) have been collected from individuals or corporations during the calendar year 1899 for the users of waters of the crown on waters of the crown that they may have records of, and the names of such individuals and corporations?

Hon, Mr. Cotton replied: 1. It is the

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, not the Minister of Finance, who ertson in the chair. Reported progress. answers the question. The answer is: 1. Yes; a schedule of rates was fixed by Debts bill followed the same course. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on the 18th August, 1897, and was published in the B. C. Gazette. 2. The rates prescribed by the schedule, except in the case of companies who have recorded large quantities of water with a view to the development of a high horse power, in which case the rates provided by the schedule would be excessive. In such cases the payment of fees has been held in abeyance, pending a revision of the schedule, which is under consideration by the government. The mes of those who have recorded water during 1899, so fas as returns have been received from the various offices throughout the province are as follows (here follow the names of 152 persons, firms and (companies). incorporate

Mr. A. W. Smith asked the Hon, the Minister of Mines the following ques-

Why was it necessary for the Minister of Mines to issue the notice, as published in the Gazette, 20th April, 1899, that The attendance of the public at the powers conferred upon mining rethe opening of the proceedings was corders by section 6, "Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899," and by section 8 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1899" should not be exercised by them dimensions, the ladies aga'u turning out until so directed by the Minister of Mines?

> Was the notice issued by authority of section 150 of the "Placer Mining Act." and section 13 of the "Mineral Act?" If yes, has the order or regulation been laid before the legislative assembly, as

> Hon. Mr. Hume replied: This department considered these sections quite clear as to their intent and meaning, as only legalizing the acts of a mining recorder should he be called upon-by the exigencies of the service or by this department-to act in the place or stead of a gold commissioner who might be unable to so act owing to sickness, absence or other cause, viz: that the powers of a gold commissioner "May be performed by a mining recorder," and that the section was in no sense mandatory. As an example of its application, I might say that the mining recorder at New Denver has been instructed to act as gold commissioner within the Slocan mining division, pending the appointment of a gold commissoner for that district, and his acts as such have force under this section. The notice in the Gazette of the 20th April, 1899, was issued by me to the mining recorders as officers of this partment, to assure a uniform practice in the service, and inasmuch as any other interpretation would have caused great confusion and been inexpedient. These instructions were not issued under section 150 of the Placer Mining Act, nor of sec tion 13 of the Mineral Act.

> > Question of Privilege.

saying, in reference to the Small Debts terfuge to exclude Chinese from the Act, that he had seen an instance of the mines and quoted copiously from a fee system in Vernon. He begged to judgment of Lord Watson to show that aliens of any kind from working under say he had never been in Vernon in his this was improper legislation. He held ground, that court may decide that any life, that he had never seen any instance | the Dominion government had exclusive of the kind mentioned, and that he never right in such matters, and blamed the attempt to do indirectly what could made such a remark.

wonderful acoustic properties.

The Asylum Inquiry. Mr. Higgins said it would be necessary for the members of the committee appointed to enquire into the condition of New Westminster asylum, to visit the establishment to inspect it themselves. He mover the suspension of the rules and the adoption of the report.

The Premier asked if Mr. Higgins could give the House some idea of what

Mr. Higgins could not enter into detail: it would be most indecent to do so as it The report was adopted.

A Small Gale

Mr. Higgins rose to a question of privthe business of this House was conducthis preconceived ideas of what that con-In reply to a question from the governing the following amendment to the ment Mr. Higgins continued angrily: bill: "You want me to tell you what has "To strike out all the words after 'that' been done with that correspondence? and to insert in lieu thereof: not printed.

Mr. Kidd thought Mr. Higgins's charge quite out of place. Public Bills

The House went into committee of the whole to consider the message of His of the inspector. Honor the Lieut.-Governor's transmit-Liquor License Act, 1899. The commit-The reports on the Jurors Act Amend.

included, were adopted and the bills advanced for third reading next sitting. Supreme Court Bill. The House went into committee on the Supreme Court bill, Mr. Ralph Smith in

ment bill and the Game bill, the latter

with the Attorney-General's amendments

Mr. Joseph Martin said as that was really the whole bill the whole bill better stand. This was agreed to and the committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Companies Bill. The House went into committee of the whole on the Companies bill, Mr. Rob-The adjourned committee in the Small

Coal Mines Regulation Bill. Col. Baker was not ready to proceed with the adjourned debate which he had moved the previous day, owing to absence of certain information he was expecting. He moved the adjournment of

the debate. Negatived.

Mr. McPhillips would have expected the President of the Council in bringing in such a bill would have instanced other countries where legislation of this character was enforced. It would be impossible for him to cite precedents, for this bill requires that no one be employed underground who is not able to read and understand the rules. In this western province, with all the experience of other they may be able to read French, cancountries extending over a long period of time, it is strange that it should remain for this province to introduce legislation of such a drastic character, without precedent whatever. The failure or the part of the President of the Council to demonstrate also that the conditions of this country are so dissimilar to those of all other countries as to warrant special legislation here was a tribute to the ineffectiveness of his reasoning. We were again to be treated to the shameful illustration of a responsible government under the British crown endeavoring by indirect methods to break down the highest tribunals. Such proceedings could not be characterized properly except in the strongest language. This government was arrogating to itself a position no reasonable men should affect; they were usurping the functions of the government at Ottawa, It was not within the power of this legislature to do that which that government refuses to do; it was a trespass upon an authority they had no right to enter upon at all. It was for the Dominion government to deeree what rights and privileges foreign- Mines Regulation Act' applies and all ers or aliens may enjoy in any part of this country. But he denied the right relation thereto should not be contained claimed by this government about the peo- in any bill." ple who come here as to what they shall learn. Not every one who opposed this bor; he was opposed to Oriental labor in not going to make himself a party to

Mr. Ralph Smith-What in? ed them as an attempt being made in- in every way possible, taking chances Mr. A. W. Smith rose to a question directly to ride down their decision. The as to the constitutionality of their policy of privilege. The Victoria Daily Times speaker then went on at great length to It would be absurd to rehad reported him on January 31st as argue that this bill was palpably a sub- been declared to be uncontitutional; it President of the Council for not reading The Legislative Assembly has some and studying the B.N.A. Act. He had always found that the very men who talked most about the rights of the perple are the very ones who place shackles

much amused to see with what little in-

decision so emphatically-

on the people. Mr. McPhillips, to illustrate his point, declared there were thousands of people in Scotland who could not read English. This brought a swift protest from some members opposite, but Mr. McPhillips stuck to his point and promised to back it up with statistics. He said thousands in Scotland could read nothing but Such a power might be abused greatly. Gaelic. The same could be said of He asked the House to remember they Wales and Ireland, yet these people were passing what must be looked upon were, many of them, first-class workers, as permanent legislation, and to give Mr. McPhillips then used "Tommy At- full consideration to what they were dowas a most delicate question to touch kins" as an example of the men who ing. Every member of the House could upon, as it would wound the feelings of cannot read English and yet are first- be excluded under that section as it the friends of the unfortunate persons, rate workmen. This was also protested stood, and the position of the inspector against by several members, but Mr. would be such they could get no benefit McPhillips said he was prepared to from any court to which they might approve his contention from statistics in peal. It is a well known rule of law this also. He next mentioned the that once a legislature delegates discreilege. He would continue to rise until French-Canadan, contradicting Dr. Me- tionary powers to an official no court can Kechnie's statement that there were no ed in a manner more in accordance with French-Canadian miners in British Columbia. There were many of them in kind would not, he thought, receive the duct should be. He had asked many the Crow's Nest coal mines. He declar- support of the people of this province. days ago for a return of all corresponded this legislation was on a par with a ence dealing with the eight-hour law, great deal of the legislation which had out the principle of this bill, with which and he now finds only a mutilated ab- emanated from the same source. He then stract. The House had a right to have moved the adjournment of the debate. that correspondence in its entirety. He This was negatived. Mr. McPhillips then moved the rules be suspended and the continued at great length his discussion correspondence brought down forthwith, of the measure. He concluded by mov-

Well, it's been held back." It was a "Whereas it is provided in bill No. 14 disgrace this legislature should be so being 'An Act to Amend the Coal Mines reated. He was surprised the honor- Regulation Act' in section 3 thereof, 'No able gentleman did not attempt explan- owner, agent or manager of a mine shall ation as to why this correspondence was employ underground or allow to be underground for the purpose of employment in any mine to which the 'Coal Mines Regulation Act' applies, any person who is unable to read the special rules for said mine as printed in English, and to understand the same to the satisfaction

"And whereas in so providing there is ting bill intituled An Act to amend the an attempt made to establish a statutory probabition which affects aliens or na tee reported the bill complete, report ad- turnlized subjects, and therefore trenches opted and bill read a first time; reading upon the exclusive authority of the parliament of Canada.

"And whereas it has been held by Her Majesty in her privy council that legislation of this character is ultra vires of the provincial legislature and illegal. "And whereas the effect of any such

degislation will not be of any beneficial effect in inhibiting the employment of Oriental labor, which is so much deprethe chair. Mr. McPhillips said it was held by Her Majesty in her privy coun-As a restorative its efficacy is unrival- Chief Commissioner of Lands and the opinion of the bar of Vancouver that cil that the legislature of the Dominion to this side of the House." It was an two sittings of the court would be too 1. Has any table of rates chargeable few and suggested that there be three all matters which directly concern the portant measure when the opposition is invested with exclusive authority in attempt to press a discussion of an imcountry on their record as opposing this movement of the body. 50 cents a box. respect of the waters of the crown, un-

be valueless and without the powers of this legislature as respects the employment of Oriental labor or the employ meat of aliens or naturalized aliens. "And whereas the proposed legislation is an attempt to do indirectly that which cannot be done directly, contrary to a

well known principle of law, and fur ther against the decision of the highest tribunal of appeal in the Empire. "And whereas even if such propose legislation became law the test calle for, 'read in English and understand the rules,' would be as easy of compliance with by many of the Asiatic miners by many of the miners of other nation ality and not result in eliminating Or

ental labor from the mines. "And whereas also if any such enact ment could have the force of law and le held to be within the power of the legislature it would be most baneful its effects in that it would result in the dismissal of and the loss of the employ ment to hundreds of miners in this pr vince thoroughly capable as miners, who are not able to read English, al though in the great majority of such cases it is their mother tongue,

"And whereas there are many miners who are French-Canadians who, whilst not read English. "And whereas there are many other miners British subjects by naturalization, the countries of their birth being Norway, Sweden, Germany, France,

mother tongue although not able to read in English. "And whereas no such legislation as is contemplated to be enacted obtains in Great Britain to-day, the act in force there being the 'Coal Mines Regulation

Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and

Ita'y, who may be able to read in their

Act. 1887. "And whereas in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales thousands of miners employed in the coal mines are not able to read English, it cannot be contended that the legislation is warranted upon any grounds of public policy, but on the other hand, will be legislation hurtful to the best interests of British subjects and white labor, and inimical to the development of industries in this province.

"Therefore be it resolved that the provision that persons unable to read in English shall not be employed underground in any mine to which the 'Coal other provisions in the said bill having

Mr. Joseph Martin said this bill contained a number of clauses which were measure was a favorer of Oriental la- quite proper, and to which he had no objection whatever, except this debated this country, (hear, hear), but he was one, No. 3, to which amendment would be offered in committee of the whole. He did not at all agree with the resolulegislation which is valueless. He would tion which is proposed, or admit that like to see this govenment endeavor to because the privy council's decision that carry out the decision recently given by previous statute of this province prothe Privy Council. He had been very hibited Chinese this was ultra vires that it is impossible to pass this legislation genuity the President of the Council had He admitted, however, that the decision introduced this bill. If that gentleman's places a great obstruction in the way of speech were read out to the lordships of effectively legislating on this question. the Privy Council who had given their But it would be very poor policy for the legislature to say because there may be some doubt as to the constitutional-Mr. McPhillips-On the question of ity, therefore it would not attempt to the introduction of Oriental labor into deal with other matters of great importthe industries of this country-that ance. They were bound to aim to abate speech would have immediately impress- that public evil (the influx of Chinese

> would only be upset by that highest court. As to the question of prohibiting attempt made in that direction is an not be done directly. The province was pretty we'l all of one mind as to the Chinese labor question; there is a minority which favors that labor, but the bulk of public opinion was strongly against it. The minority objection might be taken first. The statute says that all persons employed shall be able to read and understand the special rules to the satisfaction of the inspector. That, in his opinion, was most certainly vicious legislation. The speaker went on at some length to show how the inspector might be actuated by unworthy motives. interfere to prohibit him from exercising his powers. A proposition of this The majority objection is that to carry he was in perfect sympathy-to exclude all Chinese and Japanese this legis ature would do gross injustice to a large class in the community. The government themselves admitted the legislation goes too far. Length of residence should have nothing to do with a man's quali fications, and he thought it extremely unlikely that a man would learn in the time mentioned in the bill enough English to read and understand the rules.

excluding individuals of other national-Messas. Booth and Higgins asked that the debate be adjourned, as they did not understand the resolution submitted by Mr. McPhillips, as it was too long to be grasped at once.

He was willing to go a long way to got

round the decision of the privy council;

he had every sympathy with the govern-

ment in its desire to exclude this class,

but he believed they were attempting

something that would not earry public

opinion with it. He supported the bill

generally, but opposed section 3 for the

two reasons-first, that it is inadvisable

and improper to place arbitrary power in

the hands of a single individual, and

second, because this power is against the

best interests of the province, not so far

as excluding Chinese and Japs, but in

On division the motion to adjourn the debate was lost-18 to 16. Mr. Helmcken not voting.

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The House adjourned shortly after 6

Victoria, Feb. 2, 1900. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Wilson. The attendance of the public was good, and ressed by some of the speakers on the oor of the House. The order paper showed that it would be a day of rouine work, and this anticipation was fulfilled. There were no lengthy or imfore rising. The most important measures considered were the Liquor License Amendment Bill, the Spreme Court Bill and the New Westminster Relief Bil. The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill goes over to next week, when it is expected it will lead to further oratori-

Petitions. Mr. J. M .Martin presented the follow-

cal efforts on the part of the opposition.

The petition of the undersigned, residents of the city of Greenwood, in the district of Yale, province of British Coumbia, humb'y sheweth:

Whereas by the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, 1899, it is enacted that "no person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mine for nore than eight hours in every 24

And whereas we have learned that your hon. House is to be asked during the present session of the Legislature to mend the said act, and to repeal the said restrictions of working hours in metalliferous mines;

And whereas, in the opinion of your etitioners eight hours are sufficient for iners to work underground on account, as we'l of the artificial and bad air breathed while working underground, may be.)" the dangerous nature of calling and the fact that a slight mishap of a miner working underground, not only endanger his own life but also the ives of many others, as the fact that the work is of such an arduous nature under the conditions it is preformed in, that a man would do as much and as good work in eight hours as he would in shift of a longer time.

We therefore, your petitioners, desire to state that we consider that any such amendment is objectionable, inasmuch is 'r would tend greatly to increase the hardships of the calling of a miner, and would not be in the interest of the said portion of the community, or of the country as a whole.

We therefore humbly request your hon, House to make no such amendment to the Metalliferous Mines Act and amend-

The Premier presented a petiton from number of residents of Flernie, asking that no alterations be made in the eighthour law. This was ruled out of order by the Speaker, because it was address ed to the Lieutenant-Governor, instead of to the House

Mr. Green presented the report of the elect standing committee on private bills and standing orders, recommending that the time limit for private bills be extended five days from Feb. 2nd. and that the rules be suspended accordingly. The report was received, the rules suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. Macpherson, for the standing committee on railways, submitted the Rock Bay & Salmon Arm Railway Company Bill with amendments. Received.

Mr. Kidd reported for the standing committee on printing, recommending that certain returns called for by the House be printed. Received and adopt-

Mr. Kellie asked leave to introduce a bil intituled "An Act to regulate the Length of Hair that may be worn by or the 31st day of December. Employees in Metalliferous and other

Considerable amusement was shown gallery when this bill was announced. Mr. Kellie demanded a count, and on the ing therefor the word "seven." following division won his point: For-Robertson, Clifford, McBride

Prentice, Macpherson, R. Smith, J. M. Martin, Tisdall, Deane, Hume, Kellie, had been found necessary: Helgesen, Green, Munro and Nei'l-20.

Against-Pooley, Booth, Baker, Turn-er, A. W. Smith, Bryden, Ellison and McPhillips 8.

Municipal Election Bill.

Upon the motion of Mr. McBride, to amend the Municipal Elections Act was introduced and received its first reading; being set for second reading at the next sitting of the House. Mr. Booth moved, seconded by Mr

Higgings, the following resolution: That an order of the House be grantfor a return of all papers connected with the action of the Licensing Court for North Victoria in refusing to con inue the license to the Mayne Island otel, in particular the petition against the house, the report of the inspector, and the reason given by the commission ers for its refusal. Adopted.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Col. Baker, the following resolution: That an order of the House be grantfor a return of all correspondence beween the government, or any member thereof, and the Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway Company, or any member ereof, or any other party, in relation 1899, either before or subsequent to passage of that repeal act. Adopted. "We Are British."

Mr. Irving moved, seconded by Mr. Changes proposed seemed to him to be of tricts.

Price Elison, the following resolution:
That British Columbia is British, and we desire the home government and the

several occasions they joined in the this war the colonial possessions would the magnificent distances British Colum-

applause at the patriotic sentiments ex- stand by Great Britain. (Applause.) emphasized the strong feeling which was of time, he thought ten dollars little going out to the Mother Country from the Dominion of Canada and from all parts of the British Empire. The House put, and it was only right that the apcould not do better than pass ununimousportant speeches, but the House got by the motion now before it. He was though a good deal of useful work be particularly pleased with the clause of the motion, which said this war must be fought to a finish. When one took up the papers and read of the many reverses the British army had met with, one could see that those reverses had not disheartened our troops, but had made them all the more determined to marter carry out the idea expressed in the last part of this resolution. The Bustish troops could not be beaten; they would always come out right in the end. (Anplause.) Though the Empire was cafled on to expend many valuable lives and much money to attain the object for which this terrible war was being waged, it would only serve to bind all parts of the Empire still more firmly together. A united nation which could show to the world how great was the strength of Great Britain. The resolution was tadopted unani-

Public Bil's. second reading of the Liquor License ister," in the sixth line thereof, the words "or government agent (as the case travellers and wholesale licenses,

Mr. Henderson pointed out that it was found necessary to provide in this bill amendment would give the people a license. chance to deal directly with the government agent, which would be more convenient for them.

Another important, amendment was

for license at any other time than as charge against the house. above provided, he may send to the Finance Minister or government agent his application as above provided. Upon receipt of the application and the Fireceipt by the chief inspector, he shall spection, and he shall notify the applicant that his application will not be considered until the amount so estimated has been sent to the Finance Minister or government agent. On this being done the chief inspector shall arrange

for the advertising of the application, the inspection of the premises and the calling together of the board at as early a date as possible to consider the applioution; provided that in case more than one application be made at the same time to the same board the expense shall be divided pro rata among the applicants."

Still another was the amendment to sub-section 57, which is as follows: "Special licenses may be granted by the superintendent of provincial police to any person for the sale of liquor on

any steamer. Such licenses shall authorize the sale of liquor on such steamer only to the plassengers and crew of said steamer and to said passengers and crew only when the steamer is not at any port. The fee for such dicense shall be at the rate of \$100 per annum, but license may be issued for six months. and shall expire on the 30th day of June,

change the time when advertisements louder. shall be published. Section 13 of chap. by the members and spectators in the 39 of the statutes of 1899, being the "Liquor License Act, 1899," is amend-Leave was duly granted, but on a ed by striking out the word "fourteen," vote of aye and no it was apparently lost. in the tenth line thereof, and substitut-

Higgins, Irving, Henderson, Wells, dealing with commercial travellers' & business during the six months. The

orders in British Columbia for liquor to be altered. be imported into British Columbia to . Mr. Eberts was glad to know that the fill orders given by persons who do not government had at length realized that hold wholesale licenses under this act: the people of British Columbia have two hundred dollars, and such license the protests from all parts of the prodate thereof:

allow the said license to be transferred eral for taking off ten dollars, but they to any person approved by him, upon will not thank him for making them payment of tee of five dollars: swear year after year that they are not

liquors to be supplied from outside the versed by the preceding speaker, waxing province of British Columbia to a person very sarcastic at the expense of the govin British Columbia who does not hold ernmnt, and telling a funny story about. out having obtained a license under this missioners of Esquimalt, who were in section, shall be subject to prosecution the habit of calling in any old stranger under the provisions of this act, and be who happened to be mooching around liable to a penalty of not less than one the village and getting him to act as hundred dollars and not more than two chairman of the board. He concluded hundred dollars for each offence, and by declaring that the bill as it now in default of payment of said penalty to stands on the statute books is a rotten be imprisoned for a term of not less bill. the repeal of the land grant by chap. than one month and not more than three. Mr. A. W. Smith drew attention to

> ing magistrate." Mr. Jos. Martin said some of those thought \$100 was too much for rural dis-

bin could boast of, a fair chance. As enough to give the government for the expense and trouble to which it was plicant should expect to pay for it. As to section 9, the hearing of applications, he coma not see that the applicant who sought a license for the first time were n any different position. There is an dea prevident in this province that a

it. He was utterly opposed to that idea, the section was undeniably right, and Those men should be strictly on their should be maintained. good behavior, and should not have their license renewed unless they have de-monstrated their fitness to hold it during the year. Regarding the new man, there is nothing to examine him about. Mr. Henderson explained that if there were any charge against the holder of a license he could be called up.

Mr. Martin said the proper way is to have the license holders there every time. and the charge should be made before the commissioners there and then. The man who gets a renewal is more likely to be required than the new man who is applying for the first time for a The Attorney-General, in moving the license. Turning to section 14 (re-enacted, 57), Mr. Martin declared that this Act, 1899, Amendment Bill, explained House had no power to legislate for the amendments which it was proposed steamers on the high seas. If he were to make. The first amendment was to the owner of a steamer he would laugh section 12 of said act, which is amend- at anyone who would attempt to collect ed by inserting after the words "Finance | a license fee from him for selling liquor Minister," in the third line thereof, the on the high seas. He would be glad words "or government agent," and by to see the wording changed to "British inserting after the words "Finance Min-Columbia waters," instead of "inland waters." With respect to the commercial thought the Attorney-General was under a misconception as to wholesale licenses.

Mr. J. M. Martin could not agree with that the applications in rural districts the last speaker in his contention as to by persons who wish licenses may now the appearance of applicants. Why be made to either the Finance Minister | should a man have to go back year after or to the local government agent. Last year to apply for renewal? The fact of the Full court sitting either at Victoria year all those applications had to be his holding the license as much as says or Vancouver may be adjourned to any made to the Finance Minister, but this he is a fit and proper person to hold a day after the term for the sitting above

Mr. Booth was rather in sympathy with most of the amendments, but ob jected to cutting down the time. As this act applied particularly to rural districts, that to section 18 of the old bill, now he thought it should be left as it was, in section 7, in the new. It is as follows: this matter. It was the duty of the "In case any person wishes to apply commissioners to make public any

Mr. Higgins was in favor of the bill. but thought it did not go far enough The fact that no complaints had been nance Minister's or government agent's to entitle him to a renewal. Many peomude against a man should be enough And as in duty bound your pet tioners calculate, the expense of calling the bill would be compelled to travel many will ever pray, etc. miles. One man who had held a license for 30 years had to go twice a year to prove that he was the person mentioned in the license. He suggested that the chief inspector should be the umpire in such cases. He would vote for the second reading if the bill were to be modified in committee.

Mr. Deane said this bill would be greatly appreciated in the interior, and gave instances of the bad working of the old set. He thought the government might improve the bill by striking out sub-section "c" of the old act, which appeal book filed that the same has been says that a man should regularly apply clause relating to the licenses on steama great deal to put down the sale of li- aforesaid. quor to Indians, along the Northern to the revenue of the country.

A Rebuke.

