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Establishing Rifle Clubs

The Minister of Militia Says Regulations Are Now Being Formulated.

Members Will Be Required to Serve the Country in Time of Need.

Deputation Asks Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Abolish Duty on Oil.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held here to-day, Col. Gibson, Hamilton, president, in the chair. Lord Minto, Major-General O'Grady-Hilly and Dr. Borden were among those present. An address was passed to His Majesty King Edward. A resolution was also passed thanking the Governor-General for aid given the association.

Lord Minto took a strong stand for the encouragement of general rifle shooting in regiments rather than the improvements of a few individual shots. He recognized that was done in South Africa by individual shots, but there was to reason why discipline should go to the wall.

Dr. Borden, in reply to a resolution of thanks, expressed a decided opinion in favor of steel-rifle-shots in the militia, also the desirability of practical shooting practice, such as at moving targets. He said it was intended to establish a school of marksmen in Canada. Regulations for rifle clubs were also being formulated. These clubs would have a minimum membership of 40, and would have rifles and certain ammunition. Members would be required to serve the country in times of trouble.

Formal resolutions were passed and all the old officers re-elected.

Duty on Oil.

About twenty members of parliament waited on the premier to-day, along with several parties interested in imposing American coal oil, and asked that the duty be abolished. Mr. Patte, Winnipeg, was one of the delegates. The duty is now 5 cents.

Assistants-Commissioners. Rev. D. Jennings, of Port Eslington, J. W. McFarlane, Atlin, and John Garvin, Vancouver, have been appointed assistant customs commissioners.

North Bruce Election. The writ for an election in North Bruce was issued to-day. Nomination takes place on Wednesday, March 14th, and the election on March 20th. Mr. Campbell will again be the Liberal candidate. James Halliday is the Conservative candidate.

Allen Labor Law. R. C. Galt, Toronto; D. J. Mann, New Westminster; and Robt. Smith, M. P., but a meeting with the premier to-day and talked over the working of the Allen labor law. Sir Wilfrid recognized the importance of the matter, and promised to look into it.

Mr. Smith has a bill before parliament dealing with the question.

Fruit Inspection. Hon. S. A. Fisher introduced a bill in the House to-day to provide for the marking and inspection of packages containing fruit for sale. The bill is pretty much the same as that introduced last session, but in this case the bill will apply to internal trade as well as to export. The bill will not be compulsory but permissible.

Dr. Horsey's Bill. Dr. Horsey introduced a bill to make May 24th a permanent public holiday. The Government Steamer. Col. Prior moved for copies of the specifications, plans, etc., issued for the building of two government steamers in British Columbia and for copies of tenders, etc.

Sir Louis Davies said that he was not ready yet to bring down the papers, as all arrangements were not completed. For instance, the successful tenderer for a smaller steamer had dropped out, and the department was now in communication with the next lowest tenderer, whose tender has been accepted, but contract was not yet entered into. Until

this was done the papers could not be brought down.

Mr. Monk spoke in favor of producing all the information at present.

Col. Prior said that his reason for asking for the correspondence was that everything was not straight. More than three of the tenders came to him and told him that the specifications were extraordinary, and that no deposit was asked for.

Sir Louis Davies—The successful tenderer was a Conservative. Col. Prior—That is the trouble, and now he has dropped out without having to forfeit the deposit, and the contract goes to Liberals.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Ogilvie's Successor.

Hon. J. H. Ross, of the Northwest, *ETRIAL EVIDENCE*.—Just as soon as the resignation of Mr. Ogilvie has been received, he will be appointed commissioner of the Yukon.

TRIED TO REACH SIERRA.

Explosion. *Still Unable to Make Their Way to No. 6.*

(Special to the Times.)

Cumberland, Feb. 26.—The water, which was turned into the mine last week, was stopped to-day. An attempt was made to get in to No. 6 by way of No. 5, but the expedition got no farther than the last time such a move was made. It has been decided to stop the flow of water.

Kaslo has wired \$100 towards relieving the sufferers. Mayor Fletcher, of Nelson, has sent \$250 and Mayor Scott, of New Westminster, \$250. A large amount is being raised here by subscription.

Chinese Executions

Large Crowd Present When Two Officials Were Beheaded in the Capital.

Several of the Ministers Think China Has Not Been Sufficiently Punished.

But It Is Unlikely Any Additional Heads Will Be Demanded By the Powers.

(Associated Press.)

Peking, Feb. 26.—A crowd of fully 10,000 persons witnessed the execution of Chih Su and Hsu Cheng Yu, who were beheaded here yesterday in accordance with the demands of the powers. The members of the legations were absent, feeling that if they were present they might seem to be gloating over their fallen adversaries. Every power, however, was represented by military officials and soldiers and there was also present a staff from each of the foreign powers. Besides these, many missionaries witnessed the executions.

The condemned men met death stoically. In each case one blow severed the head from the body.

At the time the execution was being carried out the ministers held a meeting and determined on the part of the majority to draw up a further demand for blood.

United States Special Commissioner Rockhill sided with those favoring humane methods, who are Sir Ernest Satow and M. M. Komura, de Cologan and de Giers, respectively British, Japanese, Spanish and Russian ministers. The others believed that China had not been sufficiently punished and that men should be executed in every city, town and village where foreigners had been injured. The minority is composed of those who were not here during the siege, including Dr. Mann, von Schwarzenstein, the German minister, while those who were besieged here are of a more peaceable frame of mind including M. de Giers and Señor de Cologan, both of whom are of the opinion that it was a mistake to leave those who had suffered like the besieged ministers did, to conduct the peace negotiations with the Chinese. It is safe to say, however, that little more bloodshed will be demanded.