Mr. Speaker felt called upon at this juncture to protest against the whispering and talking which was going on, to the annoyance of those who wanted to hear the speeches. He asked members It had also been found advisable to addressing the House to speak a little

Mr. Pooley said that one of the most rksome things the license holders have to deal with is the provision requiring them to prove they are 21 years of age producing every six months an affidavit to that effect, and also to produce bonds. Mr. Henderson drew particular atten- It was not desirable to exact all this tion to the amendment to the section from persons who had been carrying on censes. The amendments which follow men who hold those licenses are well known to the public, and are seen every "78b. The superintendent of police may day in pursuit of their calling. The new ssue licenses empowering commercial man is the person who ought to be intravellers and commercial agents to take vestigated. He hoped this matter would

"2. The fee for such license shall be some strength. He was glad to know shall be in force for one year from the vince had compelled the government to reduce the license fees. He was sure "3. During the currency of such li- the people of British Columbia would ense the superintendent of police may write down and thank the Attorney-Gen-4. Any commercial traveller or com- felons, 21 years of age, and never been mercial agent, who solicits or takes any convicted of a felony. Mr. Eberts then rder or orders in British Columbia for went over much the same ground trawho esale license under this act, with- the actions of the board of licensing com-

months, in the discretion of the convict- some inequalities in the license fee, some paying \$100 and others \$200. He

the death of Mr. Alexander Dunsmuir, government of Canada to know that we this altogether too short. Not perhaps He himself had brought down a petition as an integral part of the British Em- as regarded the city, but in the rural and had been instrumental in inducing pire, can be depended upon to assist, district. Anywhere else the act might several of the important changes conboth by men and means, to uphold our beneficially stand. The object of this templated in the present bill. He believ-Empire. That the present just war must act is practically local option. In the ed the government agent acting in place be fought to a finish at whatever cost. | country, of course, no one knows who is of the Minister of Finance in taking Capt. Irving's rising to move the reso- provided for in the act as published. charge of moneys deposited by intendlution was greeted with applause. He Under the previous act the neighbors ing licensees would also give very gensaid in support of it he had brought it and people interested in stopping the forward in entire confidence of the feeling of the House and people. The people interested in stopping the sale of liquor had time to arrange a deling of the House and people. The people interested in stopping the sale of liquor had time to arrange a deling of the House and people. The people interested in stopping the statisfaction. He agreed with Mr. Joseph Martin that 14 days' publication of application was little enough in countries. ple throughout the country were offering protest. The time then was 14 days, try districts, and he was of the opinion their services to the Empire, and he and that, in his opinion, was short that the Attorney-General when the bill hoped a resolution of this kind would enough. The general public are not was in committee should consider the adhave some effect in informing the au- given by this bill a chance to object to visability of leaving the time fourteen thorities, and also to let the other na- a hote) being planted in their midst. He days. The abolition of the \$10 fee would tions of Europe know that if they step was inclined to think 14 days too short be generally acceptable, but he thought ped in and attempted to interfere in to give the people of a province, with that a deposit only should be required sufficient to cover possible contingencies, Colonel Baker thought the resolution to section 18, payment for applying out for expenses. He disagreed with Mr. Joseph Martin's remarks that licensees had no vested rights.

> Mr. Martin claimed that Mr. Wells had misunderstood him in this connection. He had meant, not that there should be no property right in equity, but desired a renewal and the person who that the law did not recognize and vested right in a license.

> Mr. Wells thought that protection should be afforded to home wholesalers, man who has been running a hotel for even though they paid their license fees some years should have it again, no to the cities instead of directly to the how badly he had been running provincial treasury. The principle of

Mr. Turner pointed out that the liquor license fee goes to the city where the trade is done, and not to the province, though they are to all intents and purposes provincial licenses. He advocated the changing of the words "inland waters" to "British Columbia waters" in

The bill was read a second time. Third reading next sitting of the House. Supreme Court Bill.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Supreme Court bill, Mr. Prentice in the chair.

Mr. Joseph Martin proposed the following amendment to section 2: vised Statutes, being the Supreme Court be sued for in such court. Act, as enacted by section 15 of chapter 20 of the statutes of 1899, is hereby tuted therefor: 74. The Full court shall the Friday of the week following each Tuesday in February, May and Novem- or employee, the extent of the exemption said Tuesday. Provided, however, that provided for.

He explained that heretofore there had been too many Full Court sittings and not enough time to try the cases. The Kootenays were particularly sufferers from this, as a judge going there often found he had to hurry back to Victoria, leaving him insufficient time to try the

mr. J. M. Martin endorsed this view and said the matter was one of great importance to the people of the Kootenays.

Mr. Helmcken strongly advocated the appointment of a Supreme Court judge specially for the Kootenays; the suitors there ought to have the privilege of a Supreme Court judge; it would save the privilege of a Supreme Court judge; it would save the privilege of a supreme Court judge; it would save Supreme Court judge; it would them much time and expense.

On the motion of Mr. Jos. Martin sections 3 and 4 of the bill were struck out. Mr. McPhillips was adopted:

3. The party appealing shall before the filing of the praecipe for hearing the appeal, procure the settlement of the appeal book by the district registrar of the court from which the appeal is brought. the registrar so settling the appeal book to certify on one of the copies of the duly settled, and the respondent in the to get a certificate of character. The appeal shall be entitled to have delivered to him by the party appealing at or important. Its enforcement would do copy of the appeal book so settled as

Mr. McPhillips asked the Attorney-Coast, and prevent business being done General to consider a proposal that there by men who do not contribute anything be four sittings a year for the Kootenay country, two of these to be criminal and two civil. Under the present arrangement there was a good deal of inconve-

> Small Debts Bill. The House went into committee on the Small Debts bill, Mr. Munro in the (Applause,)

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ments proposed by the Attorney-Gen- House, together with the notices pub-

10. It shall not be lawful for any mathe clerk of the House, gistrate who sits in any Small Debts That the petition for Court, either personally or through his clerk, or other employee, or by any one on his behalf, to undertake the collec-2. Section 74 of chapter 56 of the Re- tion of any account or claim which may

11. Any debt due or accruing due to a mechanic, laborer, servant, clerk or repealed and the following section substi- employee for wages or salary shall be exempt from seizure or attachment unsit at the City of Victoria on the first der the provisions of this act to the ex-Monday in February, May and Novem- tent of the sum of forty dollars. In case ber, and such sitting may continue until at the time of the process taking effect upon garnishee, there is less than one said Monday. The Full court shall sit month's salary or wages due to such meat the City of Vancouver on the third chanic, workman, laborer, servant, clerk ber, and such sitting may continue until | shall be at the rate of forty dollars per the Friday of the week following each month, for the time such salary or wages are due or accruing due.

> The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

New Westminster Relief Bill. Mr. Cotton said there was very little in which the discount is allowed is ex- petitioners may be refunded tended it will enable the corporation to get in a large amount of taxes, as the ratepayers have no money to pay at the present time. He would therefore ask the House to forward this bill.

Westminster Flourishing.

Mr. McBride was happy to inform the ers plying on inland waters was very before the filing of the praecipe one House that New Westminster was in a much better position, both as regards finances and business, than it had been for years past. The signs of the times up there pointed to a very good future. (Hear, hear.) Many things had happened since the fire to prove New Westmin-" ster's people were justified in their con- ment that we could do something of fidence in their town. Those who were nience in the upper country. Mr. Jos. responsible for this legislation now be- He thought the government acted quite Martin approved of this suggestion, and fore the House had carefully viewed the properly in not wiring. Mr. Henderson agreed to give it due situation. By granting this indulgence Mr. Henderson presented a return consideration, to the people of that town the legislature asked for by Mr. Booth, all the papers was helping them to get along, helping connected with the action of the licen-

Mr. Henderson congratulated the member for Dewdney on his remarks, which he fully endorsed and supplemented. This act of the legislature would be appreciated by the people of New Westmister.

Bill read a second time.

PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCE PIES often have bad effects upon the small boy who over 'indulges in them. Pain-Killer as a household medicine for all such ills is unequalled. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer. Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c. Mr. Henderson congratulated the mem-Bill read a second time.

Vancouver City Petition.

petition, signed by Mayor Garden and City Clerk MacGuigan, of Vancouver: The humble petition of the corporation of the city of Vancouver showeth:

That on the 7th day of November, .1899, your petitioners caused to be inserted in three newspapers circulating in the city of Vacouver, a notice which reads as follows: "Public notice is hereby given that an application will be made at the approaching session of the legislature of the province of British Columbia to amend and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886, and Amending Act:

That such notice was continuously advertised in the said papers until the 5th day of December, 1899. That the council of the said corporation at as early a date as it conveniently could do so decided that it would be desirable in the interests of the city that certain amendments should be made to the said act of incorporation. That on so deciding a notice was inserted on the 5th day of December, 1899, in three newspapers published and circulating in the said city setting out specifically the amendments that it was the intention of your petitioners to apply for. That such notice was continuously advertised in the said papers from the said 5th day of December, 1899, to the 23rd day of January, 1900.

That eight days before the opening of the present session of your hon. House a printed copy of the bill, a copy of the petition to be presented to your hon.

lished to that date were duly filed with

That the petition for leave to introduce the bill was considered for the first time by a committee of your hon. House on the 23rd day of January, 1900.

That the notices containing the proposed amendment were duly published and continued for a period of six weeks during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding session and the consideration of the petition.

That your petitioners believe that in so publishing and advertising the notices as aforesaid that they had complied with the rules of your hon. House. That on the 23rd day of January,

1900, your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders considered the said petition and reported as follows:

"With regard to petition 4, Vancouver City Amendment bill, your committee beg leave to report that the standing orders have not been complied with, as up to the 26th December, 1899, the term to explain in regard to this bill, which had not expired for the publication of was now on its second reading. During the notice; but owing to the subject the last session a bill called an act for matter being presumably in the public's the relief of the New Westminster mun-interest and the petition being otherwise icipality was passed through the House. in order your committee recommend the It dealt with the financial condition of suspension of the rules so as to admit the city brought about by the disastrous of the bill being introduced subject to

had received a large amount of taxes because of their having placed a certain they probably would not have received construction on the said rules; which had not this been granted. But in conconstruction, owing as they respectfully

sequence of the heavy losess sustained submit, to the said rules being ambig-The following amendment proposed by by the taxpayers through the fire and uous is capable of being placed on them the interruption to business, some had Your petitioners therefore pray that not been able to take advantage of the your honorable body may be pleased to extension last year. Now if the period order that the double fee paid by you.

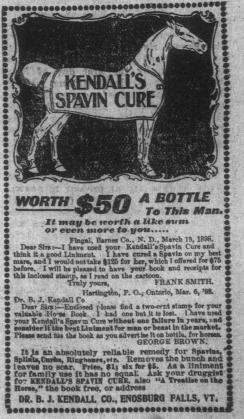
> (Signed) JAMES GARDEN. Mayor. THOS. F. McGUIGAN, City Clerk.

The South African Contingent. Mr. Helmcken enquired of the Premier whether anything had been done with regard to the contingent for South Africa, and referring to the action of

Mayor Hayward in the matter. The Premier replied that after consideration it was thought it would not be consistent to wire the Dominion governwhich we have no evidence we can do.

to make New Westminster second to no sing court of North Victoria in refusing city in the province of British Columbia. to continue the license to Mayne Island Hotel.

Train No. 14. a fast east bound ex-Mr. Tisdale presented the following press on the Erie road, collided with a freight in the suburbs of Akron yesterday. Engineer Diday was killed.



ocal+ Rews.

(From Saturday's Daily.) -The vital statistics for the month of January show that there were registered at the Land Registry office 30 births, 17 marriages and 24 deaths.

-The concert in aid of the Mansion House fund will be given in the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on Thursday evening next, when an excellent programme will be rendered.

People from the Maritime provinces of firecrackers. who have settled in this part of the Dominion will be interested in the advertisement of the Hallfax Weekly Chronicle, which appears in this issue.

-Rev. Mr. Vichert, of Calvary Baptist church, on Wednesday evening solemnized the marriage of S. R. Roberts and Mrs. M. J. Thompson, at 13 Langley street. Mr. Roberts, who was lately engineer of the quarattine steamer Earle, is now connected with the firm

-W. D. Mearns, of Vancouver, Grand Chancellor of the K. of P. for the British Columbia jurisdiction, will arrive in the city on Sunday evening next on visit to the local lodges. A joint com mittee has been appointed by the Far West and Victoria lodges, which wil meet to-night, and make the necessary arrangements for a reception to be ten dered Mr. Mearns during next week,

-An enthusiastic gathering was held in Nanaimo on Wednesday night, the occasion being the preliminary meeting for the formation of a Nanaimo Post of the Native Sons of British Columbia Frank J. Standard was chosen as chair man and Will F. Norris was selected as secretary pro tem. It was decided to organize and notices will be sent to al who are known to be native sons of the province to attend the next meeting which will be held on Thursday, Feb 8th. A large list of names has already been handed in and the organization promises to start out with a large mem-

-No word has yet been received regarding the interment arrangements in connection with the death of Mr. Alex. Dunsmuir, which occurred in New York city on Wednesday night, but this will probably be decided when Mr. James Dunsmuir arrives in that city on Monday. Mr. Alex. Dunsmuir had been unwell for some time, and a few years ago took an extended tour around the world, returning to his home in Oakland, California, greatly improved. He was president of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, but presided principally over the firm's interest in California, particularly the coal business. He was born in Nanaimo on July 16, 1853, and was the second son of the late Hon. broke street has been sold by the owner, Robert Dunsmuir. Deceased leaves a widow, formerly Mrs. Josephine Wallace, but more familiarly known in literary circles as Juliet Wilbur Tomkins.

-The tweifth annual general meeting of the Victoria Building Society was held on Wednesday evening in Sir William Wallace Hall. The reports of the directors, secretary and auditor were read and duly adopted, after which the election of officers took place, resulting in the return of the old board which consists of the following: W. W. Northcott, R. Erskine, J. F. Fell, C. D. Mason, G. W. Anderson, Alex. Stewart and Geo. A. Carleton. A. St. G. Flint was re-elected secretary and J. E. Church and W. Scowcroft auditors. The 77th drawing for an appropriation resulted as follows: No. 126 A, B and D, withdrawn; 126 C. Richard P. Dowdall; 121 A, C and D, withdrawn; 121 B, W. W. Nothcott; 131 A. B and C. withdrawn; 131 D. Mrs. Jane Brown; 146 A and B, Walter Anderson; 146 C and D, Mrs, Frances Robertson. At the directors' meeting held subsequently, W. W. Northcott was ranted. This is all the delegates ask, elected president; R. Erskine, vice-pres as they contend that the Sunset mine ident; Fell & Gregory, solicitors, and John Taylor, surveyor.

-The contract for supplying the machinery for two dyking plants for the Matsqui dyke, tenders for which were asked in the Gazette some time ago, Rev. Dr. Campbell Urges Liberality to have been awarded. It has been secured by Mr. George Walkem, who will instal two plants with a capacity of 20,000 gallons of water per minute. These ian church at the close of his sermon consist of the celebrated Babcock & Wilcox water-tube boilers, letter from Mr. Dowler, secretary of the each boiler to have a heating surface of Patriotic committee, in regard to the 1.800 square feet. These boilers are of Canadian Patriotic Association Fund, the highest type of Babcock & Wilcox, and urged liberal contributions. He said construction, being wrought steel that eloquent ovations, glowing resolucelebrated Corliss engine made in Ham- show our loyalty to the Queen, our pafiton, Ohio, and will each develop 200 triotism to the Empire, and fidelity to h, p. with 125 pounds steam. The our friends as much as would our liberpumps will be of the centrifugal double- ality to the fund for the Canadian solsuction type, and will be each equal to diers who may be disabled in South Afa duty of 20,000 gallons per minute. The rica, and for the benefit of widows and engines will be fitted with jet condensers and air-pumps, and the plant will be the of Canada who may lose their lives in most modern and economical plant on the present unfortunate war. He also the Fraser river. These plants are to read to his congregation the telegram be installed at Matsqui, and are to be in operation by the first day of May. ler defeated the enemy beyond the Tuge-Mr. Walkem is also installing jet con- la River," after which he read an exdensers and air pumps in connection with the plants now at Maple Ridge and Scottish paper from a Sapper of the the Lower Coquitlam pumping station. Royal Engineers with the Kimberley re-This will result in a greatly increased lief column. The reading of this ex-

(From Monday's Daily.) -George Meyers is wanted rather urgently in this city at present to answer charge of passing a forged check on Mr. Marks, the Government street cothier. Meyers is a young man who deported himself with considerable style during his short sojourn in Victoria, claiming among many things that he had served in the Philippines. Another of his assertions was to the effect that his father was the possessor of unlimited wealth, and gratified his every whim. Naturally to maintain this position along the scale of grandeur, fashionable clothes were most essential, but, strange to relate, the so-called child of fortune had no money. So, it is alleged, he cleverly forged the name of U. S. Con-

\$25 and proceeded to purchase the necessary apparel at the store of Mr. Around the terr and afterwards in C Battery, when about two thousand people wintering at that corps came to Victoria. Upon quite. Marks, giving in payment the nextly executed check. Having completed his purchase he withdrew not only from the store, but very shortly afterwards from the city.

-The Chinese New Year celebration was concluded last evening, and the inhabitants having fully recovered from the after effects of the annual festivities have settled down to a spirited controversy regarding the commencement of the twentieth century. Although it is not a characteristic popensity of the Chinese people to be over dogmatic, some of them are nevertheless positive that the date of contention is their annual holiday, th conclusion of which was last evening honored in royal style, to the accompaniment of the inevitable explosion

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-W. H. Builock-Webster, of the provincial police, chief constable of the from England about the 15th of this what he did. month.

-Mr. Edward Murton, of 16 Market Milken are among the recent arrivals street, has received from the department at the Driard. They form a delegation of militia at Ottawa, the medal which from the Vancouver Board of Trade to has recently been awarded to the veter- advocate the building of the Princetonans who served under arms in the Fen- Hope wagon road, on behalf of which a ian troubles of 1866.

-0afternoon of Mr. E. B. Marvin, head of the well known wharf street firm, and Mrs. M. Adams. They left on the Umatila on Saturday evening for California, where they will spend their honeymoon.

-The Marine Iron Works on Pem-Thomas Shaw, to Mr. Andrew Gray, manager of the Victoria Machinery Depot, Ltd., on behalf of the company. The purchase was made on Jan. 29th.

- Messrs, Lee & Fraser have completed the sale of an acre of land on Esquimalt road near the Canteen grounds to Rev. J. P. Hicks. 'It is Mr. Hicks's intention to erect on this property a sailors' rest at no distant date. erection of this home will supply a longfelt want, as at present there is no regular institution at Esquimalt where a pleasant and home-like evening can be spent by "Jack Ashore."

-0-In reply to the deputation which which waited upon him at the parliament buildings on Saturday, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton gave the assurance that the government would send up a man at once to survey the wagon road to Princeton from Hope, and ascertain by examination of the body of ore and the dump at the Sunset mine, whether or not the construction of the road is waralone will be a steady shipper as soon as the requisite means of transportation

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

His Congregation.

Rev. D. Campbell of First Presbyter- you if you neglect it. last evening read to his congregation s in the world for backache. The engines will be the tions and thundering plaudits would not orphans of men of the military forces which arrived in the evening that "Bultract from a letter that appeared in a economy in the working of these plants. tract made a deep impression on the congregation, and was followed by a few pointed words by the pastor on the horrors of war, and the duty of those at home to those in the field and their de-

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Full Court sat this morning to hear in his back so that he could hardly walk the appeal in Bank of British Columbia across the room. He hasn't a trace of vs. Oppenheimer, but as counsel were pain now. Doan's Kidney Pills completenot ready to go on an adjournment was ly cured him.

made until to-morrow. The judges are now in the old post office building, where the different registries have temporary quarters.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, caused by a persistent rasping cough. Pyny-Pectoral quickly cures the most severe coughs. It soothes, heals, never fails to cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer. sul Smith on a check to the amount of Pain-Killer. all others.

Corridors

From Dawson Wants to Fight Boers.

E. J. Palmer Tells of the Great Fleet Coming to Chemainus Mills.

Arthur Hetherington, of Montreal, was a passenger eastward by the Charmer The announcement in the extra of last night. He retuined from the North the Gazette issued on Monday evening by the Farallon. Mr. Hetherington last, to the effect that Ald. Stewart was brought papers which told of two Indian appointed a member of the Board of Licensing Commissioners is the result of of Wales Island, on January 25th, and a clerical error, Ald. Brydon being the of a threatened Indian rising in consenew appointee. Ald, Stewart was ap quence. The ludian wife of Kalmono-pointed a member of the police commis-, vich, a Russian fisherman, was first sion board, consequently the two alder- sain by a Shakan brave, whose real or men have practically changed positions. Tancieu grievance against the husband The three license commissioners are the caused the buck to fire into the Kalof F. R. Stewart & Co. He and his Mayor, Ald. Brydon and Mr. J. B. monovich home. Something of a feud bride will make their home in this city. Lovell. The police commissioners are had existed between Kalmonovich and the Mayor, Ald, Stewart and Mr. John some of the island Indians for several Piercy. The first session of the latter months. The ameged assessin, accomward the Russian's place, and with the treachery characteristic of his race is said to have fired into the house utterly regardless of whom he might kill, The woman fell over dead with the crack of his rifle, with a bullet hole through her body. The murderer skulked on down the beach and returning about haif an hour later began firing into the house again, Meanwhile Ka: nonevich had loaded his own weapons. With the first shot he opened the door and returned the fire. For the next few seconds it was a regular fusilade. Six or eight shots were fired, when the Inlian at whose hands the woman lost her ife dropped dead in his tracks. The secand Indian fled and thus the battle end-Kalmonovich escaped uninjured, and he following day when the Farallon aled at Shakan he took the steamer for Wrangel, where he gave himself up to the authorities. It was purely a voluntary act on the Russian's part, and the whites of the settlement are report-Kootenays, is expected to reach here ed as saying he was justified in doing

> delegation from the Victoria Board of goes. Trade and the Princeton delegates, have The marriage took place on Saturday already appeared before the government. The petition presented by the Vancouver deputation points out the importance of a short and direct route to open up a large and rich district and that the proposed Hope-Princeton road would be a forerunner of direct communication, between the coast and the Boundary countrade, is at present so comparatively incompetition from Eastern houses. coast cities." . . .

W. Braid, F. M. Black and W. H.

Among those who came down on "the Tees last night was Staff-Sergt. Dem-over of the N.W.M.P., who is here for Dawson, where he has a place of busion Strathcona's Horse. He is quartered Pitts; W. Quana, the well known is at the Victoria, but is spending to-day crosse player, and Louis Marks, of this Victoria West, the two men having been son by the Tees. Mr. Rosenburger says old comrades in arms in the Canadian that for eighteen days he and his com-

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nificance of a lame, weak, sore or aching back. You overtax the kidneys give them more work than they can do-then they back.

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twinges, limber up stiff backs and give mplete relief from pain. Mr. James Jackson, 646 Maitland St., London, Ont., suffered severely from pain

Mrs. Joseph A. Doty. Port Gilbert, N.S. says she was troubled with a pain and weakness across the small of her back which was so intense she could scarcely stoop. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills strength and vigor. Remember Doan's Kidney Pills are the kind that cure. Ask for them and refuse

that corps came to Victoria. Upon quit-ting the latter, Sergt. Demoyer went ther quiet in the Northern, mining dis-East, but at Calgary the old love of ser-trict when they left. There was nothvice overtook him and he joined the po- ing doing on one of the Lord Hamilton lice. Since that time he has been stationed at Skagway and latterly at Dawson. He left the Klondike capital on northern one, at Nuggett Point, a num-Mounted Police Sergeant Arrives the 9th ult, alone, and tramped the en- ber of men were busy doing development tire distance to Bennett, He states work. that the trail is in wretched condition, but it had, of course, no terrors for the stalwart plain rider, as difficult trail from an enforced holiday of two weeks tracking has become one of the ordinary spent at Williams Head. The captain, duties of these efficient soldiers. He de- as will be remembered, piloted the steam scribes the policemen at Dawson as er Monmonthshire in to the quarantine keen to get free and to take a hand in station, when she came in a short time the mix-up in South Africa. The same ago with one of her Chinese passengers remark applies to the Yukon regular suffering from smallpox and having force, there being about ninety-three of gone on board the infected steamer, he these men still in barracks at Dawson. was detained. all of whom are impatient that they should be compelled to follow the round of fatigues and sentry duty while their comrades are wiping out old scores with the Boers in the Transvaal. Since the enforcement of the regulation that the soldiers shall not take up claims, there is and the consequence is that most of them are disgruntled with the service. Staff-Sergt. Demoyer is hoping that his application for a post with the Strathcona detachment may be successful, and

> Lumber Company's mills at Chemainus, number of mining men are now looking arrived by the noon train. He is registered at the Driard, together with Miss deals are reported to be pending.
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> A colored woman was arrested on the Seattle train last night for refusing to be vaccinated.
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> The inquest Mabel Palmer, Mr. Palmer says that instead of a ten-band mill that is in has yet been done, in fact all there is in island to the north of Chemainus. The cut short his visit. steamer Victorious and bark Antofogasta will soon be loaded at the mills and there from many corners of the globe to dental. load for different markets. There are now fifteen or sixteen vessels en route to the Vancouver Island mills to load. The couver Coal Co., arrived by the moon Creedmoor is out 80 days from Manila; train, and is among those registered at the Silo, 89 days from Hongkong; the the Driard. Sebastian Bach, 54 days from Nagasaki; the Wrestler, 40 days from Iquique; the Glenalvon, 140 days from London with general cargo for the Sound; the Rena Rickmore is en route from Japan; the Crown Prince from Hamburg via Puntas Arenas, and the Drummond, Elwell, Lyman D. Foster, J. B. Brown and several others are coming from other points all en route to the mills for lumber car-

old commander, Col. Steele.

Mrs. Hunt and Miss S. Hunt, of Alert Bay, are at the Occidental. They arrived yesterday from Seattle, where they have been filing their claim to the now in which we have to meet very stiff lowing notice to show her ownership: "I emergency. This wish to say that I alone own this totem Outside of the which rightly and properly belongs to the If any one wants to buy the pole let having with him Dr. Chase's Ointment. them buy it from me. Then I will give them its history."

the purpose of trying to secure a place ness; T. J. Wilson, formerly with S. J. in the company of Mr. Thos. Redding, of city, were among the arrivals from Dawrades were delayed at Bennett by the storm. A number ventured several times to "mush" over the snow-covered trail. but every attempt failed. Some went down in the snow to their necks, and had to be dug out by their comrades. The snow was fifteen to eighteen feet deep in places, and all the time a fierce hurrican was sweeping about in clouds. J. Hale, of this city, representing Mc-Chandless Bros. in the North, came over cry out in protest through the pain in the the pass when he did. Mr. Hale took Cholette, of this place, has been an in-

> ton, of Atlin; H. S. Depuy, of Bennett, Yigney Pills, and it was not until are among the arrivals by the Tees reg- other day that the fact was given out. nett, Skagway and Atlin.

Ex-Ald. Williams, Dr. O. Wild, G. suffered with inflammation of the kid-H. Henry, H. J. Thorne, all of Vancou- neys. I am to-day twenty-four years bor master at Vancouver.

by the Charmer last evening were D. J. the Driard.

hags of glittering gold in the "days of "My parents were greatly pained at

. . . Dr. Richard Croft and wife of Dun- again in this world.

district by the Tees, are at the Domin- ing with life and spirits."

Capt. Babbington returned yesterday

W. J. Mearns is spending a few days at the Dominion as the personal guest of the proprietor, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. Mearns night and everything of value that ! is Grand Chancellor of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Kalof P., and be carried away was taken, Sixty dollars of the Carried away was taken and the Carried away was taken away w is officially visiting the lodges in this city. On Friday he will address a joint ses- gether with several hundreds of dollars no opportunity for the men to make sion of Far West and Victoria lodges. any money over and above their pay, He will remain here until Saturday morning, when he leaves for Nanaimo. * * #

Chester F. Lee, the mining man, was among those who went to the West Coast on the steamer Queen City, He its said to that he may again see service under his reported to have been made by him for the represent much capital. Negotiations were purchase of a copper property near Gold-stream. Everything seems to point to a E. J. Palmer, manager of the Victoria busy mining season on the West Coast. A

prospect it is a five-band one. Nothing the late arrivals at the Dominion. Mr. Dandels who is a pioneer of this province, the prospect is that Mr. Palmer has rereturned yesterday from a visit to Caliand surveys for a site of a new five-band of a number of Californians was too much southern state, but, the pro-Boer feeling mill at some point on the coast of the for the loyal British Columbian, and he

C. Wentworth Sarel, of the Kamloops then the busy mills will prepare for the Standard, arrived by the Charmer last great fleet which is now on the way night. He is registered at the Occi-

Samuel M. Robins, of the New Van-

THE EXPULSION OF ROBERTS.

(Associated Press.) Baltimore, Md., Feb. 5.-Cardinal Gibbons yesterday preached at the Cathedral before a large audience. In his address he took the position that the recent action of the House of Representatives in the Roberts case was right.

THE SOLDIER BOYS.

Provided With Comforts by Thoughtful Citizens.

Among the hosts of gifts collected at famous totem pole taken from Tongas the Government House, Toronto, for the by the City of Seattle excursion last Canadian contingent was found a consummer, Some time ago two Indians signment of Dr. Chase's Ointment, the from the North were paid \$2,000 by the gift of Messrs. Edmanson, Bates & Co., try, which, they say, "in the matter of excursion party for the pole, but it now Toronto. This was distributed among seems that these two were not the own the boys at Quebec, so that every one accessible to us as coast merchants, and ers. Mrs. Hunt has published the fol- has a box in his knapsack in case of

road, however, in giving the coast direct pole. It was on my mother's grave. It tual battle, the greatest suffering to the access to the Similkameen valley brings was put up before she died so that she soldier comes from chafing, sore feet, and this district into direct touch with the could see it. At that time I helped my skin irritations caused by much walking coast and affords our merchants a new mother to give away a lot of blankets and wearing of heavy accourrements and territory, with a large consuming capac- and food so that the pole should have a litching piles, the result of sleeping on the ity nearer hand than any important min- name. The name of the pole is Na-sak- ground and exposure to dampness. Every ing section in the province, the trade of valth. This happened thirty years ago. soldier is armed against such miseries by

QUEBEC ONCE MORE

A Young Lady of St. Justine Writes of Her Experience With Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Miss. Anna Cholette Was a Sufferer from Childhoo 1 - Doctors Gave Her up as a Caronic Invalid-To-day in Superabundant Heaith From Use of Doad's K.duey Pills.

St. Justine, Que., Feb. 2.-Miss Anna passage down on the steamer Cottage valid, owing to Kidney Disease, all her life until quite recently, when she began, Many northerners are to be seen to-lighted at the change and the met with day around the corriders of the city congratulation and encouragement on all hotels. Capt. W. Buckley, an old-timer sides. It was not generally known, howwho has many properties at Dawson and ever, that the cause of Miss Cholotte's along the Yukon river; F. J. Macnaughimproving condition was due to Dodd's Marttine Provinces, as well as the istered at the Victoria. At the Dominion But such is the case, and Miss Cholette are E. P. Graham, E. Stevenson. J. acknowledges the benefit she has derived the contents are of absorbing interest to Hamberger, and Neil French, of Daw-from Dodd's Kidney Pills in the follow-people from the Lower Provinces, who and a number of arrivals from Ben-ing letter giving full details of her case. son, and a number of arrivals from Ben- ing letter, giving full details of her case for the benefit of other sufferers: "Since the age of eight years I have-

ver, are among the recently arrived old. I hasten to write you, therefore, guests at the Driard. The quartette to give you the full details of my cure make up a delegation that has been sent I commenced to be sick when going to down from the Terminal City. Another school. I was not able to bear the fadelegation that arrived from the Main- tigue of study. One day mother fell land to interview the government is at sick and the doctor pronted by the oc the Victoria. It consists of D. A. Mc- casion to attend me also. He came often Kee, of Delta, W. McWilliams, of New to see me for six months, when he told Westminster, and Capt. McLeod, har- me it was not necessary to come any more; my trouble would right itself as I grew older. He made nothing of the Among the arrivals from the Mainland months I have bee nunwell already. "The trouble continued constantly af-Munn, the well known cannery man of ter that. I suffered greatly and was bed-New Westminster; D. G. McDonnell and ridden almost continuously. At this A. Williams of Vancouver. They are at time I was under the consultation of two doctors. They said I had been suffering this long time of inflammation of T. Sloan, of Nanaimo, is at the New the kidneys. They gave me many medi-England. Mr. Sloan was one of the cines, and I was under their treatment first Klondikers to reach Nanaimo with for two years. They gave me no relief.

geness, is at the Victoria. Mr. Croft, "My father one day read in a newspawho was former'y a resident of this per of the good effects of Dodd's Kidney have removed the pain and given her city, is a brother of Henry Croft. Pills. He bought three boxes of them to try and they gave me some relief. Henry C. Childers and F. Stuart He bought me a dozen more boxes and Cardiner, two arrivals from the Atlin now I am perfectly well and overflow-

seeing me suffering so, and as for myself

I felt that I could never find pleasure

Notes From Vancouver

Eastern Ciities Promise to Support Proposal to Dispatch 10,000 Men.

Telegram From Sir Wilfrid Laurier-Burglars Again at Work

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 5.-John McLehnan' nouse was broken into by burglars in cash was taken from a bedrook worth of Scottish souvenirs. The burg'are completed their work by taking half of the contents of the pantry.

Mayor Garden this morning received telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier stating that the proposal to send ten thousand men to the Transvaal would be given due consideration.

J. B. Charleson and party, to build the

telegraph line from Atlin to Quesnelle, arrived on Sunday and will leave in a few days for the North.

The inquest was adjourned indefinitely to-day in the Fraser case to allow of William Daniels, of Vancouver, is among analysis to be made. Circumstances now appear to show that death was due to natural causes.

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MR. PHELPS'S CONDITION.

(Associated Press.) New Haven, Conn., Feb. 5.-The condition of Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, remains unchanged.



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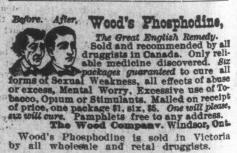
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Accident on White Pass

Railway Caboose Jumps the Track-One Killed, Seven Injured.

Another Traveller From the Klondike Reported Among the Missing.

Railway Open-Delayed Travellers and Supplies Now Going in.

News was brought by the steamer Tees,

which arrived last night with 40 pass-

engers, that the railway is now open-the

it came many Dawsonians, including made ther give them the earrings and News is also given of a fatal accident on the White Pass railway. One man was killed and seven injured on Jan. 29th in a railroad wreck on a straight, open, unencumbered stretch of road a mile and a half north of Skagway. All the victims are Indians. All save one of the injured Indians will surely recover. The list of the victims follows: Dead, John Phillips; injured, William Benson, back hurt and injured internally; may prove fatal. John Konerst, right arm cut near shoulder. Stephen Bell, arm bruised and finger hurt. - Kotna, leg bruised. Edward Menson, ribs bruis-

scalp wound. John Matei, leg slightly The wreck occurred by a caboose leaving the track and falling on its side, with the car wheels not more than a foot from the rail. The victims were riding on top of the caboose, and were caught under its side as it went over or were thrown violently on the ground or against

Phillips was caught under the car, all save his legs, and killed instantly. William Benson, brother to Phillips, and the most seriously injured of the others, was thrown on a stump on his back. All the injured were more or less shock-

ed and jarred. The Indians all belong to neighboring tribes, and were going up the road to help clear the tracks from snow. Phillips is a native of Sitka and 19 years old. Besides his brother, he also had an uncle in the wreck, namely, Kotna, probably 50 years

There were 20 or 30 men on the caboose when the accident happened. All were laborers in the company's employ. there was not room for all i side the liftle car, some took places on the outside on the somewhat elevated roof, and when the car jumped the track they were

its side and those who were not injured Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, man was dispatched by foot to the rai- got hold of " One application relieves those of the Transvaal Republic, which road shops to report to the superinten- the pain. For sale by Henderson Bros., is repulsive to every lover of freedom; dent from that point to the headquart- wholesale agents Victoria and Vancouers building by telephone.

It required twenty minutes to free Konerst's arm from the wreck. It was ioned under a corner of the car, and it was necessary to cut away a part of Will Pay \$20,000,000 to the States if

Dr. Whiting, the railroad surgeon, was summoned as soon as the news was restarted for the wreck, accompanied by if anti-Imperialism is treated as the to the Mother Country as will enable of the accident they met the engine comtemporarily, and then had them conveyed dispatch to thet Press. The Democratic to the hospital. Dr. Whiting says there is no doubt as to any of the injured men sove Benson. He is injured internally senator Mr. Carnegie made to him the and about the back, and ir cannot be statement that he had offered to pay the said now just how serious are his hurts. \$20,000,000 which the United States

Another Traveller Missing. M. J. Heney, the railroad contractor, who was in Skagway from the interior when the Tees sailed, reports that two distinct parties from Dawson have told him that a man named Richards disappeared from Minto about two weeks ago. as Mr. Heney understands it, the disearance of this man is in no wise nected with the disappearance of

ayson. Olsen and Relfe. Will H. Clayson intends to have the hole in the Yukon near Minto examined beneath the water in hopes of finding the bodies of his brother and his

missing companions. "Big Jack" Perkinson has told Will Clayson that while in Dawson the missing brother said to "Big Jack" that he been suggested it may have been a pre- goes into the blood, permeates and poisons

fuses to speak about the case to anyone, and will not even write his ame. He down among the incurable diseases. and will not even write his name. He Burdoco Blood Bitters, though, has to be an Englishman, probably from Australia. When summoned he comes forward with military bluntness and rigidity and keeps his features stolid and expressionless. I do not believe his name o'Brien. He has a military coat Four years ago I was taken ill with ship Mayor Garden and the secretary which he says he was given when leaviguandice and spent six weeks in the hose with a view to giving effect to the decis-O'Brien. He has a military coat ng jail at Dawson because the officers there took his coat away from him. He but not cured.

s men are now working with all earn- weight. tness and diligence on the case."

City Daily News, believes without doubt Fred Clayson, Lynn Relfe and Lineman Olsen have been murdered. Tearing Down Tram.

The great system of aerial tramways that span the rugged canyons of the Chilkoot Pass are to be torn down and sold or used for junk. The White Pass & Yukon railroad, which bought the Victoria Board of Trade should no longer grace the range, and that the last mechanical facilities, aside from a few bridges, that have made the Dyea trail a rival should be removed, The White Pass road bought the trammen to begin the work of tearing down the big cables and their supporting lines. The Jewelry Ado.

Gertie Duval, a variety actress, who has reached Skagway from Dawson, reports to the police that robbers entered ear-rings and a gold watch worth in all

There were two men in the house, she says, when she came home. They ran-Lumber for Skagway.

Tug Resolute reached Skagway on the 30th with the barge Mercury in tow with 800,000 feet of lumber. The Resolute will ply between Skagway and Juneau until the barge is unloaded The closing of the railway by snow caused a freight blockade at Skagway and some hundred or more travellers which has for its object material assistance to the Mother Country in the present: His Worship Mayor Hayward, President W.

were delayed. Forty cars of freight were in Skagway awaiting shipment over the road to Bennett, and much other freight is en route. The stock held in the Gateway City, ed. John Skamia, back injured, slight

according to the Alaskan, was as follows: Cattle, H. I. Miller, 75; Jack Garr, 26; Wm. Fagan, 4. Horses, John Noon, 4; Lightly & Barton, 7; B. P. Bussart, 30; Frank Stanfield, 9; J. Hopkins, 1; French Curly, 2; Jacquot & Co. 2; P. Kunze, 1; Scully & Co., 5; E. Daniels, 4, and W. F. Matlock, 16. Thirty to thirty-five traders have been blockaded in the city with their goods.

Four old-time "mushers" were in Skagway en route to Nome by a never before travelled route. The party goes to Sitka on the Cottage City, thence to Katmai Landing, opposite Kadiak island, on the mainland, and thence 750 miles orthward over land and frozen watercourses to Nome. A day's journey overland from Katmai they will strike a long chain of lakes and rivers. It is expected to make the trip in 30 days. The party has three teams of 10 native dogs each. Fred Gosch, of Seattle, heads the quartette of "mushers." With him is. Henry Lambert, one of those who discovered the Forty-Mile district; Henry Seidler, a Circle City pioneer, and James Frost, of Eagle City.

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the heaviest sufferers. All the white men got out uninjured.

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the Philippines Are Abandoned.

New York, Febal5.-Andrew Carnegie managers expect to get from him not less than \$1,000,000. According to one religious liberty to all classes and congave to Spain if the government would abandon the Philippines.

manently Cures a Montreal After Hospital Treatment Failed.

Most people are aware what a serious the Empire: and death-dealing disease jaundice is.

There is a blockade of the liver and felt he was being watched and that he impairment of its functions, so that the would not reach the coast alive. It has bile, instead of passing out of the system,

Doctors, generally have set jaundice

It permanently cured Mr. George Sulli van, 485 St. Dominique St., Montreal, Que., of jaundice after six weeks' treatment in the hospital had done him little

This is his statement: pital, then I was discharged as relieved,

had only \$60 in money. The money he My appetite was poor, my bowels conpaid for the horses had been secured stipated, and I felt miserable all the time: nd sent to Dawson to trace its origin. I confided my troubles to a friend, who te bought the horses under the name of advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. fler. O'Brien had no check drawn to I bought a bottle and gave it a trial.

Before that bottle was finished I found great relief, and after I had taken three "Milles" arrested at White Horse on bottles I found myself a new man. All the aspicion, is at Tagish. He declares his symptoms of jaundice had left me. I could anocence, and talks so freely he appears cat well, my bowels were regular and ally to be innocent. Major Wood and natural and I gained nine pounds in

Jake Kline, representing the Dawson to me .- (Signed), GEORGE SULLIVAN.

Unanimously

Heartily Endorse Vancouver's Proposal.

ways last July. It has detailed eight Mass Meeting of Citizens to Be Called To-morrow Evening.

In consequence of the telegram receivher residence and stole four diamond ed from Mayor Garden of Vancouver on rings, one lopal ring, a pair of diamond Saturday regarding a proposal that Saturday regarding a proposal that recommendation be made to the Domin- prove a barrier to the acceptance of the sacked her room and when she appear- mounted infantry to the Transvaal, ed ordered her to give them the jewelry President W. A. Ward, of the Board of if Canada desired to render this assisengers, that the railway is now open—the she were. She besitated and they struck Trade, called a meeting in the board tance, it should do so, paying all extrain arrived just before she left, and on the head with a revolver, and rooms on Saturday evening. Owing to the Messus. Rosenburg & Quann of this city; other jewelty six wore. They threw a limited time in which it was deemed who came down on the Tees. But one revolver which they found in the house sack of Dawson mail was brought down. In the stove, and it was burned. The authorities are looking for the robbers, rather small attendance was entirely to but have no clue so far as known. be expected under the circumstances. But it is safe to say that no vast assemblage could have displayed more enthusiasm or a greater disposition to act at once in the matter, and in that action to place on record the board's desire to contribute toward the movement which has for its object material assis-

> Herbert Cuthbert, Capt. John Irving, M.P.P., J. T. Bethune, R. Erskine. Beaumon't Boggs and Walter Walker. President Ward in explanation of the object for which the meeting was called, eulogized it as a worthy one. It should be remembered that the Dominion paid nothing toward the maintenance of its defences, the Mother Country having fortified Esquimalt and Halifax to provide protection when the need arrived. When Canada was in trouble all she needed was to ask Great Britain for assistance, which would be given immediately. It would not be too much to ask Canada to expend \$20,000,000 in people should not carry sentiment too rendering assistance to the Mother Land far. The matter must be considered when it was remembered how much she gravely and sensibly, and hysterical has done for this country. He was of feeling should be discouraged.

Worship Mayor Hayward, President W.

C. Ward, L. G. McQuade, J. J. Shall-

cross, C. H. Lugrin, A. L. Belyea, Q.C.,

Rev. E. E. Scott. It read as follows: the Mother Land.

And whereas it appears that such inhad extricated themselves from the over Herminie, Pa. "I have been afflicted vasion is the result of a wide-spread conmen would, have to be sent gradually. turned car or crawled out of the snow with rheumatism for several years and spiracy to drive Great Britain out of He considered that Canada should deor the mud, the work of getting the dead have tried remedies without number, but South Africa and to constitute therefor fray the expenditure, for it really amand the injured out was begun, and a Pain Balm is the best medicine I have a Boer oligarchy on lines identical with

> the civilization of the nineteenth century, as it must tend toward the dis- he deemed necessary.

integration of the British Empire; And whereas it is the duty of every ceived at headquarters. He immediately has informed Democratic senators that portion of the Empire to render such aid Dr. Hall. When half way to the scene leading issue he will make a larger con- her to successfully grapple with the tribution to the Democratic campaign aforesaid conspiracy, repel the assault on ing in with some of the most severely fund than he ever did to the Republican injured and administered to them there national committee, says a Washington in the whole of South Africa on a firm in the whole of South Africa on a firm basis, a government that will administer with justice the blessings of civil and

> ditions of men irrespective of color, creed or nationality; And whereas the inhabitants of this not hitherto been called upon to share the held. burden of expense of such ample pro-

tection and the privileges and honor accruing therefrom: And whereas it is believed that troops composed of men who have had the ad-Burdock Blood Bi ters Per- vantages of colonial experience involving good horsemanship, rifle shooting and self-reliance in critical circumstances. Man of This Deadly Disease are peculiarly fitted for such service; And whereas there are many thousands of such experienced men available of Manitoba and the West, died last evenin Canada who would regard it an hon- ing from bronchitis,

or and privilege to serve in defence of Be it therefore resolved that we re spectfully but earnestly urge His Excelto tender to the British war department After Treatment With the New on behalf of the Alberni Bicycle Club. In for service in South Africa a force of been suggested it may have been a present and part of the body.

Sentiment.

As to his latest investigations, Will skin, the bowels are constipated, the stools of the powels white and putty-like, and there perial government;

Be it further resolved that the secretary of this meeting be instructed to so many instances of the disease returning acts as though he might be an old-time cured many a case of severe and malignant authorities and boards of trade of every to be cured, that those who suffer from cured many a case of severe and malignant authorities and boards of trade of every this deadly malady are apt to be discourt city in this Dominion with a view to appears the contract of th inforwarding this patriotic movement; Be it therefore resolved that an executive committee, composed of 15 men, be Cancer Cure, can readily and permanently Dakota, this afternoon on the M. A. A. appointed to co-operate with His Worship Mayor Garden and the secretar! it be in the last stages.

ion of this meeting. its power, particularly at the present crisis. He desired to secure the board's opinion as to the desirability of calling a

public meeting. by L. G. McQuade and seconded by Mayor Hayward:

Board of Trade heartly endorses the its of our claims? B.B.B. has proved a veritable Klondike resolution passed at the citizens' meeting in Vancouver on Friday night urging the

Dominion government to offer the Imperial authorities 10,000 mounted infantry as a further Canadian contingent; "That this resolution be telegraphed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the British Columbia representatives at Ottawa."

C. E. Lugrin opined that although in all probability the war would be concluded without any pressing necessity for the troops, it was the duty of Canada to place the Mother Country in possession of this assistance, if desired. The parliament was now in session and opeu for the consideration of the matter. He thought it important that the Empire should present a united front.

Mr. Belyea said that although the offer would be most gratifying to the Mother Country the question of finances should be considered. To send 10,000 men to South Africa meant a proportionate expenditure toward which British citizens will have to contribute in the payment of taxes. Consequently aithough Great Britain would be most gratified, this question of taxation would ion parliament to make an offer to the offer. It should never be forgotten that Imperial authorities to send 10,000 Britain provides for the security and protection of the Dominion out of the rooms on Saturday evening. Owing to the penses entailed in the landing of the

ities would not be in the position of debe expected under the circumstances. 10,000 troops from the shores of Britain ciding between the cost of sending these or the shores of this country. Whatever was meant by the telegram as to whether or no we should provide for the equipment, he considered that Canada should pay all the bills. He would consequently move the incorporation into

the resolution of the following clause: "And that the cost of the troops, landed at any port or ports in South Africa be borne by Canada."

The question of calling a public meet ing then arose, Mr. H. Cuthbert moving that the mayor be asked to call a public mee'ting to endorse the action of the board. The present gathering was a small one, and merely represented the trading men of the city, while a public meeting would be representative of the

Mayor Hayward remarked that the citizens had expressed themselves in no uncertain manner a short time ago, and Mr. Belyea cautioned against inciting the people to become hysterical. Certainly he had no objection to a citizens' meeting, but on occasions of this kind the

the opinion that the Dominion should Mr. Lugrin said that as the citizens pay all the expenses entailed in the of Vancouver had endorsed the resolusending of these troops referred to in the tion, he thought citizens of Victoria telegram. He was satisfied that all the should do the same. He was not afraid olutions on the subject would be most of this hysteria mentioned by Mr. Belheartily endorsed by the board; and that yea, in fact he considered that it caused the Dominion government will act a great deal of good. He remembered through the pressure to be brought to the strained relations between the States and Britain during the Trent affair, and The full text of the resolution refer- how the people of Nova Scotia expressed red from Vancouver was moved by themselves ready to devote all the rev-Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and seconded by enues of the province toward assisting

Whereas the British colony of Natal Mr. Shalleross was sure that the board "I think I would go crazy with pain of the Transvaal and Orange Free State ment. Of course 10,000 men could not be sent to South Africa immediately, as no transports could be secured, and the ounted to a question of asking 10,000 men to represent this country, while we sat with our hands in our pockets, and And whereas it is the opinion of this did nothing. If Mayor Hayward demeeting that the lowering of the British sired a further support to the last meetflag in South Africa would be the most ing it should certainly be called, but he appalling catastrophe that could befall thought the matter could remain in the mayor's hands, so that he could act as

Capt. Irving advocated not only Canada making the offer of 10,000 men, but placing herself in a position of defence to such an extent that other nations will think twice before comig our way with

warlike intentions. Mr. Beaumont Boggs advocated the securing of a larger building than the theatre in the event of a meeting being called, while Capt. Irving suggested that the band be in attendance to give 'plenty music.

Mr. Cuthbert's resolution was uiti-Dominion have long enjoyed without mattely carried and the board adjourned, cost or inconvenience, the protection of Tuesday night being suggested as the Great Britain by sea and land, and have evening on which the meeting will be

> What do people mean when they talk about unhappiness? It is not so much unhappiness as impatience that from time to time possesses men, and then they choose to call themselves miserable. Vancouver Bicycle Club will be represent--Goethe.