Another important point that was brought up at the meeting was that of the legation quarters. Mr. Rockhill impressed the ministers by his remarks regarding the protest of Sir Robert Hart, chief of Chinese imperial maritime customs, against the seizure of his property from her position and return the property she has taken and that if it is necessary for her to increase, her legation she would take land elsewhere.

Dr. Mann von Schwarzenstein, the German minister, and the Marquis Salazar Riquelme, the Italian representative, expressed high appreciation of Sir Robert Hart and regretted that matters of state made necessary the taking of lands of the customs officials. Sir Ernest Satow and Mr. Rockhill thought an exception should be made of Sir Robert Hart's personal property, and that the limits of the legation should be defined the same as elsewhere.

Famine Increasing. Peking, Feb. 27.—Reports from the Shen Si province show that suffering, due to the famine there, is increasing.

BANKER ARRESTED.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Edmund Palmer, whose banks at Desplaines and Ashley, Ills., and Ellettsville, Ind., have closed with liabilities estimated at more than \$300,000, was arrested to-day at his home in Desplaines.

Captured A Lager

Forty Burghers and Whole of the Supplies Taken by the British.

Dispatches Dealing With Events Preceding the Surrender at Paardeberg.

Rats Are Spreading the Bubonic Plague in Capetown—Seven Fresh Cases.

(Associated Press.)

Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Feb. 27.—A private message received here says Scheepers' lager, near Willowmore, has been captured by the British. The main body of Boers was absent, but forty burghers and the whole of the supplies were taken.

Kelly-Kenny's Dispatches. London, Feb. 27.—The war office selected the double anniversary of the battle of Majuba hill and Gen. Cronje's surrender to publish Gen. Kelly-Kenny's dispatch to Lord Roberts dealing with the events immediately preceding the surrender at Paardeberg. This dispatch contains no news, but it threatens to reopen the discussion regarding the responsibility for the attack on the Boer lines at Paardeberg, which proved so costly to the British. Only yesterday evening in the House of Commons Sir Broderick, the war secretary, said Gen. Kelly-Kenny had been in command. Presumably he was, but his dispatch contains as follows: "Lord Kitchener, the chief-of-staff, was present all the time. In accordance with the instructions conveyed to me in your note of February 17th, I recognized his suggestions as conveying to me Your Lordship's orders and acted thereon."

Preparing a Coup? New York, Feb. 27.—In commenting on the South African war the London correspondent of the Tribune says that military men at the metropolis are inclined to believe that Lord Kitchener is preparing a coup with the object of demobilizing Dewar or Botha. He is not both, on the anniversary of Majuba day, just as Roberts crushed Cronje twelve months ago.

The Plague at Capetown. Capetown, Feb. 27.—Seven fresh cases of bubonic plague were reported yesterday, two of the victims being Europeans, a man and a woman. The dead body of a native was found yesterday in a boat near the cathedral. In a majority of the cases the spread of the disease is traceable to rats. The principal difficulty encountered by the authorities in their efforts to prevent the plague from spreading is the concealment by the colored people of its existence among them.

In consequence of the gravity of the bubonic plague situation the government has taken over from the corporation control of everything connected therewith, and is engaging a large corps for a thorough cleansing of the city, the burning of unbuildable houses and the destruction of rats.

More Than Required. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The militia department has sent out notice that there are more applications for positions in the South African police force than there are men required.

WITHOUT MEDICINE. Consumption Cured By Electricity—Company Will Build Sanatoriums. (Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 27.—It is stated that a company will be organized here within a few days composed of C-leveland and eastern capitalists and capitalized at \$1,000,000 to erect a system of sanatoriums in large cities of the country for the cure of consumption by electricity. It is alleged that a positive cure for the disease has been found. Col. Williams Rogers, of the Brush Electric Company, is one of the promoters of the company. He said: "The company is financing a new invention. An absolute cure for consumption has been found. Electricity will play a most prominent part in the cure we are advancing, and we anticipate that the ends we aim at will be attained. Medicine plays no part whatever." A site has been chosen and the first sanatorium will be built in this city at a cost of \$180,000.

APPOINTED GOVERNOR. (Associated Press.)

Guilguino, Province of Bulacan, Philippines, Feb. 27.—Jose Scraps, an uncle of Aguinaldo and formerly an assistant colonel, has been appointed governor of Bulacan province. To-day the question of the selection of a capital for the province was submitted to the vote of the delegations. Manila, the former seat of the insurgent congress, is the best town, but Bulacan always had been the seat of the government and was easily first. The ballot was the first free voting in the Philippines, excepting at the town elections held under military orders.

FIGHT IN THE REICHSRATH. (Associated Press.)

Vienne, Feb. 27.—There was a free fight today between the Pan-Germans and Catholics on the floor of the Reichsrath.

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Botha and Kitchener. Rumor That an Armistice of Twenty-Four Hours Has Been Granted. Daily Mail Dispatch Says the Boer Leader is Advancing on Emuloland.

Information regarding the country that he... ANOTHER PIONEER DEAD. James Rees Succumbed at San Francisco on Monday—Prospected Largely at Various Places.

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Separated By Ushers. Lively Scenes Witnessed in the French Chamber of Deputies Yesterday. A Socialist Member Rushed to Strike M. Plichon—President Unable to Restore Order.

way in which he could get the straight opinion of the House. FAVORS OCCUPATION. Gen. Gomez Denies Statement That He Wishes Withdrawal of United States Troops.