Judge Senkler, chairman of the commis-

sion appointed by the Dominion govern-ment to enquire into the elevator system

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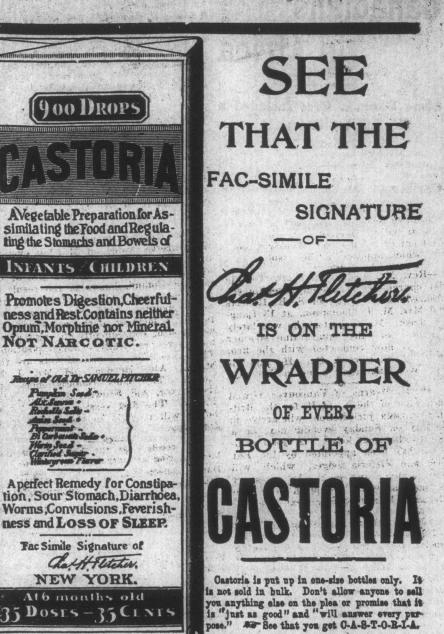
There have been so many failures in the treatment of cancers, so many recur-rences after the use of the knife or plaster, communicate at once with the civic in a short time after it has been supposed secure their co-operation and assistance cure me. I might as well give up."

Canada, and the professional speed championship of the world, between John Nil-But stop a moment. We claim that the new constitutional remedy, our Vegetable Baptie, a speedy young skater from North

remove every trace of the disease, unless "But claims are of no value," you say, No, not unless they are backed up by Mayor Hayward considered that it proof, and we have the proof in our posremains cured!

cured several years ago who are perfectly The following resolution was moved by L. G. McQuade and seconded by manent curative value of our pleasant

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NAMES OF THE PARTY Sporting News.

THE WHEEL.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE C.W.A. The annual meeting of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association will be held in the Hotel Vancouver, at the Terminal City, this evening. The chief business to be dealt with will be the election of a chief consul for the district, as well as district councillors and district committees. The ed by Messrs. O. L. Spencer, George E. Trorey and F. C. Allen. Nanaimo delegates will be Messrs. H. J. Rogers, W. E. Green and J. H. Good, of the Coal City. The interests of the Terminal City Cycling Club will be looked after by Messrs. George I. Wilson, J. M. Bowell and C. A. the Kamloops Club by proxy, whilst Mr. F. C. Allen will do similar duty for the J. B. A. A. of Victoria. Mr. Leonard Frank, of Aberni, is expected to be present view of the fact that two candidates have been nominated for the position of chief consul, a lively and interesting ses- building was locked and drifted away.

sion is expected. SKATING. CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 3.-The annual races for son, champion of Minneapolis, and Norval

ice, drew a very large crowd. championship of 1899 in all distances from militia channels and that Major Benson 880 yards to 5 miles, is a great favorite, will undertake the work. On the other but his company to-day is the fastest he hand it would seem from the above telewas the duty of Canada to assist the session, that demonstrates beyond all has ever travelled in. E. A. Thomas and gram that a special officer has been de-Imperial authorities as much as was in question that we can cure cancer, and it F. D. Gibb, of Newburgh, N. Y., are two tailed for the duty. of the fastest skaters yet produced, and If you will send us two stamps we will F. Robson, of Toronto, and D. A. Brown, send you copies of letters from persons of Winnipeg, are also champions in their respective localities.

Results were as follows: Final heat, 220 yards, 1 F. F. Robson, Toronto; 2 F. D. Gibb, Newburgh, Time 21 seconds. One home treatment. Don't you think it worth mile professional, won by Nilsson. Time, "Resolved, that the British Columbia your while to at least investigate the mer- 2:43 3-5. 880 yards, backwards, won by Thibault; Holcomb was second. Time, 1:33. Half mile, boys 12 and under, 1 BOWMANVILLE, ONT. Kenwood, 2 Laderoute. Time, 5 minutes.

Final heat, 880 vards, 1 Sonne, M. A. A A., 2 Thomas, Newburgh. Time, 1:25 4-5. Two mile professional, everywhere, Nilsson wins easily from Bastie. Time, 5:33
4-5. One mile, 1 Drury, M. A. A. A., 2
Spooner, 3 Thibault. Time, 3 minutes.
Three mile, 1 Thomas, Newburgh; 2 Drury, Montreal. Time, 9:22. Two hundred and twenty-two yards hurdle, 1 Holcomb, M. A. A. A.; 2 Robson, Toronto. Time, 27 seconds. Mile professional, 1 Nilsson, 2 Baptie. Time, 2:41 1-5 (world's record). FOR STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Recruiting Officer Will Probably Arrive in Victoria To-Night. ---

The eagerness with which the opportunity for service with the B. C. contingent and with Strathcona's Horse has been received in Victoria was amply demonstrated this morning, when a Ross. Mr. H. J. Franklin will represent throng of men gathered in front of the Drill Hall, believing that the recruiting for the force would start this morning. The small door with which entrance is made to the hall opens with a catch lock, and being unable to open the door the men came to the conclusion that the The recruiting officer will probably

F. Mounta'n, Victoria: Recruiting officer will be at Victoria the amateur skating championships of on 5th. Notify papers to that effect. Men to await officer.

arrive to night, as the following telegram

received from Coh Steele in answer to

a telegram of inquiry will show:

S. B. STEELE.

A great deal of uncertainty seems to exist regarding who will be deputed to enlist recruits. Some are of the opinion Drury, of Montrea', who won the that it will be done through the regular

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Canadians

Some Victoria Boys Included in the List of Recent Pro-

Christmas on the Veldt-Major Cartwright's Good Work Commended.

Interesting letters are published in Eastern papers, just to hand, from the correspondents now with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. From these it is noticed that Pte. Seymour Hastings O'Deli, the correspondent of the Times with the Victoria contingent, has been added to the signal corps, a promotion which he indicated as probable in his iast letter to this paper.

Other promotions noticed are those of Ptes. Carter and Whitley (step son of ex-Chief Sheppard) to act on the transport corps.

The following letter has been received

War Office, London, W.C.,

Nov. 15, 1899. Dear Col. Otter:-I thank you for your letter of the 30th of October, and for the very interesting statement you sent with it of the regiment under your command, of which I have the honor to be colonel-in-

I shall watch the reports of the fighting in South Africa with the greatest interest to see whether the regiment is engaged, and am confident that when it does meet the enemy it will uphold the honor of Canada and the Empire.

With my best wishes for you and all ranks of the Royal Canadian Regiment of

Believe me, yours most sincerely, WOLSELEY. Major Dobell has joined the corps and will probably be made one of the junior

W. Richmond Smith, in writing to the Montreal Star, says: "Yesterday Col. Miles came up from Orange River with his staff and spent several hours walking over the camp with Col. Otter and visiting the kopjes. When he returned he seemed well satisfied with what he had seen, and, I understand, assured Col. Otter that the regiment would, as soon as possible, be relieved from

The Hard and Anxious Work of guarding this point on the line of communication and sent on to join the forces of Lord Methuen at Modder

"There is noe thing which I have noticed, and which I think has been noticed by the Imperial officers holding high positions, and that is the sturdy strength and adaptability of our boys and their willingness to do any and all kinds of work they are called upon to do without grouching or complaining. For instance, if there is a railway siding to be put in and our regiment is near, we are always chosen to do the work. If it is necessary to have trains loaded in a hurry, the Canadians are usually chosen to do the work. This willingness to be of use is gaining for us an enviable reputation at headquarters, for such willingness is not always found among the Imperial troops when forced to remain behind on line of communication when the work is hard and arduous, and the chance of glory remote or impossible."

Those who know of the genius of Major Robert Cantwright, son of Sir Richard, for engineering, and of his practical work in that respect at different military stations in Canada, will not be surprised to hear that he is winning golden opinions in Africa. The same correspondent says:

"While down in Orange River the other day on a foraging mission, made necessary by the fact that outside the regimental rations it is impossible to get anything to eat at Belmont, I met

Major Cartwright. who is stationed there as superintendent of railway transport. Major Cartwright is earning a great reputation with the Imperial officers. When he arrived at Orange River a few days before the regiment passed through that place there was but a single railway siding, and the result was that days, hours and weeks of time were wasted, because of the lack of sufficient sidings to provide for the loading and unloading of troops transport and supplies. The Canadians while at Orange River put in one additional siding for him, and since that time Orange River has changed from a side station to a well equipped railway depot. There are now miles of siding and thousands of troops and many train loads of supplies can now be brought into and taken out of Orange River without the slightest delay. And all this is due to the tireless energy and practical knowledge of a Canadian officer. Col. Miles, adjutant-general at Orange River, speaks in the most complimentary manner of the valuable services rendered by Major-Cartwright at that place.

"I hear that Lieut,-Col. Drury, who came out with us from Canada on the Sardinian bas been attached to one of the artilleny divisions at DeAar, Lieut .-Col. Lessard has been attached to one of the cavalry brigades under General French at Naauwpoort along with Capt. Forester, Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, M. P. P., is, I understand, at DeAar, and shortly to be assigned to important duties in connection with railway construction, either under Gen. French or Gen. Gatacre's column."

A STRANGE CHRISTMASTIDE.

It seems almost impossible to realize heather. The tree of the British Columthat Christmas will be on us in a few bia ("A") Company has a single adorndays. In Canada Christmas and winter are so closely associated that to think the middle of its branches. As a sort that day coming in midsummer is almost impossible. Yet the officers of the the soldiers have been buying from regiment are making ready for a big neighboring farmers what are considered Christmas dinner. Orders have been here delicacies, in the form of butter. sent to Capetown and we are to have eggs, onions, chickens and other farm turkey, plum pudding and all the other produce. Besides the good things oraccessories of an up-to-date Canadian dered from Capetown, cooked turkeys Christmas dinner. And we, too, are to and mincemeat pies have been spoken for have a change from the army regula- by quite a few from some of the resition rations of bully beef, bread and dent women, whose cooking, when it can tea. They are also to have their Christ-, be obtained, is greatly appreciated. Se mas turkey! But how strange and dif- h for Christmas."

ferent it all is! Almost Christmas, and as I look out through the teut door as I write, I can see the sun setting a fiery red behind the line of kopies on the western horizon after one of the hottest days I ever experienced in my life. It is a elightful evening! A doudless sky, a balmy breeze so refreshing after such awful heat, and an atmosphere dry and clear as crystal. Away to the westward of the camp stretches the level The veldt covered with blue brown furze and coarse grass upon which are feeding hundreds of cattle, mules and horses brought in from the surrounding country by our scouts. Beyond in the far distance, rising a purplish blue against the ultramarine of the sky line is a range of kopjes, the

Fighting Stronghold of the enemy. Not a tree or shrub in

To the eastward, to the north, and to the peculiar coarse herbage of the Karoo country. In the foreground, close to the camp comfines, is a flook of ostriches—the chicken of South Africa. What ungainly, funny looking birds they are, with their long legs and snake-like Slowly they wander about the amp lines picking up what is good to eat from the refuse: But it is sun-down, and the time of our departure has come, All day they strol: about the camp grounds picking up food, but every evening as the sun sinks red behind the distant kopjes the black cock bird looks up from his feeding and silently gazes across the veldt. No call or sound is uttered to attract the attention of the flock, but they all take to their heels and make. across he veldt away from the camp. Gracefully they go with enormous strides in a long line until they disappear behind a neighboring kopje. They are strange creatures. All day long they stay around the camp, and no amount of driving will prevent them from poking their long necks into any place where there is food, but as soon as the sum sets come back again. But the evening is

Awful Heat of the Day. kopie, blue, cloudless sky, but not a tree in sight; not a patch of green or the glimmer of running water in the evening sunlight. But the atmosphere is invigorating! It is a genuine pleasure to breathe in the pure day air. And the whole scene is so quiet and restful. Though there is a balmy breeze blowing, there is not a sign of life across the distant landscape, save only the cattle lazily feeding. Not the rustle of tree leaves nor the waving undulations of long grass! All is dead, life and motionless! It seems as if the stillness of death is over all, and it is hard to realize that at any moment the distant kopjes might bristle with the enemy's riflemen and artillery, dealing death and destruction in the midst of this quiet scene, with for so cruel and bloody a war! Looking cal branch of the service. about me now in the quiet of the evenjust such another place ten days ago I' was in the midst of

One of the Fiercest Battles

of modern times I recall with horror the sight of those hundreds of blood covered wounded at the little station at Modder River and there comes to me a vision of the battlefield in front of the Magersfontein kopjes with its thunder of big guns and rattle of deadly musketry. I can see again the long line of dead and wounded behind the covers occupied by the Highand Brigade on that awful Monday. and faintly I seem to hear their agonizing cries for water. It seems impossible to realize that thirty-five miles away fifteen thousand of the flower of the great army of the British Empire stands face to face with a shrewd and wiley enemy entrenched in just such a line of quiet kopjes as I see on the distant horizon. But it is so for far away to the South is the shriek of a locomotive and as I gaze towards the point from whence the sound comes I see a long line of railway trucks and carriages carrying soldiers and supplies to the front. Then comes the last sad train of thought! How many of those with whom years. I have been so closely associated during the past two months will some day soon find a last resting place beneath the silent veldt thousands of miles from their native shows. It is in the quiet of the evening that these thoughts come. During the day the mind is fully occupied with other things. Such thoughts are quickly put aside as one thinks of the soldier's duty, and the great and glorious. company with which he takes his chances the chances of war! But I cannot help thinking as I look across the quiet, lifeless veict that the enemy is much like his country-quiet and treacherous! Deficient in courage, desicient in all that makes a good soldier save only the cunning treacherous knowledge of how best to make use of the treacherous facilities the country offers to his defending force, the Boer in his own Karroo country is a formidable enemy and on no forcenot even that of Great Britain can afford to under-estimate. The Mail and Empire correspondent.

writing on Chrustmas Eve, says: "Some of the tents have

Christmas Trees (?) made of the dry shrub which grows al! over here, resembling greatly white ment of a bird's nest securely made in of preparation for the Christmas time,

In Line

Island Municipality Will Join Victoria in Equipping Troops.

Offers of Nurses, Chaplains, Doctors and Others for Active

The patriotic offer made by the citithe south the blue-brown veldt runs up zens' committee of the city of Victoria many lines of serrated kopies. They are to raise and equip a body of fifty mountabout us on all sides, some of them ed men has already borne fruit in other capped with irregular stony ridges parts of the province. This morning the standing high in bold relief against the municipality of Cowichan sent an offer blue sky, others low and covered with to Premier Semlin indicating that it was prepared to supply and equip several men for the supplementary corps contemplated in the action of the city of Victoria. This creditable offer from the little municipality is made by J. Mait land-Dougall in the name of the district

in which he resides. There is every indication that this prompt action on the part of the island municipality will be taken up by the principal cities and districts of the province. Already from the old constituof Cariboo comes an offer of a bakers' dozen of enthusiastic patriots are prepared to bring their own who horses and saddlery and to swell the ranks of the contingent. The fact that the volunteers are not seeking cheap notoriety is amply demonstrated by their request that their names be withheld until it is decided whether or not the contingent is to go. Their offer is in hands of that stout old veteran. Major-General Kinchant, who represents Cariboo, and who may be depended upon to see that the soldierly solicitude of her off they go of their own accord and re- sons for service is properly pressed upon main away until morning, when they the authorities when the time comes to

Meanwhile the cabinet, like the people of the province generally, are chafing under the delay, and their can be no doubt Monotonous is the landscape, veldt and that every means is being employed by the officials of the department of militia and defence at Ottawa to forward the dispatch of the troops from this point. Applications are piling up in the office of the Provincial Secretary, there being between three and four hundred there already in addition to those which are in other hands. Some of these are from ex-army officers of all ranks, some of whom have served with Roberts, others with Wolseley and Sir Charles Warren, and in all quarters of the globe. It is doubtful if in any province in Canada such a large number of men, in proportion to the population, could be found

who have seen active service. Offers are, however, not confined to those who are anxious to serve as troopits death-like stillness. And yet it is ers or officers, although there are nearly so, for as I gaze towards the kopjes to a score of the latter. Four or five apthe westward I can see our picket mov- plications have been received from mediing about hillside below the skyline like cal men who wish to place their professo many brown ants. It is difficult to sional services at the disposal of the prosee them even at this short distance, for vince. One of these is from a doctor cognizable against the light brown soil in Afghanistan and in India with Robof the kopje. What a restful country erts, having spent six years i the medi-

There is also an application from a ing, here at Belmont, when all nature clergyman to go as chaplain for the seems asleep, it is hard to realize that in force, and from two nurses who are willing to undertake the arduous duties of their calling on a campaign.

ITCHING, BLEEDING PILES.

Mr. W. G. Phyall, proprietor Bodega hotel, 36 Wellington street East. Toronto, says: "While living in Chicago I was in a terrible shape with itching and bleeding piles. I tried several of the best physicians and was burned and tortured in various ways by their treatments to no avail, besides spending a mint of money to no purpose. Since coming to Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointment. I used but one box and have not been troubled with piles in any shape or form since."

SMALLPOX KILLS INDIANS. (Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Feb. 3.—Smallpox is killing Indians by the dozen on Colville reserto medical treatment.

NOTED PHYSICIAN DEAD.

London, Feb. 3 .- Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart, the noted Scotch physician,



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Bald

grows smaller. It keeps spreading, until at last your friends say, "How bald he is getting." Not easy to cure an old baldness, but easy to stop the first thinning, easy to check the first falling out. Used in time, baldness is made impossible

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If you are suffering from anæmia (poverty of the blood) or from a weak heart the fact will be made painfully apparent every time you have occasion to walk up stairs.

On such occasions does your heart beat violently? Do you feel out of breath? Do your limbs ache, and are you easily exhausted?

These are signs of anæmia and heart weakness. Palor, sunken eyes, thin cheeks, loss of appetite, and general languor are other signs. Organic disease of the Heart or Consumption may easily follow if your condition is neglected.

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cure anæmia and heart weakness, and banish all these symptoms. They make men and women strong and energetic, and are equally valuable for young and old. These pills make new, rich blood with every dose, and strengthen weak or exhausted nerves.

HEALTH BROKEN DOWN.

Mr. John Barley, Lachute Mills, says:—"Up to about seven years ago I had always been a healthy ago I had man. At that time my health began to give way, and at last I was left almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted and for the last five years have not been able to do steady work for the best part of the time, and as the many medicines I tried failed to help me, I had begun to look upon my case as almost hopeless. Finally a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now after the use of only five boxes I am feeling well and strong. It is simply marvellous what they done for me, and I shall always recHAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK.

Miss Leba C. Schilling, Peninsula-Gaspe, Que., writes:—'I had suffered for some time with a weary feeling. I had not strength to walk about. I could not walk even a short distance without being out of breath. I took no interest in anything, as I thought nothing could do me any good. On the recommendation of a friend I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had only taken them for a short time when I noticed a great improvement. I was strong enough to walk a long distance with-out resting, and felt better in every way. I would recommend Dr. Wil-liams' Pink Fills highly to all other sufferers, and think they will be surprised at the results obtained from their use."

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As many worthless substitutes are offered be sure you ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Thousands Of Soldiers

vation. The Indians refuse to submit Dominion Government to Be Asked to Offer Ten Thousand Men.

died in Edinburgh this morning, aged 63 Board of Trade Consider the

of that body for this evening in the Board of Trade building, as a result of a telegram received at noon to-day from Mayor Garden of Vancouver. The meeting will commence at 8:15, and ail members of the board are urged to be present.

The telegram referred to reads as fol-Vancouver, Feb. 3rd, 1900.

President Board of Trade, Victoria, B.

Large and enthusiastic public meeting of citizens of Vancouver held to-night passed strong resolutions urging the Dominion government to offer Imperial authorities 10,000 mounted infantry as a further Canadian contingent for service and from removing the seat of that body in South Africa and asking hearty co- to London, Ky. operation and similar action of every municipality and Board of Trade in Canada. If approved, will you call public meeting of your board at once, pass similar resolutions telegraphing copies to Premier Laurier and your own representative in Dominion parliament urging immediate action?

J. F. GARDEN, Mayor, City of Vancouver.

Although the notice is necessarily short, it is strongly urged in view of the probable business which will be considered that there should be a full attend-

Horse opens in Victoria on Monday there is dead.

is nothing yet to indicate who is to undertake the duties of recruiting officer. Fifteen men will be taken from this city. The correspondent of the Times at Ottawa wires this afternoon to the effect that when the list of officers in connection with Strathcona's Horse is published it will probably be found that that of Lieut,-Col. Sam Hughes will be among the number. The breach between the Colonel and General Hutton is said people are suffering from the worst to have been sufficiently healed to permit the latter to recommend Col. Hughes noon, and covering the ground more for the post.

Board of Trade Consider the Matter To-night---Colonel Hughes's Appointment.

President W. Ward of the B. C. Board of Trade, has called a special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of that hody for this evening in the special meeting of the special meeti

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

Called to Meet at London and to Elect, New Officers.

(Associated Press.) Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 3.-Chairman John Barrett, of the Republican joint caucus, has issued a call for a session of the caucus at the court house in London on Monday, at 4 p.m. This is taken to indicate that there will be an attempt to organize a legislature and to elect new

Judge Cantrill has issued a temporary injuction restraining Governor Taylor from interfering with the legislature,

Goebel's Condition.

Soon after 10 o'clock Governor Goebel suffered from a severe sinking spel', and grew worse so rapidly for a time it was thought the end was not far off. Stimulants were hastily administered, but the patient responded slowly and his condition at noon was considered al-

RAILWAY CONDUCTOR DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 3.-John Gee, a Grand Trunk conductor, who has been connect-Although recruiting for Strathcona's ed with that company for many years,

SNOW IN ENGLAND.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 3.-The Metropolis

awoke this morning to find the streets two inches deep in snow, which was soon converted into mud and slush Snow and bitter cold buzzard-like weather is reported from many points in the provinces. In Bedfordshire the snow experienced in years, lasting until than a foot deep. The roads are impassable and the drifts reach to the hedge-Railroad lines are partially

blocked. It snowed throughout the night in North Hertfordshire and in South Bedfordshire, and snow is still falling thickly. The telegraph wires are down in many places.

REPORTED DEATH OF TORRES.

(Associated Press.) Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 3.-A dispatch was received here last night from Guyamas conveying the news that Gen, Lorenze Torres, commander of the Mexican for ces in the Yaqui war, had been killed in Bacate mountains The report was lacking in defail, and has not been con-

, logsther with numerous recent testimonial cores. Write at once and grasp this operating quickly restored to perfect health. Sent ed envelope, free of charge.—E. NORTON ANOREY LANS, LONDON, ENG. Establ. over

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REVENUE RETURNS.

(Special to the Times.)

MR. PHELPS RECOVERING.

(Associated Press.)

Phelps was communicated to the Queen

RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

(Associated Press.)

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

(Associated Press.)

THE ADDRESS IN THE SENATE.

THE POPE'S GIFT.

(Associated Press.)

World from Rome says that Pope Leo

has sent to the Empress of China a

colossal and artistic vase, having prev-

at the Osborne House this afterno

London, Jan. 31 .- A cable from Mrs.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 27, 1900.

which is appended to the letter:

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Proclamation to Be Made at Once on the Subject -General Discussion.

The municipal board of health, consisting of the city council, met in the comgittee room of the city hall this mornmeans be forearmed in the event of the one of the stoves on the premises.

clamation making it computery for every one who has not been vaccinated for seven years, or who is not unsusceptible to vaccination, to be vaccinated.

The regulations do not the neath officer a proposition of the matter of three accounts, the appropriate formation, as well as other essentialities in connection with the bottom of the harbor. Mr. Gore said that he had bored seven or eight holes, and had on several subject dealing with the regulations do not be vaccinated.

In reply to a question by Ald. Yates, Dr. Fraser stated that so far the provincial board had notified each of the lower ground instead of vegetables. Si,000. local boards on this matter. He had endeavored to ascertain,

through the Attorney-General, the magnitude of the epidemic in Washington,

Just as Dr. Fraser was speaking, a tained that the epidemic in Seattle and stands in abeyance. as was first thought to be the case.

guard in every possible way against the ed. introduction of the disease. The communication from Dr. Fagan did not exactly state that the regulations were now in force, but from its contents he inferred that such was the case.

weekly report of the sanitary inspector. which averred that there was no case of infectious disease in the city at present. Mayor Hayward favored the readly meetings of the council. Speaking on the subject of the en-

forcement of the regulations, the mayor when it became patent to the people would comply of their own accord.

on the subject to meet with the consideration of the board. He thought it ncumbent upon the authorities to impress the requirements of the regulations upon the people, as some of them, when the spirit of opposition was roused, would refuse to be vaccinated, even, as the doctor jocularly remarked, at the point of a rifle.

He explained that he had ordered 2 .-500 vaccine points already, the cost amounting to \$250. It had been the custom of distributing vaccine free proclamation be made to the people of delegates of the lodges in the city. contemplation the putting into force of their medical examiners. revaccinated within seven years, to com- the constitution can be changed. ply with these sections in this respect. The suggestion also advised the calling attention to the fact that the city physicians had on hand a supply of pure

bovine vaccine, and would vaccinate gratuitously. Considerable discussion was evoked by Dr. Fraser's suggestion, and it was finally approved of, with the incorpora-

toria's population. The matter was placed entirely in Dr. Fraser's hands, and he will proceed to draft the proclamation to the afore-

that it was a question of "forewarned is orearmed.'

Dr. Fraser considered that if the city and a well vaccinated population, there would be no necessity for any drastic narantine restrictions. Ald. Williams favored the application

soap and water as opposed to the tice. orination test. Finally, after some further discussion, the board adjourned.

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING. Directors Discussed Matters of Minor The Contract Importance Last Evening.

Little business of importance came up before the directors of the Jubilee Hospital at their meeting last evening, there being no regular communications, and but one report. There were present the Messrs. Joshua Davies, S. H. Brown, Thos. Shotboit, Alex. Wilson, R. S. Day, R. L. Drury, E. A. Lewis, James Poreman, A. C. Flumerfelt and H. M. Grahame and Secretary Elworthy.

After the usual preliminaries, Mr. Joshua Davies reported on behalf of the building and grounds committee, regarding the offer of the Daughters of Pity to erect a structure in connection with the hospital for the preservation of plants. Mr. Davies considered the erection of a little building a desirable convenience to protect plants during the cold weather. There was no conserva-

tible to vaccination, to be vaccinated.

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The regulations do not necessarily mean. The regulations do not necessarily mean compulsion, but the act gives the board power to make the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the plan of planting the trees amount of appropriation, the mayor expower to make the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealing with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject dealined as a subject dealined with the act sale and the system of vaccinations are subject deal pital when that step is taken. He adthe lower ground instead of vegetables, \$3,000. as was the case last year.

E. A. Lewis on the other hand favored planting vegetables as on former occabut as Dr. Fagan had gone away, he sions in order that the land may be recould obtain no information on the sub- productive, Mr. Alex. Wilson concur-

Spokane had not reached the proportions | A great deal of discussion was evoked by the statement from one of the Ald. Beckwith understood that the dis- directors that a complaint had been ease had become epidemic in Spokane made by a former patient against the ever since the first case on March 1st manner of treatment experienced by that supervise the work, but it was finally deast, while Ald. Ystes inquired whether patient when an inmate of the institu- cided to deal with this matter later. the provincial board's regulations were tion. This matter was referred to the home committee for investigation. The up. Ald. Brydon pointing out that it was Dr. Fraser replied that the instruc-tions he received were for him to ex-ercise the greatest vigilance in the in-list, and after some deliberation on 13,000 to open all expenditure consistency. spection of incoming steamers, and to minor matters the meeting was adjourn-

AGAINST CLASS LEGISLATION

The committee which has acted for ing or these weekly reports at the week- the secret societies of the city in dispute with the Medical Association held a conference last night in the Oddfelwas of the opinion that vaccination lows' Hall with Drs. Ernest Hall and Messrs. Pither & Leiser to Erect a New should be optional. He considered that Gibbs, the two medical men recently appointed lodge physicians. Matters were that such a step was necessary they thoroughly talked over between the two gentlemen named and the committee, re-Dr. Fraser had prepared a suggestion sulting in a very satisfactory arrangement being reached. Their duties will commence to-morrow, the third doctor being selected at a later date.

A deputation of ten members was appointed to wait on the Attorney-General reference to some matters arising out of society work. It was also decided to circulate a petition among the different lodges of the province praying for the abolition of class legislation and asking Mr. John Hepburn.

from the state of Washington, have in recently elected medical attendants as and Smith.

the board of health have power to com- family of members. These will be atpet all who have not been vaccinated or tended under the old arrangement until

PREMIER AND CARDINAL. Archbishop of Paris Taken to Account for

Visiting Assumptionist Fathers. (Associated Tress.)

Paris, Jan. 30 .- A cabinet council, at which President Loubet presided, considtion of a clause stating that present cir- ered to-day the action of Cardinal Richard, umstances did not indicate any proba- Archbishop of Paris, in openly visiting and J. C. W. Beckham a few minutes bility of the introduction of the disease. the Assumptionist Fathers after the Cor- later took the oath of lieutenant-governor. but the step was taken as a safeguard rectional Tribunal had pronounced the disin the interests of the health of Vic- solution of the order, and the subsequent steps taken by the government.

mentioned affect. Dr. Fraser said the explain, and the prelate's reply declaring great point was to convey to the public his visit had no political character, recallthe fact that the board had the power ing his habitual attitude and defending to compel' compliance with the sections himself against the charge of hostility to by both parties that the line and steel against exciting the people, as havoc would result, while Aid. Brydon opined would result, while Aid. Brydon opined wisit published to be account of his through the streets of Frankfort all day the government. To this the Premier re- were there for business purposes only. visit, published in La Croix; incorrect, long. Drills in the street were frequently nevertheless he was compelled to condemn held. Around the penitentiary was a line the Cardinal for his unusual step. The of troops, in the opera house was a government, he added, had decided to sus- guard, three companies stood at rest in priests who wrote letters to the Assumptionists, containing protests incompatible building in which ex-Governor Bradley re-

president, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, and Sorby Harbor Committee Accept Tender of D. R. Harris for Harbor Boring.

> Work, to Commence Shortly and Will Be Pushed as Rapidly as Possible.

The Sorby harbor scheme committee held their meeting in the city hall this morning to receive Mr. D. R. Harris's tencold weather. There was no conserva-ing, and discussed the necessary steps to be taken to bring about the vaccination of the population of Victoria, and by this

cold weather. There was no conserva-der for the boring of the holes in the har-bor, along the lines laid down by Mr. Kennedy, engineer in charge of the harbor work at Montreal. There were present:

Later in the day officers entered the Mayor Hayward, Aldermen Yates, Brydon, hotel and fold the Democrats that no conmeans be forearmed in the event of the one of the stoves on the premises.

Mayor hayward, and the beinderns that no concorrespondent. Mr. McCauley, who smallpox germ escaping the vigilance of Mr. Alex. Wilson considered that the Cooley, and Messrs. Goro, C. A. Holland, ference must be held, and they attempted brought down \$30,000 in gold, left Daw-

in the way of the extension of the hos- held by Ald. Brydon, who urged upon the committee the desirability of recommend

Several amendments in the tender were also suggested, dealing with the estimated cost of boring additional holes, if such was deemed necessary; also the time in which the work could be completed.

Mr. Harris consequently was called in red in this view, saying that considerable from the clerk's office, where he had been time was taken to start the garden, and in waiting, and, speaking on the question ecphone message was received from the he considered the planting of vegetables of time, said that it would require fully Attorney-General's department informing and small fruits preferable to planting twelve days for him to commence operahim theit indirectly it had been ascer- ornamental trees. This matter also tions. In fact, be could not bind himself to any time limit, but would push the work as rapidly as possible. As to the extra holes, he was willing to bore them at a pro rata price. Some discussion ensued as to the desir-

ability of appointing some engineer to The question of appropriation again came \$3.000 to cover all expenditure occasioned in the matter.

was required.

Finally the matter was settled by Mr. Pearse moving, seconded by Mr. C. A. the sum of \$3,000 to defray expenses occasioned in the work. The committee then adjourned.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

Building on Yates Street.

Another old landmark is about to be removed to allow for the advance of progress in the erection of a new and modern structure. The requirements of a rapidly growing trade have made it incumbent on Messrs. Pither & Leiser to augment their premises, and consequently the old American hotel and the small stores adjoining will be torn down, To Whom It May Concern: and work commenced shortly on a modern warehouse and office building. The property was purchased not long ago by

the government to take into their own The proposed building will be of brick, hands the power now held by the medi- three stories in height, and will cost throughout the city in order that all cal profession in regard to outside prac- about \$18,000. It will front on Yates who desired cou'd be vaccinated. At titioners entering the province. A feder- street, and on the ground floor will be the meeting of the Medical Association, ation board of the local societies was established large and well appointed ofa short time ago, al' the members agreed permanently organized which will meet fices, while the remaining portion of the to vaccinate people free of charge, if monthly. It is intended to invite other building will be used as a bonded warethe vaccine was supplied gratuitensly. secret societies which do not include house. The present premises will be He had already distributed 450 vaccine medical attendance among their benefits utilized is a free warehouse. Although point, and a large number of people had to send representatives to this board, the contract has not yet been signed, nor been vaccinated. He suggested that a and also to the yearly meeting of the the plans entirely completed, operations wil' be commenced as soon as possible Victoria, calling attention to the fact | It is also the intention to ask those under the supervision of Mr. Thos. that the provincial government, in view lodges outside of the arrangement to Hooper, as architect, with the brick and of the possible introduction of smallpox show their sympathy by employing the stone work in charge of Messrs. Elford

This step is another evidence of the the smallpox regulations of 1896, to call A temporary arrangement was reachtheir attention to section 43, 45, 52, 55 ed in regard to one society, where medithe historical landmarks of Victoria, and of the act, and that under those sections | cal attendance involves treatment of the together with the other structures in course of construction, as well as those in prospect, will add greatly to the list of imposing buildings already on Yates street.

INSURRECTION IN KENTUCKY. Republicans Determined to Prevent Goebel From Acting as Governor.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—At nine o'clock to-night William Goebel, who lies dying of the bullet wound inflicted yesterday, was sworn in as governor of Kentucky, Bloodshed will attend on the promised attempt to secure the offices they thus nominally assume:

The Democracy has been groping around torial chair. No matter which way the Democrats turn, they are confronted by the same prospect-a line of blue edged with steel, and it was fully understood pend the stipends of those bishops and the open space in front of the Capitol hotel, sentries patrolled every side of the tice.

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the court house against the possession of the legislature, with the members of the legislature, with the through the concord between with the respect due to the work of jus- sides, and a detachment of infantry held William Taylor but the dying William Goe- China and the Vatican,

ter was the lawful head and chief execu-tive of the commonwealth of Kentucky. The Republicans laid their plans secreted il linun Il Tuccia acco ly. They carried them through vigorously and triumphantly. The proclamation de-Reaches Port claring that a state of insurrection exists in the state, summoning the legislature to meet at London, Laurel county, and

> Evidences That the Missing Travellers Were Victims of Foul Play.

to the letter. Compelled to retire from C. stoms Station Removed From the capitol building, the Democratic mem-Log Cabin to the bers went to the opera house; held back from the opera house, they went to the Summit. court house; prevented from entering the court house, they went to the capitol, only

Steamer Danube arrived about 4:30 attempt to hold in that building would be suppressed, all found taking part in it would be arrested, and the hotel itself yesterday afternoon with 26 passengers from Skagway. Of these several were from Dawson, including Harry McCauley, J. Cessford and G. W. Steffen, of Later in the day officers entered the this city, and J. K. Kline, a newspaper one and how germ escaping the vigilance of the authorities, and entering Victoria.

The mayor, in opening the meeting, stated the necessity of some active measurement of plants, and was a fraid that their nature.

After the usual preliminaries, and can present, would, give his views on the matter.

Dr. Fraser said that some time ago the matter of the polantion from the secretary power of the provincial board of the self-informing him of the prevalence of malpox in Spokane, and that the representation of the portion of the polanting to \$613.85. The reader and that the representation of the provincial board of the secretary of the provincial board of the secretary of the provincial board of the prevalence of the board would be enforced. One of these provided for the security of the port of the bearth officer a production of the bearth officer a production of the board would be enforced. One of these provided for the saturation making it compaisory for clamation making it compaisory for an advice of the chalth officer a production while the board would be enforced. The mayor asked fit the regulations of the board would be enforced to the provincial board of the prov

no right to adjourn the legislature from but one bag was received at Wrangel Frankfort, and it is likely the matter will that had been brought down the Stikine be tested in the courts before any circum- from Glenora by T. T. Pope.

stances can arise which would call for the According to late arrivals from Dawson by the Danube, the Mounted Police are drawing a net around the man O'Brien arrested under suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Clayson O'sen and Relfe, the three travellers who, after leaving Minto on their way out from Dawson to the coast, were neve! heard of again. O'Brien, the accused man, who is held at Tagish, had on him when searched a draft drawn in favor of Lynn Relfe, one of the missing men. Capt. Christensen, whose name has B. Cockerill, a merchant who arrived from Dawson, says: "I and a party Boer agitation in this city, has forwardleft Dawson a week after Clayson and ed the following letter to the Montreal Relfe, and we were delayed for eleven days at Bennett by the storm. Having To the Editor: A few weeks ago there heard that three men had disappeared at appeared in the telegraphic columns of the Star a dispatch sent from Victoria, Minto we made enquiries. We understand, from good authority, that the B.C., purporting to be a report of a prodraft found on O'Brien was drawn in volley, shot in the head. Sergt. Singleton Boer meeting in this city. The statefavor of Relfe, and the police stated they and three privates were killed, and 5 men ment was made that the meeting was were satisfied with their arrests of the | wounded. men held at Tagish and at White Horse. a well-known seafaring man." Now. "The general impression is that the missing men have been done away with, the scene of the fighting and the insurbut Christensen, I have reason to believe that it was intended by the writer of and I firmly believe they have. No gold gents departed.

strikes have been made anywhere along the road, and had there been, men would The mayor said that \$400 was already patch was a fake, pure and simple. No as then existed, 40 or more below zero. available, so that only \$2,500 additional meeting was held on that date mentioned "The freshest evidence not heretofore nor at any other time that I am aware reported that points to foul play is in of—and the "resolutions," a copy of connection with a camp discovered back London, Jan. 27.—The interpretation which was sent you, only existed in the from the river a few miles this side of that the departure of the new Japanese that I have no sympathy with the Boers, interior, and following them two miles ed on many weeks ago. Mayor Hayward has endorsed the cap-Christensen, master mariner and pilot of the port of Victoria, B.C., has been personally known to me for the last twenty years, as a good loyal citizen; and I am going back to their tent found the powerful in the world. satisfied that the rumor of his sympathy strange tracks of the watchman there

with the cause of the South African reand fled public has no foundation in fact, and Pass to the line established by the cash. To accomplish this, Japan inducmodus vivendi. The customs station will ed a syndicate of English bankers to ad-Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The revenue is still on an agreement is arrived at on the bound- been the subject of a good deal of prithe increase. The figures for the month or question, and the summit will be the vate criticism in inner admiralty circles, of January, which closes to-day, show the clearing point for all goods shipped to when it was realized what a tremendous customs revenue to be \$2,347,473, as com- the interior. Travellers and shippers naval power Japan was accumulating, pared with \$1,880,250 for January, 1899, should obtain manifests from the Can- and though Great Britain's strength be made at the summit. If for Ameri- gerous rival. forming Her Majesty that Mr. Phelps Winnipeg, Jan. 30 .- Hon. Hugh. J. be stationed at the summit and ordin- controlling the situation. Macdonald, Premier and Attorney-Genary disputes will be settled without deeral, was elected by acclamation to-day lay. D. Stevens, who was in charge South Winnipeg, and Hon. D. H. of the station at Log Cabin, will be in It Is Rumored Over Six Thousand Troops, McFadden, Minister of Agriculture, charge of the customs house at the summit. E. S. Bushby, the supervising officer of the northern customs stations, with office at Skagway, says the customs house was moved from Log Cabin to the Toronto, Jan. 31.-Ontario legislature place for such a house, and conveniences can now be had there that once were unobtainable at the point. The customs house was originally at the summit when Ottawa, Jan. 31,-Hon. D. Mills says the route was opened, but owing to the that he has asked J. P. B. Casgrain to fact that it was more convenient at Log TRANSPORTING CANADIAN PRODUCE. move the address, and G. T. Fulford to Cabin, it was moved there. Before the railway was in operation fuel cost 9 cents per pound, and the expense, together with insufficient shelter, made the removal a necessity. New York, Jan. 31 .- A special to the

DEATHS FROM THE PLAGUE. (Associated Press.)

occurred, and there was a total of 52 cases. Canadian territory.

ULTIMATUM TO THE PORTE The Italian Ambassador Demands the Release of a Girl From Turkish Harem.

(Associated Press.) Constantinople, Jan. 31.—Owing to the refusal of the Minister of Justice, Abdurrahan Pasha, to hand over the 15 year old Italian girl Silvia Gemeli, who had been placed in the harem of a Turkish officer, the Italian Ambassador, Signor Apansa, has sent an ultimatum to the Porte declaring that unless the girl is surrendered to the Italian emebassy to-day diplomatic relations between the two governments will be ruptured.

Although the Minister of Justice contends that the girl has embraced Islamism, it is believed that the Porte will yields to the ambassador's demand,

MINISTER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

(Associated Press.) Meaford, Jan. 31.—Rev. Mr. Finmore, Baptist minister of this place, attempted suicide on Saturday night by cutting

from Atlin to Quesnelle, to connect with the eastern telegraph system, thereby giving direct telegraph connection between the Yukon and all outside places. Work will be commenced at once, and the through line will be finished before next fall.

Two American Officers and Three Privates Killed and Five Wounded in a Mountain Defile.

(Associated Press.) Manila, Jan. 31.-Monday's affair near Subig resembled the recent pack train ambush. Lieut. Schenck, with a scouting party of forty men of the 25th Infantry, ran into a large force of insurgents in a mountain defile. Schenck fell at the first

The Americans then returned. Afterwards a stronger force was sent to

JAPAN'S NAVY

not have been off in such cold weather New Warships Being Built Will be Among the Most Powerful in the World.

The mayor at this juncture read the secret Societies of the City Will Ask for Some be accepted, subject to the approval of the story in such a widely
Holland, that the tender from Mr. Harris reporter's imagination. But the circumstance of the story in such a widely
to the situation in China is incorrect, as rouncil, and that a recommendation be read paper as the Star has caused me a man to watch them. Two days before made to the city council to appropriate great appropriate; and I should like to be the disappearance the watchman found the Associated Press learns to-day that permitted to say through your columns tracks leading from a cache to the the date set for the sailing was decid-

never attended a pro-Boer meeting, and came upon a camp in which he found | But, though this incident was given am as loyal a British subject as is to be goods stolen from the cache. He went found in the Empire. To those in British Columbia who know me (I have next day a trip was made to Selkirk for lived home 26 who know me (I have next day a trip was made to Selkirk for to say that those in England most coglived here 36 years) this denia; on my a warrant, It was after the now missing to say that those in England most cogpart is superfluous: but I think it we'l party had left Minto when the warrant nizant of the secret aims of Japan, esto put myself on record as repudiating got back there. The police then went pecially those who are fulfilling her to the camp and found a rifle lying on naval contracts, have for some time past CAPT. JAMES CHRISTENSEN. the bed, indicating the occupants had thoroughly believed she meditated strik-No. 9 Montreal street, Victoria, B.C. fled hastily and probably pointing to the ing a blow at Russia. Two powerful fact they had other weapons. The po- war vessels built for Japan on the Clyde lice waited a day and a haif for the sup- will soon be ready to sail while others posed thiefs to return, but they failed to are under course of construction. The come back. A fesh trail was then strength has not attracted much attenfound leading over the hills out of the tion, but their importance as internaregular route toward Hootalinqua. It is tional factors can be judged from a supposed while a warrant was being statement made to a reporter of the Assought in Selkirk, the men suspected sociated Press of one of England's dealt foully with those who are missing greatest shipbuilders, who declared the somewhere this side of Minto, and on vessels building for Japan were the most

Several of Japan's vessels in course of construction would have been com-News was received by the Danube pleted before now had not Japan enthat the Canadian customs house which countered financial difficulties. The Brithas long been at Log Cabin has been ish builders would not let the vessels removed to the summit of the White sail until everything was paid for in be established there until such time as vance the money and their action has adian office at Skagway, which may be was not impaired, it was thought undone without cost. If goods are for advisable for British capitalists to so British territory, the proper entry will materially assist Japan to become a dan-

can territory, a cash bond will be re- A well known naval expert tells a required at the same point equal to the porter of the Associated Press that if amount of duty, which will be refunded Japan puts in commission the ships on application made through the proper scheduled for service in the near future officials, at destination. The latter ar- she will be ready for war within six rangement will be necessary until such months and can then defy Russia, and time as transportation companies oper- as the Japanese and Russian ships at ate through, and obtain proper bonding present in the far East compare Japan's facilities. An American officer will also fleet will have an excellent chance of

SOUDANESE IN KHARTOUM

Have Rebelled. (Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 31.—There is a rumor in officlail circles, but not traceable to authorisummit simply because it is the natural fative sources, that a rebellion has occurred among the Soudanese troops in Khartoum. There are only 150 white British soldiers there, in command of a major. The Soudanese forces consist of two battalions, with a total of 6,500 men.

(Associated Press.,

Collingwood, Jan. 30.-Hon. Wm. Mulock spoke last night on the transportation question at the board of trade banquet. He said since the St. Lawrence canals were given a 14 feet channel enormous quantities of produce coming from the West would give plenty for all exist-San Francisco, Jan. 31.—The steamer ing routes and any others the government

Eight-Hour Mining Law

Correspondence Between Government and Members, Miners and Managers.

Feeling on the Matter as Shown by Communications Sent and Received.

· A return of all correspondence between parties interested prior to the enforcement of the eight-hour clause of the Inspection of Mines Act Amendment Act has been presented to the legislature by Hon. J. Fred Hume.

The return consists of now fewer than sixty documents, comprising an equal number of full foolscap pages, the first in the series of communications being a "Is the miners' eight-hour law to be

enforced here?" R. F. Green, M.P.P., Kaslo, same

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date, writing the minister, says: "Section 4 of the amendments to the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines, Act is creating a good deal of excitement throughout the Slocan. You are no doubt aware that the wages in this district have always been \$3.50 per day, while beg to offer a few remarks: at Rossland and in Nelson-notably at chapter 134, Consolidated Statutes, the with the consent of the Minister of ed class. Mines. A delegation of mine owners is "Their fancied 'detrimental to the best I had no request from any miner in my benefit to labor. riding asking for the eight-hour day, and I desire time to find out their wishes in the matter."

that the limit of eight hours in every 24 doing the same work.

gard to the operation of this particular the good ones that we have now.

The Minister of Mines replied to Mr. You will do any of these seven-freen's letter, informing the member for measure, and let not any of these seven-the Slocan that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-the Slocan that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teenth century political philosophers pre-that the delegation he had teen the properties of the pre-that the delegation he had teen the properties the pre-that the delegation he had teen the properties t Green-would "receive every considera- pie." tion on the part of the government."

March 14 saw a netition forwarded from the mine owners of the Sandon give this letter to the press." neighborhood-signed by seventeen large companies, headed by the Payne group, and employers of 884 miners-urging that the enforcement of the eight-hour on April 5, in these terms: ciause "practically compels the mine owners of the Slocan to adopt one of the 1st instant, stating that the newspatwo alternatives-either to reduce the pers do not represent the real views of present rate of wages, or to close down the people with regard to the enforce-have been frequently changed. their workings.'

The petitioners added: tain skilled workmen. There has so tion of the government in this question." far been no conflict between employers and employees in this camp, but the enforcement of clause 13, Victoria 61, munication, on the 1st April, M. F. Teetchapter 134, will work unavoidable dis- zel, and many other business men of Neiaster in this district. We therefore beg | son, addressed the following to the interyou to do your utmost to grant such re- ested minister: lief as may lie in your power."

Hon. Mr. Hume acknowledged this petition on the 22nd March, in a letter to Manager F. A. Wood of the "Last Chance," with the observation:

"I have received a letter on the same subject from the member for your district, and I would request you to inform the petitioners that their question is reing the hours of underground labor in ceiving the earnest consideration of the the metalliferous mines. From our in-

heard from on March 30, when President John Leaden and Financial-Secretary James Devine, of the Rossland Miners' Union, wrote to the minister to this effect: "You would greatly oblige the officers

and members of this union if you could give us some knowledge when the eighthouse law is going to take effect. To out. We think there would be good results if the law was enforced at once."

Three days later, Hon, Mr. Hume replied that the matter was under consideration by the government, and expressed the hope that he would be in a position shortly to send definite instructions to the inspector of mines in the matter. 29th March, telegraphed Hon. Mr. Hume

"Eight-hour law thoroughly enforced; perfect harmony. Never mind Slocan kickers. Expect letter." Two days later H. G. Needlands sent

to the minister from Nelson, this mes-"Delegates leave here Monday to in-

terview you. Will you be in Victoria?" William Hunter of Silverton gave his views on the question in a letter addressed to Hon, Mr. Hume on March 31, in

which he said: "You have no doubt received many letters with regard to the new eight-hour shift for men underground. It seems that the bill was rushed through in a

work the ten hours for the larger pay. It seems too bad that when things were moving along so quietly, this question should have been brought up, as everyarrangements. The trouble would have satisfied. come soon enough without the government being the first to move in the matter. Now if there is any way of letting matters rest the way they are in the Slocan it will be much better, for if any trouble arises I am afraid that some of the mines that are only in the prospective stage will be apt to shut down at the present price of silver. I hope you will give the matter your earnest attention, and try and avoid trouble."

The reply of the Minister of Mines to this letter was written on the 5th of April, and contained the following: "I am afraid that it is more than probable that there will be some little friction in certain localities where this act is enforced, but I trust this will only be of a temporary nature. At the same telegram addressed to the Minister of time, I would have you bear in mind-Mines by F. A. Heap, Ainsworth, March that this legislation was introduced upon 16 last, in which the question is asked: the expressed wish of different mining constituencies, and I presume they had fully considered beforehand the probable result of their action."