London, Feb. 26.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a rumor that Lord Kitchener has met Gen. Louis Botha at Kitchener's surrender of the Boers and that an armistice of 24 hours has been granted the Boer general to enable him to confer with the other commanders.

The death occurred in San Francisco on the 25th inst. of John Rees, a pioneer miner and prospector of the province. He was a native of Glamorgan, Wales, and came to this province in March 1864, proceeding to Cariboo with Edwin John, of South Saanich.

Paris, Feb. 26.—An uproarious scene, such as has not been witnessed for many months, brought today's session of the chamber of deputies to a close. Heretofore the chamber has discussed the Law of Associations bill with much moderation and with an avoidance of inflammatory language.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Gen. Gomez visited Governor-General Wood this morning, and assured him that stories of arrest at the continuation of United States intervention were false, and that he had received no word in statements to the effect that he favored the immediate withdrawal of United States troops.

According to the Daily Chronicle the cabinet council yesterday considered this new turn of affairs. A Daily Mail dispatch from Pietermaritzburg says: "It is reported that Gen. Louis Botha is moving on Emuloland, Middleburg, and that two peace delegates from Belfast, Messrs. Dekok and Meyer, have been shot."

The enthusiasm manifested at the meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association last evening augurs well for the success of the coming exhibition. A feature which assisted very materially in arriving at a satisfactory solution of the question of a date upon which to hold the exhibition was the presence of a number of men from the Mainland who are interested in the various exhibitions which are to be held throughout the province.

Articles nine, ten and eleven of the bill had been adopted, and the deputies were discussing article twelve, which provides that any association composed mainly of foreigners whose headquarters is abroad, may be dissolved by decree. Numerous amendments had been submitted to this clause.

Gen. Wood said the greatest difficulty experienced was in getting the conservative element interested in municipal government. His purpose was to bring the municipal delegates at the coming municipal elections would pave the way for the elections to be held under the electoral law being drawn up by the convention.

Mr. Broderick replied that the British position was humane. It was not true that the country had been devastated deliberately and by wholesale. Farm houses had been burned for cause, and portions of the country had been devastated because it had been fought over five or six times.

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In the course of his speech, he quoted from Savary, the member of the National committee, who signified his condemnation of Louis XVI, as "assassination." Immediately the Radicals and Socialists burst into loud protest, M. Julien Anterie Simyan, one of the deputies for Macon, shouting, "You have to thank that assassination for the fact that your grandfather became a baron (falling to Marshal Soult, Baron Reille's grandfather)."

Gen. Gomez had no objection to the outline of the future relations between the United States and Cuba, as promulgated by the Senate of the United States. He for the United States to lease land for naval stations, instead of purchasing outright. The convention discussed the proposed relations in secret sessions this afternoon and evening. It is understood a large number of delegates are unwilling to admit the right of the United States to intervene in Cuba in times of peace, or to establish naval stations.

Mr. Dillon's amendment, censuring the government, was rejected by 245 to 91 votes. The reply to the King's speech was adopted by 297 to 78 votes. Thought Him Dead. Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Pete Doolan, of St. Albert, Alberta, is in the city on his return from South Africa, after several thrilling experiences.

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Mr. Bernard Calenat, one of the deputies of Marseilles, who is a revolutionary Socialist, fell into a furious rage at a remark from M. Jean Plichon, moderate Republican, who wished to strike him. The two men then threw themselves between the two men and held back M. Calenat, who gesticulated wildly and shook his fist at M. Plichon.

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Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Mr. Charlton introduced a bill in the House today providing that no more public lands be granted to corporations, but that it be restricted to actual settlers. He said this was the programme of the Liberals since 1870. D. C. Fraser supported the bill, and Hon. A. G. Blair pointed out that the Liberals had adhered to this programme since they came into power.

Mr. Morgan said that it would depend upon trying up ends, which required time, and that no further statement was likely to be forthcoming regarding their circular is issued. NO SUBSTITUTE FOR "THE D. & L." Menthol Plaster, although some unscrupulous dealers may say there is. Recommended by doctors, by hospitals, by the clergy, by everybody, for stiffness, pleurisy, etc. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

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ing the list of subscribers in the papers from time to time. A vote of thanks to Mr. Best who had acted as secretary pro tem, was carried, and the finance committee recommended to pay to Mr. Best such a sum as they thought necessary. The meeting then adjourned.

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Provincial Legislature

Mr. McInnes Attacks Government in a Characteristic Speech

Mr. Green Wants Lead Smelter and Refinery Established in Slocan.

Victoria, Feb. 26th.

The question of whether or not the government has acted in a partisan spirit in the question of appointments was made the principal subject of discussion between the members who discussed the speech from the throne this afternoon. The debate was also taken advantage of by a number of members to draw attention to certain points, particularly in some instances to their own district, and which they thought should receive attention at the hands of the government. Contrary to expectation the debate was not concluded, an adjournment being taken on motion of Mr. Clifford.

Mr. Oliver.

John Oliver, after congratulating the speaker and second of the address, referred to the pulp industry, dwelling on the excellence of the growth of timber here for pulp purposes. Not only this, but there was a climate in British Columbia which would induce the rapid growth of timber suitable for this purpose. He himself had observed a belt of land now clothed with alder and poplar suitable for pulp, which would yield 1,000 cords to the acre, and which had grown within 20 years. He thought if attention was brought to this fact that capitalists would be induced to invest here without the granting of a subsidy.

The Coast-Kootenay railway was an advisable work, but it should be undertaken as a government work. The C. P. R. had been built by inducement of the people's interests had not been safeguarded. To-day settlers about Mission could not ship produce excepting in car loads at any sum below express rates. The same corporation refused to give settlers rates further West than Calgary.