> On the 1st of April, Charles Angus McKay of Nelson was heard from in a letter to the minister in which he said: "In view of so much opposition to your efforts in the enforcement of the eighthour law, as a representative of labor I

"First, we deplore the fact that our the Hall mines—they have only paid \$3 newspapers by no means voice the sentiper day. The owners here threaten to ments of labor on the question, but, cut wages to meet the situation, to \$3, nevertheless, labor here is, I may say, which will in my opinion result in a unanimous in favor of the law. We ap-Under section 34, Victoria, preciate your stand, shown in the efforts you are making to enforce the system prosecutions under this act can only be. The agitation got up here against the act instituted by the inspector of mines or represents nothing more than the money-

on its way to the Coast to interview interests of Kootenay' is false, and will you on the subject, and I would suggest not hold good under any experiment. that you accede to their demands for an . They are mistaken economists. We hold assurance that no prosecutions will be that we can produce just as much in instituted until you notify them to the eight hours as in ten, therefore it is no contrary. I ask this for the reason that hardship on capital, and is of much

"Comparing other classes of labor with underground mining, as has been done in the Nelson Miner, is very foolish. Un-Next, under the date of March 17, is derground men have to contend with bad an instruction from the Minister of air, whereas the others have not. Now Mines to Inspector James McGregor, di- if we can do a day's work in eight recting his attention to the section of the hours, it would be poor economy to stay act, and requesting that he "see to it down in a smoky mine for ten hours,

"The effects of the system will be most Hon, Mr. Hume replied to Mr. Heap: beneficial to all concerned, both capital "I shall esteem it a favor, therefore, if and labor, inasmuch as it will in time reyou will let me know of any expressions sult in gathering the very best of minof opinion you may have heard with re- ers to this country, and in keeping here

"In conclusion I would say that I hope The Minister of Mines replied to Mr. you will do all you can to enforce the referred to had had an interview, and vent you from doing your duty, as I can conveying the assurance that their repre- assure you you have the warm support sentations—as well as those made by Mr. of the great mass of the common peo-

> As a postscript, Mr. McKay suggested that: "If you see fit, Mr. Hume, you can

> It does not appear that Mr. Hume "saw fit" The minister acknowledged the letter

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of ment of the eight-hour law, and that the agitation organized in certain districts "In the Slocan district we have con- against this measure represents only the sistently paid the highest rate of wages views of the moneyed class. I beg to paid in the province, and owing to the thank you for this expression of opinclimatic conditions prevailing here it is ion, and I trust that, as you say, both necessary for us to do so in order to ob- labor and capital will benefit by the ac-

Coincident with Mr. McKay's com-

"We, the undersigned business men of Nelson respectfully beg to ask you as our representative to do everything in your power to prevent the disaster which we foresee to us and to the district in which we are interested through the enforcement of the legislation passed at the last session of the legislature affecttercourse with the miners in the neighborhood of this town, we are convinced The workmen in the mines were first that they have been, satisfied with the wages they have been earning, and with their hours of labor, and from our knowledge of the conditions we believe that them have come to better their circumstances here. We have invested our money in this place, and have staked much of its growth and prosperity from us it seems the hour for action has ar. the increased working of present mines rived; the men's patience is almost worn and the development of new ones, and if, as we believe to be the case, this interference with the free right of contract of employer and employee be persisted in, we anticipate that present operations will be greatly reduced; and that the ceive a heavy blow from the frightening with the already existing conditions, James Wilkes, of Rossland, on the away of capital, which is known to be both as to hours of labor and rate of ticipate would be so ruinous to us have not suffered in health or well-being prosperity and growth of the mining in- | day. dustry and to the district as a whole, "We beg also to point out that the that we cannot too strongly urge you to mines in this district cannot be classed action no matter how strong or unusual, material increase over the present cost to prevent any interference with the of working would render our operations isted between employer and employee."

An independent view of the situation, cost, we will discontinue operations. under the same date of April 1, is con-Minister of Mines:

son or Rossland, where the wages were interested in mines has been appointed that should be heeded. only \$3, but I am afraid that if it is en- to go to Victoria, backed up by a petition one seemed satisfied with the existing dies out somewhat, all parties will be

"Of course there are miners who are continually agitating for something, and there are mine owners who are never satisfied, no matter how much work they get for a dollar. I think the law should be optional in properties under development, if miners are agreed to work, 10 hours should be satisfactory; in deep workings, where air is bad, 8 hours is plenty. I should advise you to stand

Mr. Bunker also adds: "You are at liberty to use this note." In acknowledging the letter in ques-

tion, Hon, Mr. Hume says: "The government are giving this matter their serious consideration." The acknowledge ment bears date of April 7-"and I shall be glad to place before them your views on the subject."

The previous day, however, it would appear that the government had arrived at a partial understanding, for on that date a telegram was sent by Hon! Mr. Hume, to Inspector of Mines McGregor, at Nelson, instructing him in the following terms

"Withoud enforcement of section 4, Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, as amended last session, until further ad-

This message was not delivered, as a telegraph company note to the sender "Party addressed left town, Now somewhere in Slocan country-think San-

The wire was worked from Ymir the same day. April 6, and Hon. Mr. Hume received the following from L. A. Snyder, of the new mining camp: "Good results obtained by enforcing

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eight-hour law." Next in order came a petition bearing the date of the 1st of April, signed by the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., the Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd., the Hall Mines, Ltd., and many others. It read:

We, the undersigned owners, represent-

atives of owners, and managers of mines in the Nelson district, desire respectfully to urge upon you the great necessity of using the controlling power invested in you by the act, entitled "An Act for securing the safety and good health of workmen engaged in or about the Metalliferous Mines of the Province of British Columbia, by the appointment of an inspector of metalliferous mines," section 34, chapter 27, to render non-effective section 13 of the said act, amended at the last sitting of the legislature to read: "No person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mines for more than eight hours in every 24 of the said clause is interest of the progress and well-being of such districts, and we submit the following reasons in support of the justice and reasonableness of our request:

"1. It is universally recognized that mines should not be made without mature consideration, and for reasons so strong as to render it probable that a as uncertainty with regard to the laws affecting those interests has the effect of deterring eapitalists from investing money in a country whose mining laws

"2. Legislation affecting such large vested interests should not have been passed without an opportunity having their opinions upon the desirability of such legislation. "3. That the clause in question was

not enacted in deference to the spontaneous desire of the majority of those affected by it, but at the suggestion of those representing labor unions, at the dictation of the management of labor union organizations in other places than those districts affected by the act in

"4. That it has been concurred in by members of the union in some of the mining districts in the belief that they would receive the same wage for eight hours' labor as they have hitherto re-

ceived for ten hours. "We would respectfully submit, with reference to the first objection named, that the amendment to the law referred to was passed so hurriedly, and with so little previous notice, that none of us were aware of the intention to propose this change; and we were therefore unable to make known to you, our rethey are better off than the miners of presentatives, the disastrous effects the United States, from where many of that we believe will follow the enforcement of such legislation. That you being absent from the House at the time, and most of the members being unfamiliar with the conditions of mining in this district, the legislative assembly was influenced by the opinion of an individual member, whose mine owning constituents were unaware of his intention

to introduce such legislation. "With reference to the third reason submitted, we have by inquiry among opening of new mines and the develop- the employees of our mines elicited the meat of the country generally will re- statement that they have been satisfied very timorous where there is danger of wages, and we are convinced from our abor troubles. The results which we and experience that miners in this district whose business is dependent upon the from laboring underground ten hours a

leave nothing undone, or to take any among the dividend payers, and that any state of things which has hitherto ex- so much less likely to be profitable that

"6. That no greater evil can befall and that the example of New Zealand as Minister of Mines wrote:

hurry, for no one seemed to know any- amendment of the mining law constitu- in making it impossible to induce capihurry, for no one seemed to know any- amendment of the mining law constitu- in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it impossible to induce the mining law constitution in making it induces the mining law c I do not know how it will work in Nel- ground working, a delegation of parties ment of a country, should be a warning government:

"7. That some of us have already by forced here it will cause no end of to the government to repeal such clause fair trial proven that the cost of worktrouble, for the mine owners declare said law affecting interested parties re- ing per foot, with three shifts of eight ing for ten hours. that they will shut down before they garding the 8-hour section. I would say hours, is considerably greater than and the men say that they would rather as a disinterested party, neither employ- at the same rate of wages per shift; and ten hours. ing miners, or wanting employment in that, although it might be possible that mines, that the law is giving general during a month of trial, the men might the government for the reduction of satisfaction, and I think that after giv- so over-exert themselves to prove that hours. ing it a fair trial, and the excitement this would not be the case, in a short time the result of our experience would prove to be correct, and we consider that the situation would only be rendered more difficult, and no good end accomplished, by such an experiment.

"8. Some of us have recently returned from Europe, having succeeded ourselves, and being aware of the success of others, in arranging for a large amount of capital for the development of mines in this district during the coming season, and we feel in a position to state that, if the provisions of the section of the act to which we object, be enforced, very little, if any, of the promised capital will be available.

"We have commissioned Captain Duncan, J. J. Campbell, and S. S. Fowler to present our request to you, and to provide you with such further information as to our views upon the subject as you may desire."

The matter was brought to an issue by a telegram from Sandon on the 7th April. signed by F. A. Wood, and reading; "Inspector is here to notify us of eight hour law. What shall we do?"

Hon. Mr. Hume replied immediately to Mr. Wood: "Ask McGregor to await telegram which is now at Nelson."

Next in the long series of communications came a telegram from Montreal, from Clarence J. McCuaig, one of the directors of the Payne Mining Company, dated the 8th April, and reading: "Directors of the Payne Mining Com-

pany informed that you intend to post notices eight-hour law in Slocan dis-Owners principal mines have agreed to shut down if law inforced unless men will accept \$3 for eight hours' work. We must necessarily follow suit. Ground being easy to work men preferten hours; seven-tenths Payne owners here. Majority of money for development British Columbia comes from Montreal. Any serious trouble will destroy confidence and seriously hinder development. Earnestly request your grave consideration and postponement of action for present. A reply will be appreciated,' The reply, which Hon, Mr. Hume sent

the same day, read thus: "Until further notice and more information, eight hour law will not be enforced in the Slocan district."

Just one day later, J. J. Campbell, one of the Slocan mine owners' delegates referred to in a previously considered petition, addressed the Minister of Mines from Victoria as follows:

"In order to avoid any possibility of inaccuracy in reporting to the mine owners whose petition I handed to you, the decision of the government, I will be greatly obliged if you will kindly write to me upon the subject, in order that 1 may transmit copies of your letter to the different mine owners interested.

"Pending the receipt of this, I will inform those who I have an opportunity of seeing, that in view of the representa- memorial to you asking relief in this law. tions made by them and others, the gov. but they have by no means accepted it ernment, through the Minister of Mines without thought of doing so, and I sinand yourself, has promised that until it is ascertained through the members for have an opportunity of presenting their changes in the legislation affecting the Kootenays, the feelings of the elec- side of the question, we may get relief. I tors in their various districts, you will have acquainted our directors in London instruct the Inspector of Mines not to with the particulars of the case, and we prosecute for any infraction of section are now prepared to resent very strongly change when made will be permanent, 13 of the Mines Inspection Act, and that labor interference, although in the you will refuse the necessary permission meantime we will do all we can in jusfor any other person to presecute, and tice to the men; we will pay the best that if you should decide that it is the wages, and do everything to maintain wish of the electors in those districts harmony, and if we are led into a disthat the provisions of the amendment astrous struggle with labor, it will not be referred to should be enforced, notice of hard on us and the men alone, but it one month or six weeks will be given may lead to trouble all over the province, before any prosecution will be permitted, and nothing will be so damaging to our been given to those interested to express and that no permission would thereafter mining industry abroad as the fact that the given for prosecution for any infrac- we are having serious labor troubles tion of the act prior to the date stated here. I may shortly be in Victoria when

in such notice." the following day:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th time being, I will be very pleased to be inst., and beg to say in reply that the so informed. government have instructed the Inspector of Mines by wire as follows: "Withhold enforcement of section 4.

instructions." "The government has taken this step pending the receipt of reports from the representatives of the districts affected the eight-hour law. "If after receiving this information it

force the act, 30 days' notice will be given by advertising in the Gazette." Two days subsequently, on the 10th of bary of the Miners' Union at Sandon, the meanwhile,

is deemed in the public interest to en-

wired the minister: We request that the mining inspector

On the same day the minister replied by telegram: "Upon representations by mine own-

sideration."

nam, who wrote: "Your telegram was somewhat of a

surprise to the miners up the Slocan untry, as they knew it was a just law. to enforce it. Now if the mine owners the 15th April, and acknowledged by and their hirelings are going to defeat the wishes of the miners, misrepresenting the facts, it is time the government was paying some little attention to the miners those who pay their just proportion to the taxes who go to support the government. Now I will say without fear of contradiction, that miners

tained in the letter of Alfred Bunker of us than the beginning of labor troubles. were addressed by Hon. Mr. Hume in

lowing representations have been made shifts, thus giving employment to min-

"1. That the mine owners could not consent to pay the same rate of wages laughed at; the men here say the owners eight hours as they have been pay-

"2. That the miners themselves are will pay \$3.50 for eight hours' work; as a supporter of the government and with two shifts of ten hours each. satisfied with the old working day of "3. That they the miners, did not ask

"4. And that they would prefer the ten hours to a reduction of wages.

"5. And the mine owners state that rather than pay \$3.50 for eight hours, they would close down. "The government have carefully con-

sidered the whole matter, and will leave ings, etc., the workmen have had be it for the miners themselves to dec de ter health, the masters better work, ar whether it is to their interest or no to the merchants increased business. onforce the art, the government in the the country at large it is much be meanwhile withholding their consent to to have two men earning \$5 per day the any prosecutions or enforcement of the one man earning \$3.50. If these san act until the general feeling among the miners can work in Rossland, Nelson and miners has been more cleanly ascentain other points on shorter time, why and they have laid their case before in the Slocan? If they are forced government. At the same time I part of them are forced, to leave can assure you that if it is shown to be. Slocan, and work on the railways in the interest of the miners and the \$2.25 for ten hours' work, can they general prosperity of the country to work at a profit at \$2.80 for eight hours enforce this act, the government will. The question is simply one of avarie not hesitate to do so."

Writing from Rossland on the 12th April, to Hon. Mr. Hume, W. A. Carlyle, as mining engineer in charge o' the works of the British American Corporation, was next heard from as follows: "With respect to the eight-honr law.

glad if you would let me know whether This opinion is the result of interviewing any such step has been taken? I would over fifty working men, with whom like to say that this new regulation com- have talked since the eight-hour law peling us to adopt the eight-hour law, was passed." was totally unknown to the mining men here, and we could scarcely believe that it had been passed. Prior to that time there had been no dissatisfaction among | April, in which he says: the men, and no complaints had arisen whatever. Yet, without giving the min- making inquiries from the voters, resiing men any opportunity whatever to discuss this proposed change, it was from persons who are more or less intermade law. When we got notice from the inspector of mines, we at once adopted without changing the rate of wages for the time being, in order that we might learn what difference it made in the cost of working. I might say that | diately, we are doing everything to prevent any conflict with labor, as such would be a government should most certainly en severe blow to the province and very force the law to the very letter, notwithhard on the mining companies. The standing the Nelson delegation to the Miners' Union is becoming more and contrary, who, by the way, only repremore aggressive, and the fact that two sent a few disgrunted mine owners of of three of their members were able to the Slocan who are ready to reduce secure the passage of this bill bodes ill wages, even when working the ten hours, for the mining industry. In reference and I am sure that the action of the to this eight-hour law, it was not in government in enforcing the law will be vogue in Rossland, as has frequently been endorsed by a great majority of the peostated, except in two or three working ple. During my visit to Rossland a few places in the War Eagle. We already days since I made it my business to find, in the Le Roi, that our costs for make inquiries from a reliable source the same production per day have been whether there was any dissatisfaction materially increased by the passage of among the mine owners, and I found this act, compelling us to work thus. The that everything seemed to be working result may be that we shall have to reduce wages, which may lead to a disagreement between ourselves and our accord. I am sure that in this matter | April wrote again to Hon. Mr. Hume. we have your sympathy, as you will fully understand the conditions that ex- ers and others held at Ymir on the ist in Kootenay, but as I know you were standing for re-election at the time this James Graham, J. J. Roets, Wm. De-

men, when hitherto there was complete law was passed, you were unable to give lahay and A. L. Knox had been apus you support. The mining men of pointed to draft resolutions protesting Rossland had not as yet presented a against the suspension of the eight-hour cerely hope that until the mining men I hope to have the pleasure of a talk To this the Hon. Mr. Hume replied with you upon this subject. If you have decided to withhold this measure for the

The acknowledgment of this included a statement of the conditions of the with- Minister of Mines, addressed from Vanholding of the act in operation, coupled Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, with an expression of satisfaction that said: as amended last session until further the British American Corporation was doing all possible to avoid a conflict eight-hour law in the mines was repeatwith the labor interest.

On April 15th, the section of the British Columbia board of trade, Victoria, plication to deep mining to be correct transmitted copies of the resolutions and in line with good precedents towards passed at the quarterly meeting of that oody, urging as the unanimous opinion of the board that time should be given both mine owners and miners to fully present their respective cases, the act April, Grant Cox, the financial secre- being allowed to remain inoperative in

Hon Mr. Hume replied to this communication that the government had al- | be entertained for the present, it being now here inforce the eight-hour-law at ready instructed the inspector of mines understood that such would become the to take no action toward the enforce- statutony meaning at the legislature's ment of the act until further advised,

"The government are taking such ers of Slocan and others, the inspector stops as the case demands, to have the has been instructed not to coforce the opinions of the mine owners and the eight-hour law until further advised, miners upon this subject. After both The government is giving it careful cin- sides of the case have been laid before to receive, as they will be of great asthe government, and if in their opinion This message was acknowledged by the act should be enforced, thirty days' at a decision in the matter." the union on the 13th April, over the notice will be given through the B. C. signature of its president, Jos. Stock- Gazette. I should like to have copies of any objections which your board may have received from mine owners, etc.

Another extended communication writand had all confidence in the government ten by A. G. Fraser at Kuskanook, on Hon, Mr. Hume on the 18th, contained the following: "The subject (of the eight-hour law)

has been pretty thoroughly discussed "And whereas there are certain penal-here by the railway laborers. There are ties for not complying with the said enno mines in operations in this section, actment: but quite a number of prospectors and miners have been at work during the that the legislation in question will not outside of the union have asked the winter on the N. & B. railway, the ma- only work great hardship upon the mine we have reluctantly determined that Miners' Union to use their best efforts jority of them being from the Slocan. owners of this district but also upon the rather than continue work at increased to have the eight-hour law enforced at They are without exception in favor of mines themselves, for the following reathe eight-hour day; they claim that a sons Presumably the arpended remarks greater number of men would obtain work: and that more and better work district at the present time are entirely Nelson, in which the writer says to the from which we have hitherto been free, reply to this, for on the 17th April, the would be done working eight hours than unproductive, owing to the lack of faciliworking ten hours, Instead of working ties for the reduction of ores, in conse-"Through an excitement caused by the showing the disastrous effects of strikes | "I beg to say in reply that the fo'- one shift mine owners would work two quence the expense of operating the said

made by the mine owners is simply are here to develop their properties and make money, that it is a matter of indifference to mine owners who they pay wages to, provided the work is done The fact that organized labor has been fighting for years in all civilized comtries for eight hours' work, eight hours' pay and eight hours' sleep,' and that the greater number of working men in th country are asking for the eight hours should be sufficient to convince the gov ernment that the legislation as carrie will work mutual benefit. Where it been tried heretofore, in factor es, bu

The fortunate ones who get \$3.50 don't want to divide with their less fortunate brothers. The mine owners will not reduce wages, nor will they close their properties. They will pay the same rate per hour, and other districts will follow, because labor will not be so plen-William D it is reported here that the inspector of titul. They will employ more men, pro mines has been instructed not to enforce duce more ore, pay a bigger aggregate it for the time being. I would be very wage, and everyone will be benefited.

> Wm. Delahay was again heard from in a letter dated at Ymir on the 13th

"I have complied with your wishes in dents and business men of Ymir, also ested in mining properties in this locality; and I have not met with one who is opposed to it. The mines working here are the Tamarac and Ymir, which when notified complied with the order imme-

"In voicing the sentiments of Ymir, the very satisfactory indeed. In conclusion I hope the government will not weaken

in enforcing the eight-hour law." The same Wm. Delahay on the 18th as chairman of a mass meeting of minevening of the 17th April, stating that clause, and forward them to the Minister of Mines and the Ymir Miner, for publication. These resolution, subsequently presented read:

"1. That the eight-hour law passed by the Legis'ature of British Columbia was highly satisfactory to the miners of Ymir district

"2. That the action of the government is now suspending the operation of the said law is highly detrimental to the interests of the miners of this district. "3. That the Minister of Mines be requested to immediately enforce the operation of the eight-hour law in the dis-

wict of Ymir. "4. That the assurance that one month's notice be given to the mine owners be immediately rescinded, as such notice was never contemplated in the law.

"5. That the statement made by the deputation of mine owners to the effect that the law was obnoxious to the mine owners, is entirely incorrect."

A more moderate tone pervades a communication from B. R. Atkins to the couver on the 26th April, in which it is

"While in Victoria the matter of the edly brought to my notice, and my opinion asked concerning it. I believe the principle of the legislation in its apspecial classes of employment, but I think that there should be some qualifying amendment attached limiting its application to deep mining only.

"Regarding the enforcement of the act in this particular, the suggestion of its operation only in cases where the working may be properly called deep, might next session. Of course this is merely my personal idea upon the subject, and given only in that sense. Hon. Mr. Hume, replying to this letter,

"Such expressions of opinion I am glad sistance to the government in arriving

Next in order of communications is a resolution adopted at a meeting of the mine owners of the Boundary Creek district as follows:

"Whereas it has been enacted by the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia that no person shall be employed underground in any metalliferous mine for more than 8 in every 24 hc

"Now this body respectfully submits

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"3. That with the reduction in the their own free will the eight-hour syshours of labor if will be necessary to reduce the wages per diem from a ten to direct them to do so; on the other hand harmoniously existing;

Therefore the mine owners in the district respectfully beg that the aforemen- dare to enfore the law. The claim that the interests of labor in the minds of the tioned amendment may be held in abey- mine owners did not know such a law executive. ance, at least until such time as the mines are shipping and productive."

ment be delayed until further represen- port the same at the earliest opportunity. tations could be made to the government on the subject, and in reply the an issue in the bye-election of the Hon. Minister of Mines wrote that the govern- Mr. Hume. Furthermore the same subfull inquiries as to the views held by in September, 1898, and the proceedings in this matter." mine owners, mine managers and the of that body appeared verbatim in the miners themselves, on the subject Vancouver Province and were published, the law should be carried into effect.

William Delahay was again heard from on the 20th of April, when he wrote Hon, Mr. Hume that

"The general opinion in this neighborhood (Ymir) is that the law ought to be enforced, notwithstanding whatever influence may be brought to bear to the House. This certainly does not look not in favor of the act if it involves the of Atlin, complaining of recent mining riotic Fund to date amounts to \$87, contrary. It is also a well known fact as though the country did not expect the myment of a lower rate of wages than legislation of this province as therein set 764.44. that the majority of those who now op- law. We beg to say the miners' unions of they have been receiving for a day's work forth. pose the present law were hostile to the Nelson, Ymir, Sandon, and Rossland are of ten hours." present government, and used whatever in the same federation, and all heartily neans they had in their power to defeat endorse the law; and all statements to them both at the general election and your own (Hon. Mr. Hume's) bye-elec-Consequently I deem it nothing falsehoods. This matter is not a quesbut right and in justice to yourselves and to your supporters that the law be strictly enforced."

On the 27th of April, L. A. Snyder, secretary of the Ymir Miners' Union. ransmitted copies of resolutions endorsng those passed by the Rossland trades nd labor council, asking that the eightour law be enforced. In addition the llowing was transmitted:

Whereas at a special meeting held by the miners of Ymir, urging that the government enforce the eight-hour law hroughout the province, and whereas the said law being in force throughout Trail Creek district has proved a success beyond any doubt whatever, and whereas a majority of the mine operators who now oppose the eight-hour law, were also opposed to our present government prior to the last election, be it resolved that we heartily endorse the resolutions passed by the trades and labor council of Rossland on April 25th."

On the 2nd of May T. Mayne Daly confirmed by letter the telegram of the mine owners of Rossland, and stated that a memorial was being prepared for signature setting out the views of the Labor Council on April 25, are as folnine owners of this camp and other parts lows: of the Kootenay on the eight-hour "Whereas at the last session of the

ment will refrain from enforcing this the provisions of which was that no per- ment had determined to enforce the law aliens. A reference to the mining laws aw, and that the whole matter will be son shall be employed underground in on the expiration of 30 days from the will show that their whole tenor is, as held in abeyance until the next session any metalliferous mine for more than Gazette notice of May 11. of the legislature."

This was acknowledged by Hon. Mr. Semlin, as acting Minister of Mines, bour law; and with the declaration that the government had already given the matter careful consideration, and had decided to Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. enforce the clause, notice to that effect | the Miners' Union, Trades and Labor being published in the Gazette of the Council of this city, and other labor or-11th of May.

The resolutions of the Rossland Min- and is heartily endorsed by every intelers' Union, No. 38, Western Federation ligent working man, labor and reform orof Miners, were transmitted by Presi- gaization in the province; and dent John Leaden and Secretary James Devine on the 28th of April, the cover, firmly upon the principle that it is the

ing letter reading: "According to instructions we have the cure legislation in the interest of labor honor to inform you that the above men- that will effectually improve the contioned organization by resolution at their ditions of employment and social life. last regular meeting unanimously and thereby avoiding and rendering unnecesunqualifiedly endorsed the resolutions of the Trades and Labor Council, re the strikes, lock-outs, etc.; and eight-hour law, copy of which is here- "Whereas said eight-hour law is at the with enclosed. It is certainly unfortun- present time actually in force throughout ate that so much agitation has been Trail Creek district, containing many generated against this law which promis- of the largest mines in Canada, and at ed so much for the operatives of the all working mines in Ymir district, evimetalliferous mining industry, but which | dently to the satisfaction of all parties only at most could place them on the concerned, as there has been no expressame footing in respect to working hours | sion of dissatisfaction made on the part as obtains and prevails in practically of the mine owners to the knowledge of every community in the British Empire this council where said law has been where mining operations of any kind are given a fair trial; and carried on. We very much fear that . "Whereas, owing to the strong reprethe argument of mine owners which in- sentations and overtures of the Slocaa duced the government to suspend the law and Nelson mine owners, the Executive were of such a character as to impress Council of British Columbia has deemed the Executive with an exaggerated and it wise to suspend the aforesaid law over-estimated idea of the gravity of the pending an inquiry into the actual consituation. In fact the same is quite dition of the metalliferous mining inthey were positively not in a position eight-hour principle; and of the enforcement of the law would ascertain in no part of Her Majesty's this letter." be, since they had made no fair practical Dominion, except in Ontario and British Eagle Mining Co. towards the eight; more than eight in every twenty-four

test of the same. In contrast to the ac- Columbia metalliferous mines, are untions of complaining parties in this case, derground operatives of coal, metalliferet us compare the attitude of the War ous or other mining, required to work hour principle. This corporation em hours, in the United States, however, ploys probably more men than are em: where the influence of labor can assert ployed in all of the Slocan mines repre- itself, efforts are being made to secure sented by the five American superintend- an eight-hour law for the benefit of the ents who formed the first delegation to mine workers, success has crowned their bers gathering here to-day, other than wait on the Executive arging them to efforts in Utah and Colorado, and in to talk over the general outlook of the exempt them from the operation of the Idaho an eight-hour bill was passed by trade for next year. They expect the law if possible—if not, to suspend it. The the House of Representatives but vetoed war in South Africa will make consid-War Eagle Co.-properly speaking, the by the State Senate, in New Zesalan I erable difference in the demand for can-Blackstock-Gooderham Syndicate imme- and Australia such legislation has been ned fruit this season. diately upon taking charge of their pro- adopted, and applied even in a broade: perties in this camp, initiated the eight- sense and proved highly beneficial to the hour principle (so far as actual miners country, and not prejudicial to the inconcerned-laborers only were re- terests of capital; quired to work ten) and continued to . "Therefore be it resolved that this coun

operate the same ever since. When the cil once more re-affirms its hearty endorse spector notified Mr. Hastings, the ment of the so-called eight hour law, and manager, to comply with the law. did sincerely believing that the sympathies complain? Did he ask a week-a and the sentiment of not only the people fortnight-or 30 days to adjust himself; of Kootenay, but of all intelligent people the new circumstances? No, sir. throughout the length and breadth of this That very instant, that very day, he is- province are with us, we respectfully arge sued orders to his bosses to send all the government to carry out the wishes of workmen out of the mine when their the legislature by enforcing the law at the earliest possible moment consistent with a ever remembered the Blackstock-Good- proper investigation such as is being conham syndicate have a provincial, natime, and it is with regret that we learn two miles east of Savanmah. tional, international, and universal repu-

tation as a shrewd business and financial that certain enemies of this bill are eninstitution; now in all fairness we ask deavoring to create an impression in what argument ought we to consider of public mind that alien laborers were the the most weight and value. On the one cime movers and instigators in securing this law; and that the working men of hand we have a corporation employing Knotenay d'd not seek and do not wan hundreds of men, adopt and initiate of resent as unjust, and unfair argumen quires them to do so; on the other hand a slur and slander on the intelligence of an eight-hour basis, thereby working delegations of mine owners refuse to Canadian labor, not calculated in any sense great hardship upon the men and the obey the laws of the country, rush off to assist the government in reaching an consequent disturbance of the condition to Victoria, fill the air with rumors of honest, proper and justifiable decision in of employer and daborer as at present impending disaster, and it is currently its inquiries; on the contrary such staterumored threaten to close down their ments and efforts are used and put forth mines if the government of this country with the unterior motive of prejudicing

would be enforced does not hold good. "Be it further resolved, that copies of Before your government was formed, la- these resolutions be forwarded immediatebor was agitating for and demanding by to every Kootenay member of the legis The mine owners of the Rossland this law. At the convention which nom- lature, and members of the cabinet, Ralph Camp also took occasion, on the 1st of insted and pledged Mr. J. M. Martin, our Smith, M. P. P., president of the Deminion May, to place on record their strong dis- member, to this bill, your colleague, the Congress of Labor, and Robert Machber approval of the 8-hour clause, and re- Hon. Mr. Cotton, spoke very strongly in son, M. P. P. for Vancouver, and that the spectfully to request that its enforce- favor of it, and pledged himself to sup- legislative committee of this council are hereby instructed to forward copies The eight-hour question was also made every labor and reform organization in British Columbia with a request that these resolutions be endorsed, and a communicament did not propose to enforce the eight-hour clause until they had made Dominion Labor Congress at Winnipeg, with our reasonable demands and wishes

thirty days' notice being given before not only in every daily papers in Brit- son, M. P. P., with respect to the enforceish Columbia, but practically throughout ment of the eight hour law, Hon. Mr Canada. Why has Mr. J. M. Martin re- Hume wrote on the 19th of April that ceived so much adverse criticism from owing to certain representations made by the press that opposes this law, instead the mine owners, the government had to it before he was elected a member of miners themselves, who, it is reported, are the United States by certain residents

> Robt. Macpherson, M. P. P., in a reply dated the 4th of May wrote to Hon, J. Fred. Hume, saying: "If it is further information you re

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dustrial troubles and disturbances; but

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the effect that the miners of Kootenay do not want it enforced are absolute quire to put it in force, and that, as you state, from the miners themselves, I wish to inform you I have received rescutions ciple involved, and should not be viewed forwarded from the Miners' Labor Union only one-fifth left for other aliens and Coburg, Jan. 31.-J. B. McColl has from that aspect for a single moment, from Rossland, a copy of which has been because every student of political econ- forwarded you direct, which show that probably like the other statements in the Northumberland to contest that constiomy knows full well that although labor the miners are in favor of the act being petition, greatly exaggerated, but there tuency against G. Gullet, Conservative organizations may keep them up tempor- enforced, and, seeing that your objection is sufficient truth in it to justify (if this M.P., at the next general elections. arily the wages of labor are ruled by to the enforcement of the act till the proportion between aliens and citizens. Toronto, Jan. 31.—Jas. Brown, a secthe same law that regulates and controls miners were heard from has been met by should be maintained) the stand which tion man on the Grand Trunk, was killthe prices of the products of labor. We the resolutions in your possession, I want the legislature took to carry out their cd at Bathurst street yards last night. claim the rights as intelligent citizens of to know if you have now ordered the law avowed policy, the reservation of the This is the third victim to be killed at this country to organize and unite our to be enforced, or has a handful of mine provincial placer mines for British sub- the same place within the last three energies in every effort to secure legisla- owners succeeded in calling you down? I jects, hope it is not so, and that I will have a The question whether such policy was The fruit growers of Ontario tion that will improve the condition of the industrials not only in British Co- reply from you by return saying that the in the true interest of the province is one are urging the Omtario government lumbia, but of our beloved country,

On the 4th of May the Minister of Mines placed upon the statute book of the province, we most vigorously protest against its suspension, and most respectfully request the Executive Council to enforce the law at the earliest convenient mo- compliance with the statute.

which is felt from one end of the counvised the Minister of Mines of their en- izens of the British Empire. The resolutions referred to in this letlorsation of the Rossland resolutions, and ter, passed by the Rossland Trades and

eight hours in every twenty-four-said

provision now being known as the eight-"Whereas said legislation was introduced at the instance and request of the the correspondence closes with a letter confiscated. forwarded to the Minister of Mines by ganizations of the Kootenay district.

"Whereas this Trades Council stands "I see published in the Nelson Miner a memorial addressed in the name of the hour law.

the recent Rossland meeting of the above claims in reserve after the mining interassociation, and there was no vote taken est in the other parts of the province endorsing the views or principles enunci- had been more fully developed. ated in the memorial, but the latter, some body their own views, but not at all ne- would be seen at once, and the absurdity dead. Both were staunch Liberals in cessarily the views of even a bare ma- exists no less although the reserve thus politics. jority of the delegates. I very much made has been relaxed so far as citizens loubt if it is so: I know it does not ex- are concerned. The grievance of the press mine, and, as one of the delegates, I hasten to express my dissent. I emphatically believe the eight hour law is the fifth clause of the petition claims

Are concerned. The grit date they are phatically believe the eight hour law is shut out, but that others are admitted.

The fifth clause of the petition claims right—that it has come to stay, and that the petitioners had acquired vested that the petitioners had acquired vested ine owners to secure its repeal may lead, ists declare its passage has made immen. by such certificates at the time, but to maurice, Liberal, to the address in reent. I protest against the memorial being renewal in perpetuity of such rights. To ply to the Queen's speech, which is virclear because of the fact that at the time dustry, and the probable effect of a that the document was not put forth over granting to free miners of the right to state for war. that such representations were made strict and rigid enforcement of the the signature only of the members who prospect for and appropriate minerals. Replying to the criticism of Mr. Francher was not put for the signature only of the members who prospect for and appropriate minerals. they were positively not in a position eight-hour principle; and to demonstrate what the actual results "Whereas so far as this council can views alone. I reserve the right to publish of the power to amend the terms and Eye district of Suffolk, Mr. A. J. Bal-

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Feb. 2.-All prominent packers of the Canadian Fruit Association assembled to-day at Walker House. The officers of the association intimated that there was nothing important in the mem-

MONTREAL'S MAYOR. (Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 2.-The result of the taine, is regarded as a victory for the reform element. Eight out of the nine old aldermen were defeated.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION. (Associated Press.)

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 2.-A collision without being bound by the strict letresulting in the death of two men and the serious injury of two others occurred

this law, all of which we denounce and Report of the Executive Council on a Burning Sub-

> Reply of the Ministry to the Representations of American Petitioners.

In reply to the resolution of the House calling for a return of the report exaggerations of the whole of the docuof the Executive Council in regard to a ment. petition addressed to the President of As already repeatedly stated, the petithe United States by certain residents of tioners had acquired no rights which are Atlin, complaining of the recent mining in any way affected by the legislation Atlin, complaining of the recent many complained of. affecting that district—this report having been referred to in the report of the The committee of council concurred in submitted as follows:

To His Honor the Lieut: Governor in Council:

The undersigned has had before him for consideration a communication from

The undersigned has the honor to report as follows in regard to said peti- ing.

according to the petition itself there is many years.

that body endorsed this policy is suffisotified the inspector, Jas. McGregor, that cient to show that the government and the government had decided to enforce the the legislature were in complete accord eight hour law, and that upon the expiry in the matter. There is no attempt to of the 30 days' notice appearing in the discriminate between the native-born Gazette of May 12 the law should be on- and the naturalized citizen, nor to throw forced, not in an arbitrary manner, but in any difficulty whatever in the way of an alien desiring to become naturalized; all that is done is to say our placer mines On the 3rd of May, Wm. Donohue, see are reserved for those who are prepared retary of the Sandon Miners' Union, ad- to acknowledge their obligations as cit-

Taking up the complaints in the petition seriatim, we would say any rights "We are entirely in favor of an eight acquired by the petitioners have been hour day, and trust you will do your ut-most to enforce the law as it stands, and plained of specifically exempts all claims it necessarily must be, that no right is acquired until a claim is recorded. As On the 4th of May the Carpenters and already stated, all such right are scrup-Joiners' Union of Rossland forwarded to ulously respected. It may be well to note the Minister of Mines their resolution this, as a casual reader of a petition, unspproving the Trades and Labor Council's acquainted with the facts, might naturaction regarding the eight hour law; and ally suppose that such claims had been

The government with the saction of Smith Curtis, of Grand Forks, being a the the legislature had an unquestioned copy of a letter addressed by him to I. S.
C. Frest, president of the Associated
Boards of Trade of Eastern British Colin its own possession for the present, all mines and minerals, the property of the block, formerly occupied by Henry Morabove association to the Minister of crown, in the northern part of the pro-Mines of this province regarding the eight vince-and no one will be allowed to prospect for or appropriate minerals in "As you know, there was no time left that section. Such a course might have "As you know, there was no time left of discuss this matter by the delegates at been taken with a view to working these Robert Mackay was elected president, Jahn Mac-

Suppose such a course had been ad-

rights by taking out free miners' certi- mons resumed to-day the debate on the soldiers. to the very disester which the memorial- ficates, not only to the rights granted amendment of Lord Edmund Fitzrepresented as the views of the associated state this is to refute it. The crown tually a vote of censure on his brother, board, and I beg to express my regret and legislature in providing for the the Marquis of Landowne, secretary of conditions of such certificates in any four, government leader, said nothing had MEETING OF FRUIT PACKERS. When recorded claims were exempted the information given by the intelligence from the operation of the law, every-department regarding the Boer guns was thing, as already stated, had been done erroneous, that the most extreme advocate of vested rights could justly claim.

plains of alleged losses to the petitioners Treasury, whereupon the Chancellor of through lack of sufficient facilities for the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, recording claims. This to some extent hotly interrupted, saying, "From the may have been the case, but so far as very beginning neither the Treasury nor it did exist was caused by unavoidable. Chancellor have in any way stinted any circumstances for which no responsibility attaches to the government.

So anxious have the government and the legislature been to minimize as much as possible any hardship or injustica which may have been occasioned through the sudden rush into the northcivic elections here yesterday, excepting ern country, following on the discovery that of the re-election of Mayor Prefor- of rich diggings there, that an act was passed at the last session of the legislature providing for the appointment of a judge of the Supreme Court as a commissioner, with full powers to settle ail disputes in that country in accord with equity and the spirit of the mining acts

ter of the law. The grievance complained of in the cannot obtain work on claims held by of Winnipeg.

as, had already been removed. By legislation of last session the necessity of a laborer in a mine taking out a free miners' certificate is done away

The 8th clause of the petition alleges great injury to the interests of the country through the action of the law complained of. This is, however, purely a matter for the legislature to judge of, and is of no concern to outsiders. The government do not consider the statement true, nor that any present depreciation, even if such exists, is likely to be lasting.

The 9th clause of the petition alleges damage to citizens of the United States Only Waiting a Favorable Opto the extent of many millions. This is only necessary to allude to as a good

Minister of Justice for Canada upon the the above report, which is signed by disallowance of certain other provincial Hon. C. A. Semlin, as Provincial secrestatutes consists of a single document- tary, and recommended that a copy, if a report of the Executive Council bear- approved, be forwarded to the Secretary ing date of the 6th June last, has been of State, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in coun-

CANADIAN BRIEFS

Montreal, Jan. 29 .- Messrs. Glover & of Hon. Mr. Hume, who actually intro- "thought it advisable to withhold the en- the Lieut.-Governor dated the 12th ult., Brais, wholesale gents' furnishings, asduced it? Simply because the Kootenay forcement of this act until they are in wherewith is transmitted a copy of a signed this morning. The liabilities are country knows Mr. Martin was pledged possession of fuller information from the petition addressed to the President of \$120,000. Ottawa, Jan. 29.-The Canadian Pat-

> Toronto, Jan. 29.-John Blevins, for many years city clerk, died this morn-

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The Toronto Star The petition states that four-fifths of has secured the services of Sam Hunter, the claims prospected and located belong the well known cartoonist, who has been to citizens of the United States; thus connected with the Toronto World for

our own citizens. This statement is been chosen by the Liberals of West

weeks.

wishes of the legislature are to have ef- for the legislature, and the legislature against the practice of putting all large alone; and the unanimity with which apples on top of barrels for export, which they contend is ruining the export trade. The government is also asked to take measures to stop the ravages of the codlin moth, which has been very destructive to pear and apple crops.

Speaking before the Young Liberals' Club last night Hon, Mr. Tarte referred Club last night Hon, Mr. Tarte referred to colonial representation in the Imperial government and said he did not exial government and said he did not expect to die before seeing Sir Wilfrid Laurier representing Canada sitting in the councils of the Imperial government, associated with the British Prime Minister and Australian Premier.

The annual meeting of Toronto Board of Trade was held yesterday. The re- Soldiers Complain of Bad Treatclause. He added

Legislative Assembly an act entitled an act to amend the Inspection of Metallithe mine owners is very strong on this feeling amongst subject, and it is hoped that the government legislation, one of subject, and it is hoped that the government legislation, one of such claims by the holders although and the inspection of the law as it stands, and to impress upon the government the necessity for its adoption in the Slocan."
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Mereas at the last session of the law as it stands, and to impress upon the government the necessity for its adoption in the Slocan."

In acknowledging this, the minister is formed the Sandon Union that the government legislation, one of such claims by the holders although a reference to the mining laws was never on a better footing. The board British Officers Leave for the Care heartily favors the holding of a Pan-American exhibition.

Paris, Ont., Jan. 31.-The Rev. J. B. Silcox, Congregational minister of this place, has applied to Hon. Dr. Borden. Minister of Militia, for a position as chaplain with the Strathcona contingent. Quebec, Jan. 31.—Fox Bay settlers, who were ordered to be ejected from their settlement by the decision of the court at Murray Bay some months ago, have appealed to the Court of Review to have the decision of the lower court

Montrea', Jan. 31.-The old Morgan gan & Co., and owned by estate of late Romeo Stephens, was sold this morning

by auction for \$140,000. farlané second vice-president and E. W. Evans treasurer of the board of trade this morning.

Kingston, Jan. 31 .- Wm. McConnell. ime after midnight at the last sitting, was opted-that all the miners had been ex- of Sunbury, aged 96, and Martin Strachreferred to a committee to prepare a cluded from the lands in question—the an of Barriefield, aged 80, two venermemorial, which, of course, would em- absurdity of the petitioners' claims able residents of Frontenac county, are

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Jan. 31.-The House of Com-

manner that might be deemed expedient, thus far occurred to convince him that

Mr. Sidney Charles Buxton, Liberal, referred to the charge brought against The sixth clause of the petition com- the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the preparations or expenditure the cabinet had been found. thought necessary."

American Scouts.

town says one hundred and fifty American scouts, who arrived there as muleteers, have enlisted in the British forces. Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.-The Canadian Patriotic fund, to date, is \$89,031.

NEW SENATOR. (Special to the Times.)

has been appointed to the senate in sucthis morning on the West Shore rairoad, seventh clause of the petition that aliens cession to the late Senator Sutherland, with the same functions as counties in

Christians in Danger

Turks Reported to Be Preparing For Another General Massacre.

portunity to Repeat Their Horrible Work

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 2.-The World's specia says: "Fears have been repeatedly expressed during the last three months that the Turks are planning another general massacre of the Christians in the interior of Turkey. The Kurds, particularly in Kurdistan, are much excited, and it needs only a spark to start

them upon their awful work." The World has information which indicated that in Mardin, Bit is, Ditabekrand Harpoot, the principal cities of Central and Eastern Turkey, the Mussulmans are only waiting a favorable opportunity to repeat their horrible work of rapine and murder of the fall of 1895 and the spring of 1896.

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 2.—The Dominion pe lice authorities have succeeded in rounding up a gang of alleged counterfeiters who have been issuing counterfelt Dominion Bank of Montreal and Mo'son's Bank bills. Anthony Decker, the father; Paul Decker, the son, and Hans Kuntz, confederate of the latter, have all been placed under arrest, the former at Baltimore, Md.; the son at Woodstock, Ont. and Kuntz at London, Ont., while Mrs. Decker, wife of the son, has been placed under police surveillance at Hamilton.

NEWS OF CAPT. DIXON.

(Associated Fress.) Wrangel, Alaska, Jan. 26, via Seattle, Feb. 2.-The mail from the Cassiar, B. C. region, came down the Stikene for the first time since Nov. 15th. The carrier reported the whereabouts of Capt. Dixon of 'Halifax, reported lost on Hays mountain last fall. He was en route from Dease Lake to Telegraph station The winter in the interior has been un usually mild and snowfall light.

Soudanese

ment -Col. Wingate Sent to Investigate.

-- Alleged Breach of Egypt's Neutrality.

(Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 2.-A dispatch to the Havas News agency from Gairo confirms the report to the Associated Press on January 31st that a rebellion had occurred among the Soudanese troops in

Khartoum. It says: "There is much anxiety here. There have been a number of grave incidents, notably the growing discontent in the Egyptian army, which has attained to mutiny in two Soudanese battalions. The government has sent Col. Wingate to pariey with them.

"The army complain of bad treatment and the secret dispatch of Egyptain troops to South Africa. It appears certain that ten Maxims and a darge as signment of saddles have gone to Durban and a number of English officere and civil functionaries have obtained an unlimited furlough to go to South Africa, which is believed to be a breach of Egypt's neutrality.

"The government is alarmed at the attitude of the black troops and has asked the Khedive to intervene. The latter has sent a letter urging obedience, but the anxiety neverthless continues. "Egypt is almost denuded of European

BURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Fate of Four Children Whe Were Left Alone in Their Homes.

Katanoah, N. Y., Feb. 2.-The house of Geo. Winans, at Boutonville, about five miles east of this vilage, was des troyed by fire last night and four of Winan's children, whose ages ranged from 2 to 8 years, were probably burned to death.

The parents left home yesterdug aftempoon leaving the children to take care of themselves. It is supposed that they set their home on fire while at play. The house stood in an isolated place, and no one apparently knew of the fire until Winan returned home last night and found the house burned down. The children were missing.

Up to noon to-day none of the bodies

THE PHILIPPINES.

London, Jan. 31.—A special from Cape- United States Commissioners Recommend Home Rule in Local Affairs. (Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.- A survey of the first half of the report of the Philippines commission, as submitted to the president, is published here. The comm tee believes it would be safe, expedient and deirable to grant to the inhabitants of the Archipeingo home rule in docal affairs. The town should enjoy the Ottawa, Jan. 31.-Finlay Young, late rights and privileges of towns in the ter-Speaker of the Manitoba Legislature, ritories of the United States. The provinces should be turned into counties. the United States.

Col. Steele is a fighter

Some Incidents in the Career of Commander of Strathcona's Contingent.

Comes of a Fighting Family and Has Seen All Kinds of

It is not surprising that Lieut.-Col. S B. Steele should be respected and beloved by the men of the Northwest Mounted Police force. For nearly 30 years Col. Steele has been associated with these men on terms of the closest intimacy-for there is no intimacy that teaches men of what stuff their comrades are made like that begotten of life in the prairies and in the mountains in the service of Canada's little army of tion, Col. Steele took hold of his er the same itent, undergo the same hardships, face the same dangers, until they know their fellows as city-bred men never can. It is when men have to refor their very lives on the courage, foresight and judgment of their leader that they learn his true value, and no higher compliments can ever be paid to tion felt for him by all the men who

have served under him.

For 30 years Col. Steele has endured the atrain of frontier life, and has on mnumerable occasions given proof of his qualities as a soldier and as a leader of Time and again he has carried his Fife in his hand, facing mobs of infuriated white men and bands of rebellions indians. One of the most notable of these occasions was the dispersion of some 1,500 men who were congregated at the end of the C. P. R. track in 1885. James Ross of Montreal was in charge of the construction work, and by the time the rails reached Beavers the availsible funds had been exhausted, and the workmen were damoring for their pay. Col. Steele was on the spot with only eight men, and through his exertions and those of the Roman Catholic priests the men, although they went on strike, were persuaded to refrain from acts of violence There were in the neighborhood, however, about 1,500 "bad men"-gamb-Bers tharns and others, who lived upon flew az the workmen. These fellows ated to provoke a riot on the part 's strikers, and things began to look cloudy. Col. Steele had been forced

. F. wribed to take to his bed, suffering fire typholid fever. One morning his ent a most valuable man named Fr. who had served in an Irish regi- crowd of armed savages and arrest his ment and was affaid of nothing, came to his sick bed with the information that Hughie Behan, a desperado, who had to his credit the deaths of three men in Arkansaw the previous winter, had been found inciting the strikers to riot, and that Constable Davidson, in attempting to arrest Behan, had been badly handled and forced to release his prisoner.