The Finance Minister had contended that had the government had its way the Coast-Kootenay road would have been built. Yet in the original agreement he found no provision for the protection of the pulp roads, stating: "He urged more wagon roads, stating he had laid the matter before the government, and believed they would be provided."

The sum of \$700,000 had been expended in constructing dikes along the Fraser river, a sum grossly excessive, because of the incompetence of the engineers. This had gone on under previous governments as well as the present one. Practically the only successful arking works in the province were in his own district, and these had been built without a cent of assistance. When protests had been lodged with the department the ratemakers had been snubbed by the engineers. He understood that the government proposed to carry on this work and take half the reclaimed lands. To such a procedure his constituency would certainly object.

Mr. McInnes.

W. W. B. McInnes followed Mr. Oliver in a speech delivered with all that gentleman's fire and energy. He ridiculed the statements of the Minister of Finance in regard to the effect of government ownership of railways in New Zealand. He (Mr. Turner) had made the same mistake during the campaign in the presence of men who had lived in those colonies, and had travelled on those railways, and they had smiled at the ignorance of the Finance Minister. Government railways were a great success. Instead of being a failure they made heavy revenue producers, and instead of the passenger rate being ten cents it was only one cent a mile in some instances.

The Minister of Finance was equally reckless in dealing with the charge of partisanship which had been made. The charge was absolutely true. Ninety per cent of the civil service employees were Conservatives. These things did not happen by chance. "You can't throw

sixes nine times out of ten," observed Mr. McInnes.

He would instance a few cases. There was McCallum, the bridge forman in Comox a good Liberal. He was dismissed because he was a Liberal, and a Conservative was appointed in his place, but his successor proved to be so incompetent that McCallum had to be reinstated.

Then there was E. W. Vicker, of Cassiar, against whom no charge had been laid, but who had been summarily dismissed because he was a Liberal. If the Minister of Mines had taken an active part in the late election. There was one Liberal in that cabinet. He knew his duty and abstained from participating in that election.

This was merely a re-assertion of the old spirit which had come to be known as Turnerism, and which was further evidenced by the usurpation of the rights of the Premier by Mr. Turner the previous day, in replying to the acting leader of the opposition. He felt sure that had the Premier spoken he would not have made the exhibition of ignorance or worse displayed by the Minister of Finance.

Coming to the speech, the member for North Nanaimo referred to the feelings of grief all experienced at the death of the Queen. He criticized the failure of the government to drape the government buildings in Nanaimo, or to hoist a flag at half-mast, because the government had not even given them a flag pole. This caused much hostile criticism, and increased the pain occasioned by the Sovereign's death.

While commending the government for its grant to the volunteers, he urged them to show their practical sympathy for the Cumberland sufferers by making provisions for the widows and fatherless. The government would be fully justified in such a step. No one could do this better or more acceptably than the Premier.

The miners of Vancouver Island had been appealing for years for greater protection. Not only were they continually asking for the extension of Chinamen, but they were petitioning for greater protection. He held that petition in his hand, and it bore the names of four men who had since gone down to death at Cumberland. The truth of their claims had been brought home in a terrible way. Who could tell if the prayers of former years had been granted these lives might not have been spared?

He commented also upon the absence of allusion in the speech to the Chinese question, the most important question before the country. This was hardly surprising for the conduct of the government last session had indicated that they had no intention of dealing with the matter. His bill of last session had been criticised, but had it been adopted it would have stopped that matter at once. The remarks of Mr. Smith in that connection had been noted, but only to his discredit, for he (Mr. Smith) had voted for that bill when the House.

The government was entitled to no credit for the Natal bill. They did not intend to discourage anti-Mongolian legislation had taken up the matter at Ottawa. He looked for nothing but that the government had been primed up to further disallow such legislation.

The expedition to Ottawa was a most wonderful one. From it one might gather that British Columbia had no representatives at Ottawa. As a matter of fact British Columbia had six members, whose persistence in presenting the claims of the province had become almost a by-word. But the government had not an auxiliary to the legitimate representatives, but independently. Hence these members did not manifest the interest they would otherwise have shown.

There was not a single subject presented by the government that had not been previously raised on the Federal authorities, and when he read that the facts laid before the Federal cabinet were welcomed he could not repress a smile. The manner in which the delegation had gone to the capital, too, had been against them. They went with all the paraphernalia of petty potentates, going to visit another power, and with all the pomp of a Chitchee funeral, (London

laughter.) They had not gone as a business deputation, their coming being heralded throughout the East.

What had been accomplished had not been disclosed. True, the Minister of Finance had held up a thumb-screw document which he said contained a list of topics discussed, but at a wink from the Attorney-General he had dropped it without reading it.

Having reached Ottawa, the delegates had gone about on a mission like John the Baptist, making way for a greater, and had to wait until he arrived. If members of the government were not able to intelligently discuss public questions without such assistance the Ottawa government would naturally conclude that they were not fit to transact business with.

They halted; they did not get down to business until a greater came, and then got down to business in a way to impress the government with their incompetence.

Everything indicated conclusively nothing had been accomplished, but that the deputation had done much to bring discredit on the province.

There was only one way in which to overcome the difficulties in opening up the province, and that was to proceed with railway construction on a comprehensive scale. The Coast-Kootenay road was undoubtedly necessary. He believed in opening up trade channels within our own province, and not of constructing feeders to the American boundary. The northern road, too, was necessary. It had a national as well as a provincial aspect, and he thought should be substantially aided by the Dominion government.

Of the three roads that to the north, east and west of the island, he believed would be the most beneficial to British Columbia. The illimitable resources of Vancouver Island had not been opened up. There were coal and copper deposits of immense proportions, and he pointed out that while the total revenue from gold mines since its first discovery had been \$61,000,000 that of coal mining had been \$44,000,000. He pointed out the great possibilities of a shipbuilding industry on the island, where there was coal, iron and timber in abundance. The extension of the road to a northern port, too, would bring the Orient a day and a half nearer than at present, and would almost assure the whole trade of the East.

The speech outlined no policy. It included a number of subjects, but policy—how these things were to be accomplished—had not been touched upon. No policy had been enunciated last session, they had propounded none at this. They were silent because they were drifting along—had always done so.

The opposition believed that if it would pay the C. P. R. and the V. V. & E. to build the railway, it would pay the province. In the one case bonds were issued on the roadbed, in the other on the credit of the province as well. If the President of the Council could build a railway to the north end of the island, why couldn't the province? *

If government ownership were not to be pursued, concessions must be exacted from the corporations. Land grants should be stopped, because by such a system the province was working in the dark. Such a system, followed in the case of the E. & N., had paralyzed the island. The Extension mines, 600 acres of that land grant, was worth perhaps \$15,000,000.

If substantial concessions and protection were to be given the railways, he believed in a substantial subsidy.

The companies to which these charters were granted should also be bona fide corporations.

How was the government going to discriminate between the rival companies? There were two ways, one a business method, the other the way of Turnerism.

The latter form of government had been reinstated on the distinct understanding that it was not to remain as constituted. A convention had been called and the system temporarily allowed to the distinct pledge that it was to be annihilated after the session. Its perpetuation was a fraud on the electorate. To-day Turnerism was dominant in the House.

Mr. Turner—Where is McInnesism? Mr. McInnes—It's all right. It don't make a good "ism."

Continuing, he referred to the fact that certain members had been indicted. Would they be followed along this year? Last year the government was treated as unworthy of confidence, and were not allowed to submit any legislation. Were they to be entrusted with these big projects this session? In the past they had heaped monopoly on the country—the E. & N., B. C. Southern

and others, and had produced comparative stagnation.

The future of British Columbia for the next ten years was bound up in the sections through which these railways passed. The time had therefore come when it was necessary that the carrying out of this railway policy should be taken out of the hands of the present government, which had not the confidence of the country. The government had a history, certain members of it had a history, which did not entitle it or they to the confidence of the people.

Mr. Mounee.

L. A. Mounee explained that Mr. McCallum's successor in Cumberland was a competent man and not a supporter of the sitting member. Mr. McInnes asked why Mr. McCallum was dismissed, and Mr. Mounee replied that he was appointed by the Martin government to expend a certain sum for a special purpose, and that this work had been completed.

Hon. R. McBride.

Hon. R. McBride regretted that the member for North Nanaimo could not discuss public questions without impugning the capacity and general character of public men. If he would drop this practice, he would be taken much more seriously both inside and outside of the House.

He referred to the benefit resulting to the Eastern provinces and to the state of Washington by the establishment of pulp mills and spoke hopelessly of the adoption of a similar policy in this province.

Sensible reference was made to the growth of the dairy industry and to the establishment of a creamery in the vicinity of Victoria, to the proposed reduction of freight rates, and to the changes which it is intended to make in the School act.

He rallied the opposition on its multi-

plecity of leaders. Yesterday it was Mr. Gilmore, to-day it was Mr. Brown, and again Mr. McInnes.

Mr. McInnes—Three in the Godhead.

As Minister of Mines the speaker then took up the proposed changes in the mining laws. Last session the Dominion government had issued a mining commission, and it had been deemed advisable to stay the local commission till the two could co-operate. In this matter he had the co-operation of Hon. Mr. Sifton. Amendments would also be suggested to the mining acts and the Mining Inspection act, all the proposed amendments being in the interests of the prospector.

The Ottawa mission he stamped as a successful one, and ascribed Mr. McInnes' opposition to the fact that the trip had resulted satisfactorily.

Taking up the question of party lines the speaker said that the charge was another indication of the attempt to identify "Martinism" with Liberalism. It had been in evidence when Mr. Martin tried to pack a Liberal convention at Vancouver, and had failed. The present attempt to rally Liberals by these charges would also fail.

Regarding his own position he had been prevented by his official duties from doing much for the Conservative candidates. He had, however, voted for Mr. Dewdney, but had never used his official position to advance the interests of Conservative candidates.

The charge that appointments were made with regard to Grit or Tory was also untrue. The road foramen in his own district was a Liberal, and his "crisis" colleagues, the chief commissioners of lands and works was a Liberal.

His own position in regard to government ownership of railways he defined at some length.

Referring to the Chinese question the speaker said that despite all the noise of the member for North Nanaimo the government had accomplished more by its enforcement of the Natal act than he had ever done. That Ottawa was the best place in which to take up this burning matter, was proved by the fact that that talented gentleman, Ralph Smith, whose interest in all matters affecting labor was well known, had gone to Ottawa to take up the matter there.

The speaker was also made to the fact that the Attorney-General of Natal had been good enough to furnish a special report on the operation of that act which he would be pleased to submit if desired by the members.

The speech of the member for New Westminster showed that he found little to criticize in the speech from the throne; the speech of the member for North Nanaimo had often been heard on the hustings.

The Minister of Mines concluded his remarks with a suitable allusion to the Queen's death.

Mr. Green.