Behan's Arrest.

or two previous to the events to

Col. Steele ordered Fury to take sufscient force to arrest Behan, and to shoot if necessary. Fury did so, and with the aid of his men was dragging Behan to jail, when he was attacked by the crowd of Behan's sympathizers and was forced to fire, shooting one man in the shoulder. This excited the crowd will more but just then Col. Steele apmonred on the scene armed with a Winchester. Undaunted by his illness, he had risen from his bed, dressed and staggered down to the fittle bridge where the mob was collected. Addressing the men, who had greeted his appearance with curses and derisive shouts, he puriotly told them that he would shoot down without hesitation the first man who made a motion to draw a pistol; that Magistrate Hope Johnston was shout to read the Riot Act, and that the police would immediately after fire on any panty of more than 12 men. There was but nine of them, but the desperadoes must remember that everyone would die in his tracks before the mob would be allowed to rescue Behan-who, by this time, had been carried across the

While the mob stood scowling a few feet away, Magistrate Johnston read the Riot Act. The crowd, most of whom were Americans, had heard a good deal about British law, and when they heard it expounded by Mr. Johnston, and looked at nine magazine rifles that stood between them and Behan, they first hesitated, and then melted away quietly.

That night an engine was backed to the jail. Behan was put on board, and taken up the line 60 miles, so that any attempt at his rescue would have been This did not finish the game, however, for the next morning and his men went into the camp of the enemy, and carried off 20 of the ringleaders to jail. Col. Steele and Mr. ohnston held court at once, and senan engine, they went to where Behan was imprisoned, and meted out the same

The gallant conduct of Col. Steele and his men on this occasion was much appreciated by James Ross, who, on several occasions since, as opportunity has offered, has assisted the men engaged in Having served on at least twenty of the

The Loon Lake Fight. In the same year occurred the Northwest rebellion, in which Colonel Steele especially distinguished himself, the force under him winning what is ka wn as the Loom Lake fight. The l'ain Crees and the Wood Crees had retreated northerly, and General Middleton was in pursuit of them with nearly 400 men. Colonel Steele with 60 of his own men and cowboys, started as an advance gnard, the intention being that General Middleten should follow within supporting distance. Accompanying Col. Steele was Archdeacon McKay. Mr. McKay pushed on ahead even of the party's scouts, and on approaching Loon Lake reported that the Indians were at hand, Col. Steele formed up his little force,

They saw a small band of Indians retreating across a ford some distance away, and direcly in front. A hillside covered with small brush lay between with wood on either hand. Col. Steele, anticipating an ambush, refrained from ordering an advance, and events justified his cantion. Sending out a small flanking party, led by Sergeant Fury, being the Indians ambushed on the Counsel Consulted by Proving right, and in charging them Fury was shot, but not fatally, through the lungs. This charge developed the enemy's position, and they made a dash for the ford: nearly 30 of them being left on the field, while only two of Col. Steele's men were wounded. In the meantime word had been sent back for the expected supports, but they had stayed be hind to fix saddles, and do other work, and were not within supporting distance. The Crees soon after surrendered.

In the Yukon. What Col. Steele can accomplish in combatting the forces of pature, and in organizing order out of the chaos of a mining camp is shown by his record of into the territory almost equal to anything that Bendigo ever witnessed, and when there was practically no organizaregulars. It is here that men live un- as only a strong man could. He has a faculty of creating an esprit de corps among his men that few officers possess. and on taking charge in the Ynkon he exercised this power to the utmost. The temptations that lay before the police to either abandon their work or to negonas lect it were many and potent, and then remuneration they received was out of Col. Steele than the undisguised admira- all proportion to the severity of the physical tasks imposed on them; To their credit be it said, they became, almost to a man, imbued with the spirit of devotion to duty that animated their chief—and as a result they performed a work that is neither sufficiently known nor appreciated by the people of Can-

ada. When Col. Steele started to enter the Yukon he found that the contract for the carriage of the mails was not being properly performed, and during the whole of the last winter his men performed the work under circumstances of the most trying character. Relay stations were established along the Upper of the men regularly ran 35 miles a day, sometimes slippery with ice, oftentimes precipitous, and always rough. One spiendid fellow on one occasion covered 70 miles in one day in order to make proper connection of two mails. Such work as this could not have been secured from these men for mere money. The credit of the corps of which they were so proud was at stake, and they did the hard work as uncomplainingly and as much as a matter of course as one of them would walk into the midst of

In Dawson and vicinity Col. Steele performed duties of the most varied public works until the machinery of ed. posed of hundreds of cases. He was in to make this grant by proceedings by himself the Dawson board of health. His force looked after the collection of him a preponderating influence. So provisions of the B. N. A. Act (sec. 92, thoroughly did Col. Steele fill all the sub-sec. 10, c.), being a work entirely numerous demands upon him that there under the legislative power of the Dowas an almost unanimous expression of minion parliament? regret from the citizens of Dawson upon his departure.

work 'Col. Steele has done as a soldier and for his promptness in volunteering for service in South Africa. That Co. ! Sam Steele comes honestly by his pugfather, the late Capt. Elmes Steele. R. Gloucester (Forest of Dean), and was quent acts set out in the enclosure? one of the six sons of Dr. Steele, family physician to the Fitzhardings. Earls of event to give the land described in said Berkeley. Elmes entered the navy at 14 years of age, in 1795, and was actively part of their grant? employed in wars from that time to 1815, having encountered Spaniards, and Americans. Two other brothers-The former was killed in battle, the latships of war, and was complimented for and that the power given the Lieutenhis gallant conduct. On board the cele- ant-Governor was not purely discretionbrated Caroline he assisted at the cap- ary. ture of L'Aimable, and was sent home He was on board the Leopard when the swers to the specific questions: captain, Humphreys, enforced the right tenced each man to a fine of \$100 and of search on the American Chesapeake. six months at hard labor. Then, taking Landing on the coast of France, in command of the Arethusa's company, he ed the guns and signal stations, and of the ships which decoyed Villeneuve out of Trafalgar Bay. Next day he assisted at the capture of some vessels. The strike soon after came to an most famous British ships, among others the Triton, Barfleur, Arethusa, Caroline, country, the only one who died in bed Sam, Henry and Richard, three other and went through the Egyptain campaign under Sir Ralph Abercrombie, fighting under Sir John Moore at Corunna, and going through the Peninsulat war under Wellington. Sam and Richard were killed at Waterloo. Henry,

His Indian Titles. pisque," that is, "Spirit of Iron." By the Blackfeet he is called "Manisiankoos," threw out skirmishers, and himself went that is "Protector (father) of Many to the edge of the wood in which they Children."-Toronto World.

who was in the 11th Dragoons that day

received a wound from which he died

Counsel Consulted by Provinvincial Government.

General Agreement Amongst the Legal Authorities on Main Points at Issue.

The following is a condensed state-House vesterday:

Mr. Joseph Martin's letter of March with the British Columbia Southern counsel stated: Railway Company, land grant, and orders-in-council and several Dominion statutes for counsel's guidance and in-formation. Mr. Martin points out that the 20,000 acres of land per mile was not given direct to the company, but the Lieutenant-Governor was authorized to grant that amount for every mile of railway completed; also that section 16 "pecuiar," because it makes specia" provision with regard to a portion of territory then known to contain valuable deposits of coal. He also draws counse"'s attention to the fact that a statute of the Dominion of 1897 declares the British Columbia Southern to be a work for the general benefit of Canada As is known, the C. P. R. having purchased all the capital stock of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. and built the line as agreed over British Columbia Southern territory, is applying for a conveyance to them of 20,000 acres of land per mile under the provision of the statutes submitted. Mr. Martin, as attorney-general on behalf of the government, desired counsel's opinion on the following points:

1. Under the circumstances above stat-Yukon, and between those the mail was ad, has the Crow's Nest Pass railway carried on dog sleds, the constable run- been constructed by the British Columning behind. The physical work involv- bia Southern Rly. Co. within the meaned in this work was enormous. Many ing of sec. 1 of chap. 40 of the British Columbia statutes of 1800? or, has not the over a trail sometimes deep in snow, line of railway been constructed by the Canadian Pacific Company itself? 2. If, in your opinion, the Canadian

Pacific Company has, as a matter of law, constructed the said railway line can such construction enure to the advantage of the British Columbia Southern Rai way Co. so as to entitle it to the 17. said land grant?

3. Is the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Counbound, under the legislation of British Columbia above referred to, to grant the said lands to the British Columbia Southern Railway Co? or is it discretionary with the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to do so? In other words, taking for granted that the British Columcharacter, superintending all marner of bia Southern Ry. Co. has constructed this railway, as contemplated by the above civil povernment was firmly establish- legis ation, would the Lieutenant-Gover- have no information," the company by petition of right,

4. What is the effect upon the rights the Federal royalty-a work of much of the British Columbia Southern Railresponsibility, and peculiarly nich in way Co. of chapter 36 of the Dominion temptation. He was a member of the statutes of 1897, by which that railway executive council, on which his wide is declared to be for the general advanknowledge and sound judgment gave tage of Canada, and thus, under the

5. If, in your opinion, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is bound to grant the lative control of the Legislature of their right to the lands described in sec. nacity appears from the following: H's British Columbia, what is your opinion , as to the effect of section 16 of said N., who sat for Simcoe in the old Can- chapter 40 of the stetutes of 1890, as ada Assembly in 1841-44, was born in said section has been modified by subse-6. Is the government bound in any

Mr. Ha'dane's Opinion. In reply the English counsel said he Danes, Turks, Russians, French, Dutch had arrived at a conclusion, but was doubtful what view a tribunal might Tom and Edward-also joined the navy, take of the controversy after hearing arguments. The case is not only novel, ter was drowned in the Baltic when in but also one of considerable difficulty. command of a line-of-battleship at the Mr. Haldane was of the opinion that the age of 28 years-2.000 men perished at language of the statute really amounts the same time. Capt. Elmes Steele was to a contract with the Crow's Nest under Sir John Gore when his four ships Railway Company, which they are entook the Santa Brigade and three other titled to enforce by petitions of right,

As to the line having passed from pro with the latter. The captive ship having vincial to Dominion control, he holds been rescued by the French, he resorted that the considerations for the grant is to a ruse de guerre and recaptured it. comfined to the construction of a rail-This won him promotion and the right to way of the proper gauge. That done the vote as a citizen from his native city, grant is earned. Then follow the an-

1 and 2. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has bought all the shares of the British Columbia Southern Railway Co. and controls it, but the British Codefeated a regiment of infantry, destroy- lumbia Southern still remains a legal entity, and in law has constructed the captured a prize. He was on board one railway and complied with the conditions, and is entitled to the grant. 3. Yes:

4. In my opinion the effect of the Dominion legislation has not been to deprive the British Columbia Southern Company of its title to a grant. As I Leopard, Atlas and others, he was, out have already said, this is the conclusion of seven brothers who fought for their that I have arrived at. I am far from feeling confident about it. I think the strongest argument the other way is the brothers, entered the army as officers broad one, that what the contract contemplated was a grantee subject to provincial control, and it is only because of the explicit definition in section 1 of the Railway Aid Act of 1890, that I think it ought not to prevail. It may well be, if grounds of policy sllow the risk of defeat to be run, worth while to try the

5 and 6. I am unable to differentiate between the lands referred to in sec. 16 By the Cree Indians Lient.-Col. Steele of the Railway Aid Act, 1890, as amendhas been nicknamed "Manitoupeewan- ed by sec. 3 of the act of 1893, and the othe land. I think that the company has a similar title to it.

Other Opinions. Messrs, Robinson, Q.C., Osler, Q.C., Subsidy Acts."

case as submitted by ex-Attorney-Gen-eral Martin, that as to whether the Crow's Nest Pass railway had been con-Land Grant structed by the Butish Columbia Southern or by the C. P. R., they think the powers given were intended to be exercised after it had been actually constructed. Either company could have built it. If, in fact and in law, the C. Text of the Correspondence Be-P. R. built it the British Columbia Southern cannot claim the land grant, They think it unnecessary to decide the point as to whether the Lieutenant-Gov ernor is bound to grant the lands to th British Columbia Southern Railway Co or whether it is discretionary with him to do so, because of the subsequent en-

actment in 59 Vic., c. 4 (B.C.), that the completion of the work by the time mentioned shall be sufficient compliance with the Railway Aid Act to entitle the Britment of the papers in relation to the ish Columbia Southern Railway Co. to British Columbia Southern Railway the grant, which seems to be a statuthe grant, which seems to be a statu- to the Pacific cable offer of the local gov-Company's land grant, called for by Mr. tory recognition of their right. Looking ernment, asked for by resolution of the Joseph Martin, and brought down in the only to the legislation of British Colum- legislature, has been laid before the House, bia and the action of the provincial and is as follows: government thereon, they conclude the 29th, 1899, submitting the case to Mr. British Coumbia Southern Railway Co. the past two years' work in the Yukon. R. B. Haldane, Q. C., M. P of London, on building the road in accordance with the Mounted England, includes an abstract of the the statutes would be entitled to the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., Ottawa, Ont.: statutes of British Columbia connected grant. In rep'y to question 4, the three

"We think the fact of the work being declared one for the general advantage in connection with Pacific cable sche of Canada would not alone, in the absence of express provisions to that efsence of express provisions to that ef-fect, necessarily deprive the British Co-fic commerce, which it believes will rapid lumbia road of their right to the bonus. ly assume large proportions. Particularly Any provincial road may become such a is the enterprise of moment to British Co work by special enactment, or under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act, fic. On these grounds this government be taken to have been known to the the expense involved in the realization of Provincial Legislature. Nor can it be the scheme, beyond what is involved in its said to have been the policy of the pro-trivincial share of Dominion responsibility.

"On the contrary, it would seem to have been contemplated, for by the same thus strengthening the hands of the Doact which authorizes the bonus to this minion government the consummation of company a bonus was authorized (sec. this Imperial enterprise may be achieved. 4) to the C. P. R. Co. for the building of a road from Farwell to connect with this road, which would of itself make it a Dominion road; and by sec. 17 of the Act of Incorporation of 1888, and sec. 23 of the Consolidated Act, 57 Vic., c 53' (B. C.), the company are authorized to agree to convey or lease their road in who'e or in part to any connecting road, or "any rights or powers acquired under this act,' which after completion, if not before, would certainly authorizes a ase to the C. P. R. Co.

"Thus it would seem clear that there was in the contemplation of the Provincial Legislature the possibility, if not the probability, of the railway passing out of the control of the province, and into that of the Dominion, by the junction contemplated with the C. P. R. or by the sale or lease authorized by sec.

The remainder of the answer is too lengthy for quotation, but the reply is eft open by the concluding declaration: | ion in regard to the enterprise; it also re question as that here submitted to us, it departs somewhat from the course which assume to speak with confidence, both a provincial government would generally because as one of law only it seems follow in regard to a federal enterprise, both novel and difficult, and because, should the right to the bonus be contest. there are sound reasons for its adoption ed, it may in the end turn to some ex- of the course which has been intimated to tent on questions of fact of which we you. As the province which abuts on the

effect: lumbia Southern Railway Co. were oth- times seemed that the federal parliament It is to be considered, no doubt, with ernment believes, to have an immense in 1890, but we think the company need the great powers of the world. not show a deficiency in the quantity of . This government, therefore, viewed with asking for land in the territory described your government a few weeks ago to asin sec. 16. We think, having regard to some one-half of the five-ninths of the cost of the cable, provided the Imperial A Fighting Family.

said lands to the British Columbia the context and the surroundings—the government did the same, which, with the Contributions of the four Australian government did the same, which, with the contributions of the four Australian government. company is entitled to receive them, in tended to supercede the order in council ernments, would have provided a requisspite of the said legislation which has of May 6th, 1891—that the company, if ite sum and assured the early completion taken the said company out of the legis- otherwise entitled to claim, could sustain of the enterprise.

> 16 of the Railway Aid Act." Mr. Bodwell's Opinion.

In reply to the list of questions already quoted Mr. E. V. Bodwell, O.C., of Victoria, said he thinks it unnecessection 16 to the railway company as of the case, as the counsel consulted all agree on these points, and he concurs His opinion on the whole matter is sum med up in these concluding paragraphs of his reply:

"It cannot be doubted but that the

members of the British Columbia Legislature knew that the company were making the application in question to the Dominion House, and, moreover, were making such application on the footing that the provincial subsidy would be granted notwithstanding the contemplated change. If the provincial government did not agree with that contention, I do than would be its share if it became the not think they could be heard to say so owner of five-cigh eenths of the enterafter standing by and allowing the com- prise, this government considers that it is pany to prejudice their position by the of the greatest importance that the Improposed application, and still less if perial government should be a co-partner hey remained quiescent until after, upon in the scheme, whether to the extent prothe faith of all these arrangements, the posed, or of a smaller one. company had completed their undertakng, and the province had received the capital should be obtained on the most full consideration for their promise to grant the land, viz., the actual construction of the railway as a going concern. But the case is even stronger than this for, at that session, and while the company were actually taking steps which the company.

The omission to insert in this actpassed at such a time and under such circumstances-a clause limiting the company in their then application to the Dominion, or declaring that in such a contingecy, the provincial lands should not be granted, is to my mind conclusive evidece that such a stipulation was no part of the agreement with the company, and even if some plausible argument could be advanced for the existence of such a condition originally, the contention that it is still in operation cannot, in the event which has happened, be maintain-

ed by the province. "My opinion is, therefore, that the lands upon complying with the formali- the matter of the Pacific cable. We have between France and her colonies, bringing

tween the Local Government aud Ottawa

Hon Mr. Cotton Explains the Province's Offer to Premier Laurier.

The entire correspondence with relation

Ottawa, Ont.:

(Signed)

This government observes with great regret that further difficulties have arisen portance, and absolutely necessary if Can-1888, sec. 306. And this we think must feels justified in undertaking a portion of for the province one-ninth share of cost of arrangements similar to those with Australian colonies. Hoping that in

> Minister of Finance The telegram was supplemented by the following letter:

F. CARTER-COTTON.

Victoria, May 5, 1899. Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G. C. M. G.,

Ottawa, Ont .: Dear Sir Wilfrid:-I sent you lust evening the following telegram (here the telegram is duly set out). I have now the pleasure of confirming the above telegram by stating that this government will be prepared to assume the responsibility for one-ninth share of the cost of the cable on the same terms and under the same arrangements in respect to the control and management of the enterprise as have been proposed by the colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland and Victoria.

This government, of course realizes

that as that of a province of the Dominion it will have to bear its share, with the governments of the other provinces, of any responsibility incurred by the Domin-We cannot, we must add, upon such a cognizes the fact that in making this offer But, in the opinion of this government, Pacific ocean, British Columbia is most He acted as magistrate and disnor-in-Council be ordered by the court To question 5 the counsel replied, in scheme, the object of which is to foster

"We conclude that if the British Coerwise in a position to demand the land did not fully grasp the potentialities of this grant in question, force and effect must Pacific commerce, and of the events which be given to sec. 3 of the act of 1893. are now transpiring, destined, as this govthe provisions of the Railway Aid Act, fluence on the policies and fortunes of land available on the railway belt before much satisfaction the decision taken by

It has been, therefore, with the greatest

regret that this government observed that a check had been sustained by the refusal of the Imperial government to meet your government's proposal,

With the aim of strengthening the hands of your government and of inducing the sary to reply to questions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 Imperial government to reconsider its cision, this government decided to assume that share of responsibility in the enterprise of which my telegram informed you, and it will await with anxiety your reply that your efforts have been successful, and that at last the negotiations of several years have been brought to a satisfactory

Although, as this government stands from the dispatches which have appeared in the newspapers, the Imperial government is prepared to make an annual contribution to any deficiency which may occur in the earnings of the cable-to meet the expenses for maintenance, operation and interest on capital-of a larger sum

It is of great moment that the necessary favorable terms, and to this end it is essential that an Imperial guarantee should be given jointly with that of the various colonial governments. As this government is in ignorance of the actual situation beyond what has been disclosed by press reports, which may or may not be accurate, have resulted in the road coming under it is unable to discuss the subject more Dominion jurisdiction, the provincial leg- fully; but it would suggest that even slature passed an act (chap. 33, acts of should the Imperial government decline to 1897) for the purpose of correcting an accept any share of ultimate risk for the ambiguity in a former act, and expressly capital invested in the enterprise, it might extending and confirming the subsidy to be induced to give its guarantee to the subscribers to the capital, provided that the colonial governments entered into a joint indemnity to it against any financia. loss from the giving of such guarantee, I am, dear Sir Wilfrid, faithfully yours,

(Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON. Minister of Finance To this the Premier replied as follows: Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, Treasury Depart-

ment, Victoria, B. C .:

Dear Mr. Carter-Cotton:-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 5th inst, repeating and confirming your message of the preceding day. You are probably aware by this time that on the receipt of your telegram I caused it at once to be communicated to the press, both here and in England; company are entitled to a grant of the there is nothing more to do at present in

laid down by the Imperial committee Would be prejudicial to the success of the scheme. We still hope that the action of the Imperial government will be re-considered. I have the honor to be, dear Mr. Carter botton, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER Mr. Cotton acknowledged the letter in he following:

Victoria, May 20, 1899. Dear Sir Wilfrid:-I have the honor acknowledge the receipt of your favor or the 18th inst. I hope that the Imperial government will see fit to reconsider decision as to the terms upon which will assist the Pacific cable enterprise as to bring its method of participation the project into harmony with that posed by other governments interested the matter. In any case, I trust that will introduce a bill at this session parliament authorizing your government take action within certain prescribed li so that any delay on the part of the perial government in modifying their proposals will not necessarily prevent any ac tion being taken until the Dominion parlia nient meets again.

I am, dear Sir Wilfrid, yours faithfully (Signed) F. CARTER-COTTON. Minister of Finance

Provincial News.

**************** GALIANO ISLAND. (Special Correspondence of the Times)

The bachelors ball held on Jan. 25th at Mr. Robson's hotel, Mayne Island, was the best of its kind ever held at the "pass." The music rendered by the well known musicians, Mr. Cu'lison and Mr. Sinclair, was excellent. The ball was opened with a waltz. At 12 o'clock p.m. supper was served. A large number of guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Robson, of the Mayne Island house, deserve credit for the excellent supper which they served.

ALBERNI.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) The Van. Archdeacon Scriven is coming in to preach at the English church for the 1st Sunday in February. The church is to be dedicated to All Saints. The annual bachelors ball was held in Huff's hall on Friday, the 26th. The large number present enjoyed a pleasant evening's dancing, as well as a good supper, supplied by F. Bishop, the local

Dr. A. Watson is moving his quarters into the settlement. The Patsy Clark mineral claims on Mineral Hill has been sold, but no particulars are at hand.

There is to be a magic lantern entertainment here on Friday, Feb. 2nd, Mr. Guillod being the entertainer. The weather here is cold and raw.

COMOX. ALBERNI.

Alberni, Jan. 24 .- A prominent Alberni mining man interviewed Mr. Mc-Innes this week. Mr. McInnes said that he expected that Alberni and Clayoquot would have a telegraph line connecting the two points via Sproat Lake in the early future, as he was pressing the point before the Dominion authorities. He cannot guarantee a trail, as that is a provincial matter. It is rumored the Hayes mine has

been sold. An engineer was down there The Bishop of Columbia held a confirmation and baptism this (Wednesday) afternoor

Alberni was to-day enlivened by a double wedding, the first double event of that description which has yet taken place, Dr. Watson's two daughters being married. The contracting parties were Edward Burdett Garrard, fourth son of Major F. T. Garrard, Streathham Hill, London, and Eleanor Mary Watson, eldest daughter of Dr. Watson, Alberni; and of Percy Clitheroe Bayne, second son of Mr. S. Bayne, of Victoria, and Margaret Louise Watson, youngest daughter of Dr. Watson. A reception was held at the residence of the doctor at the close of the ceremony, at which many friends attended to congratulate the double team.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Local Scotchmen and their friends in Cumberland celebrated Burns's birthday by a banquet and dance. The usual toasts were given and a very enjoyable time was kept up till 4 a.m.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to the outcome of a visit made to Cumberland this week by the vice-president of the Southern Pacific and other influential men of the Union Colliery Co. Shipping from the mines is very brisk now, and the coal trains are running night and day.

Excellent indications of a good lead are found in the tunnel being made at the copper mine, Union.

There was a good deal of interest, not unmixed with a little anxiety, when it became known that two sick stowaways from Honolulu had been landed from the ship Hawaiian at Union wharf on Tuesday. However, it transpired the men had passed the health officer in Victoria and fear of the plague departed. The men were destitute, but, by the kindness of a few citizens, were provided with funds and sent to Vancouver, where it is expected the Spanish consul will care

Mr. G. F. Drabble, an old-timer Comox district, is very seriously indisposed. For upwards of 25 years he has been a prominent figure in the settlement.

The contest over the mayoralty of Cumber and is still unsettled. Some say we have two mayors, other say only one while most people think we have none at

FRENCH NAVY. Government Propose to Spend 476,000,000 Francs for New Ships. (Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 30 .- The Government pavy bill asks for 476,000,000 francs for the fleet, and provides six first-class battleships, five armored cruisers, 29 ternedo boat destroyers, 112 torpedo boats and 26 000 france to defend the coasts, including 38,000,000 frames for the defence of Bizert the French naval stronghold on the coas

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