The member for Slocan followed. He commended the avowed purpose of the government to encourage the industries of the province. The railway portion of the speech had been referred to as dealing with the most important matter before the country. He did not think the government was well informed on this matter. Two of these railways served districts which had already been partially served by transportation. The smelting of our lead ores, the refining of those ores, and the disposition of them after refining, was a more important matter than these. In one year the lead industry of East Kootenay had advanced to 28,000,000 pounds, while that of Slocan had advanced 4,600,000 pounds. On January 1st, 1901, the United States refiners refused to take Canadian lead, presumably for the purpose of forcing up the price. This had caused the practical closing down of these industries. A measure of relief would be afforded if the government would bonus a lead smelter and refinery. He cared not where in the province it was established so long as this wealth could be made available. The government might go further and establish a government smelter. Such a policy would be wise and progressive.


He protested against certain gentlemen's disposition to ride the party horse. If the actions of the government in his riding were taken as any criterion, they might be charged with being Liberals. Out of four appointments in his district three were Liberals, and they were recommended by himself (a Conservative). He hoped when these matters were laid before members of the opposition they

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would admit they were mistaken.

Mr. McInnes—They're not riding the fence.

Mr. Green—You are riding a hobby, and one riding to a hard chair, you will fall over the crupper some day.

The speaker paid a compliment to the administration of the department of crown lands by Hon. W. C. Wells. He also asked for a sitting of the Supreme Court at Sandon or at Kaslo.

C. W. Clifford moved the adjournment of the debate.

Before the House rose the Governor submitted by message an act to accelerate the incorporation of the city of Slocan. It will be taken up in committee of the whole to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Turner submitted the report of the inspector of fruit pests. The House rose at 5 o'clock.

Questions.

On Thursday next C. W. Clifford will ask the Minister of Mines—1. Is it the intention of the government to amend the Placer Mining act to enlarge the size of placer claims to at least 250 feet square.

2. To enable owners of creek, bench, hill and hydraulic claims to obtain crown grants upon proving a certain amount of development work having been done.

On Friday Mr. Oliver will ask the Premier:

1. Have the government received copies of resolutions passed at the recent convention last fall, desiring the government to amend the Elections act, the Municipal Clauses act, the Land Registry act, and the Dyking act?

2. If the government have received copies of the above mentioned resolutions, is it the intention of the government to enact the legislation requested?

Notices of Motion.

On Thursday next—Hon. Mr. Eberst will ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act respecting Commissions and Appointments on the Denisse of the Crown.

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THE PUBLIC AND RAILWAYS. The railway magnates do not appear to be particularly pleased because of the agitation which is shaking Canada in reference to alleged exorbitant charges. If we in British Columbia were in receipt of such treatment as is bestowed upon those parts of the country which are at the root of the agitation we should think we were very lucky indeed.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROVINCES. The people of the province of Manitoba are bound to stand up sternly for their rights, and it must be said that they are scarcely ever without a grievance. Most questions are regarded from a strictly provincial point of view.

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Domination of Canada has been joined together for the good of all its parts and the policy which will bring the greatest good to the greatest number is the one which we must all stand by. We have aggressive neighbors south of us and the attitude which they assume to the Dominion must to a certain extent be reflected in our national legislation.

AN EXHIBITION ASSURED. The people of British Columbia have concluded that it is time they began to feed themselves. The absurdity of a country which nature has so lavishly endowed with all that is necessary to raise the finest cattle in the world bringing in a great part of its butter from a region frozen up for five or six months in the year has become apparent at last.

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the works which have cost the country such enormous sums and have made a considerable number of millionaires are not accomplishing the purpose for which they were subsidized, it may be taken for granted that there will be demands for reform, and if there be no other weapon than a government competing for reform, and if there be no other weapon than a government competing for reform...

THE MINERAL TAX. To the Editor:—The principal objection to the present mining tax of 2 per cent, on value of ore, less cost of freight and treatment, lies in the fact that it bears most heavily on that class of mines which deserve the greatest encouragement, viz., the low grade, large bodied properties which employ the largest number of men and distribute the greatest percentage of earnings to the community.

ANOTHER SALE PENDING. Mount Sicker Property About to Be Sold to an American Company. Vancouver Island is undoubtedly going to be the mining centre of the world, according to R. J. Pearson, a mining man, who is spending a few days in the city, a guest at the Victoria hotel.

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Personal.
Capt. Campbell, who during last season presided over the destinies of the Bennett Lake Trading and Transportation Company's trip into the interior, is a guest at the Dominion. The captain did not come down directly after the termination of river traffic, having remained in the North until the beginning of February. He was in charge of the Flora when she made the first trip up Stewart river. He speaks very favorably of the prospects of the Stewart valley, which he points out has not been developed as far as the Yukon valley. In fact, there are one hundred acres of the former locality to every one of the latter. The agricultural possibilities of the Stewart river valley are also quite extensive, although so far the country has not been developed from this standpoint. As a gold producing country it has also a bright future, and much is anticipated when the prospector and miner get in their work more extensively. The captain will return in a short time to the North, of which he speaks so highly.
Capt. S. F. MacKenzie, of Vancouver, is in the city on business in connection with the establishment of a large pulp industry on the upper Mainland. As to the exact locality the captain was somewhat reticent, but judging by the extent of the arrangements made, the enterprise will be an extensive one. He has just received a telegram from the promoters in Toronto advising him as to the securing of certain rights, and a surveyor will proceed at once to the site of the proposed establishment. That the concern will be a large one is indicated by the fact that its capacity will be one hundred tons per day. Asked regarding the proportion, with which Capt. MacKenzie is connected, he replied that at present it would be premature to make any announcement. The promoters of the pulp industry are C. Palmer and others, of Toronto.

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VICTORIA'S CHEAPEST CASH CLOTHING, 55 JOHNSON STREET.
Steamship Co. and Mrs. Lent will have on the Farallon this afternoon for Seattle. A French, a commercial man of Vancouver, is at the Dominion. A. G. Hodgson, of H. M. S. Virago, is a guest at the Drift. J. H. Fletcher returned from the Sound yesterday afternoon. Dr. O. M. Jones returned from Vancouver last evening. Prof. Buck, a musician of Vancouver, is at the Vernon.

WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Feb. 27.—5 a.m.—Low barometer areas are passing over the greater part of the province and the Northwest Territories, centres of depression being in Cariboo and Saskatchewan. To the southward a high area, central on the California coast, includes in its limits Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and the states of the North Pacific slope. Light to moderately heavy rains occurred at most stations west of the ranges, and over one inch fell during the last 24 hours at Neah Bay. The weather is mostly fair in the Northwest and temperatures higher, except in Mantoba, where 14 to 16 degrees below zero are still reported.
Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate southerly or westerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Light or moderate southerly winds, chiefly cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.13; temperature, 49; minimum, 49; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .20; weather, fair.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 10 miles S.; rain, .48; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 38; minimum, 32; wind, 12 miles S.E.; weather, fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 58; minimum, 56; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

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Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per gallon, \$3.00, per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.
At a meeting of the police commissioners yesterday it was decided that in filling vacant vacancies on the city force applications from men over thirty-five years of age and less than five feet eleven inches in height would not be considered.
A meeting of the police commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, when Wesley Harper was appointed to the vacancy on the police force caused by the illness of Jailer Mitten. Mr. Harper has acted as special constable for some time past and is consequently well qualified for the post.
A reception is to be tendered Rev. R. B. Blyth in Temperance hall tonight by the members of the congregational church. Many of the ministers of the city are expected to be present and give short addresses, which will be interspersed with singing. It is intended to make the gathering an informal one, and at the conclusion of the literary and musical part of it refreshments will be served.
There was a large attendance at the Savoy last evening, and the programme was highly appreciated. Probably the stars of the evening were the three Yelpers, who during athletic feats elicited expressions of admiration. The Vernon sisters also won deserved encomiums by their singing and dancing, while Miss Minnie Brown in contralto solos was loudly applauded. Last week's favorites, Rooney and Fortney, comedy sketch artists, and Gus Leonard, comedian, Miss Marion Blake, female baritone, Dollie Grooms, in ragtime selections, and the old-time favorite, Miss Agnes Freed, won general laurels. The company will give performances at the Victoria theatre on Saturday afternoon next, the entire proceeds to go to the relief of the widows and orphans of the victims of the Union disaster. Admission will be 25 cents, and 10 cents for the gallery.

A SPRING TONIC

Just what you require to enrich the blood and build up the system after the Grippe. Botanic Bitters aids digestion, improves the appetite and is an all round tonic. 50c a large bottle. F. W. FAWCETT & CO., Chemists, 49 Government St.

The offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on Government street have undergone a complete re-fitting and the most modern fittings have been put in place. In order to do the work it was necessary to have everything completed ready to be placed in position after the close of banking hours and before resuming business again. In accordance with arrangements which were commenced at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and in a short time the interior of the bank was a complete wreck. Before Monday morning new fittings which had been in process of manufacture for two months past were in place. The work was done by Mr. Joseph Schell, of the B. C. Furniture Company, assisted by Mr. Carruthers, under the personal supervision of T. C. Sarby, architect. The electric lighting arrangements of the bank have also been remodelled and the most modern sanitary arrangements made.

—Job lot of cross-cut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hardware.
The popular steamer Farallon sails for Seattle today at 7:30 p.m.; to-morrow at 4 p.m., going right through to Seattle. E. E. Blackwood, agent.
—The city council met this evening for the consideration of the by-laws and other business.
—The death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday of Mrs. Isaac Rich, of Seattle. Deceased was a native of New Orleans and 42 years of age. Her remains were sent to Seattle for interment by West-Idauna.

—The typographical error in the report of the city council's proceedings in these columns last evening made the B. C. Land & Investment Agency's estimate of the improvements proposed by them for Ontario street extension read \$21 instead of \$2,100. The company agreed to bear half the cost.
—The Victoria Literary and Debating Society will hold its weekly meeting this evening in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church lecture room, when a spirited debate will take place on an act respecting old age pensions. These debates have proved most interesting and instructive, and the public are cordially invited to be present, and thus lend their sympathy towards encouraging the members.

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—Calvary Baptist church was packed to the door last evening at the recital given by Miss Maude Underhill. The musical portion of the programme was given by Misses E. and F. Williams, Russell, Haynes, Mrs. Grey, and Messrs. R. Grant, Williams, Sears, P. Smith and W. Smith. In her elocutionary part of the programme Miss Underhill rendered a wide range of selections with skill and efficiency that she was enthusiastically received after each number.

—The following regimental order has been issued by Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding First Regiment, C. A.: "Regimental Headquarters, Victoria, B. C., Feb. 26th, 1901.—Second Lieut. and Capt. Alexis Martin, while acting as adjutant, is relieved from duty with No. 2 Company until further orders. Second Lieut. J. A. Hall is posted to and will fill the command of No. 2 Company, and Second Lieut. J. C. Thomson is posted to and will take command of No. 2 Company. No. 5 Company, No. 202, Gr. Stevenson, having been granted his discharge is struck off the strength of the regiment, January 23rd, 1901."
—A provoking error crept into the Times last evening through the unfortunate misconstruction placed upon a telephone message sent by one member of the staff to another. The item, as printed, stated that Hon. E. O'Reilly had been thrown from a dog cart, resulting in a broken arm and other injuries. Needless to say no such accident befel Mr. O'Reilly. The injuries outlined above were sustained by Sir Joseph Trutch, Mr. O'Reilly's brother-in-law, in Edgemoor, and such concern was felt by the latter that a cable was dispatched asking for further particulars. Sir Joseph is about 75 years of age, and the shock and injuries combined, it is feared, may prove fatal.

—All arrangements are completed for the grand assault-army to be given to-morrow night in Philharmonic hall under the direction of Professor Bohner. In all of the sufferers from the winter catastrophe, the programme arranged is an excellent one, including boxing, wrestling, tumbling and cutlass drill and single stick exercises by fourteen men from H. M. S. Warspite. The affair will be under the patronage of the most prominent and successful of the most successful of his character held in the city. Mr. Fisher will be master of ceremonies, Lieut. Le Fan, referee, and J. C. Matthews and Lieut. Bromley, of H. M. S. Warspite, will be judges.

—There is an attractive programme at the "Searchlight," 62 Fort Street, this week. The moving pictures showing scenes from the great Hoboken fire, in which over 100 lives were lost and ten million dollars' worth of property destroyed, are exceedingly good. The devil's laboratory is another mystifying picture, and is certainly well worth seeing. In conjunction with the moving pictures the stereopticon views are much above the average, showing the returned volunteers at the government buildings, also the ill-fated vessel City of Rio de Janeiro, lost last Friday at Golden Gate, and many others. Open daily. Admission 10c. for ladies, children and gentlemen; children under 10 years 5c.
—Among the passengers from the Mainland last evening was G. H. Hagman, of Dunsmuir, secretary of the Dairy Producers' Association, who went to inspect the three carloads of thoroughly chilled cattle which arrived at New Westminster from Ontario on Sunday. Several advance and specially filled orders were included with the shipment. A. C. Wells, of Chilliwack, imports an Ayshire bull; J. M. Stevens, of Stevenson, a Holstein bull; G. McLean, of Mowbray, Vernon, Wash., a shorthorn and four sheeps; H. Kirkland, of Ladner, T. A. Wood, of Dunsmuir, and W. Bullock, of Salt Spring Island, two sheep each. The stock was shipped by the Dominion live stock commission, and will be sold on March 15th at New Westminster. A. H. Birden, of Balfour, consists principally ofifers of various breeds, although a consignment of 150 fancy hounds is included.

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Native Sons Discuss Subject of Erection of a Fine New Building.
Petition to Amend Medical Act Receives Signatures of Over Five Thousand.

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In connection with the carrying out of the scheme a most comprehensive line of action on the part of the Native Sons is proposed, embracing plans for the advancement of educational and industrial interests. A number of the members of the society are of the conviction that much of the university training which Native Sons are now handicapped in receiving could be accomplished at home and with little expense if the organization as a body took a hold of the matter. Lack of knowledge of the resources of their own country was what was most deplored, and as Native Sons they might well make this an important subject in connection with the educational course.
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TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES

Will Be Presented at The Victoria To-morrow Night—The Plot of the Play.

In "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" Mrs. Fiske evidently has the emotional play of a decade. Made from a book that lives with life, the drama is said to preserve with rare fidelity those qualities that have made Hardy's great story one of the most potent and enduring in appeal among modern works of fiction. What is unusual, too, in rendering a powerful novel for the stage, it appears that while none of the more moving of the dramatic elements in Hardy's "Tess" have been lost in the adaptation, Mrs. Fiske's play presents a richly colored web of comedy that throws into greater relief the pathos and the tragedy in the history of this remarkable woman.

The action begins at the dairy farm, where Tess and Clare are seen to be in love with each other. Clare wishes to marry and take her with him to Brazil, where he will begin life in earnest. Tess's parents wish her to marry Clare for the material benefit that may result to them. Tess, convinced that she ought to confess her early misfortune to Clare, is beset by her sorrowful mother's warnings against such a course and frightened by the appearance of her evil genius, Alec D'Urberville. Imparturbed by Clare, she also consents to marry him upon condition that his love shall survive the something she wishes to tell him. She cannot bring her tongue to utter this and seeks to acquaint him by letter. The letter is intercepted by her mother, Clare appears to claim Tess, who, thinking that he knows and has forgiven, finds in his face a warrant for the greatest happiness she has yet known. Now comes the wedding, happily celebrated, followed by that powerful scene when the lovers are left alone. By a well contrived train of circumstances Tess learns that Clare does not know of her past. Clare confesses his past faults to her and is forgiven. She confesses and Clare, amazed, violent, harsh and unforgetting, leaves her.

Then Tess is shown again the sordid poverty of her mother's home. Her father is dead. The children are hungry. She has been ill and is without resources. Alec pursues her, embarrasses her efforts, and with villainous devices works new misfortunes for the family. He tells her his story, and his story is corroborated, that Clare is dead. She succumbs to her fate. In the fourth act Tess is shown in Alec's lodgings, where Marian, her former dairy companion, is her maid. Alec, returning from a night of dissipation, drunk and brutal, taunts and insults her. As he staggers off to bed a new figure appears. It is Angel Clare, now from illness, who has searched Tess out. When she has told him of her life in a few vivid sentences, he wanders out their dated but happy wanderings. Mrs. Fiske will appear as "Tess" to-morrow night. The cast follows:

- Angel Clare.....Frank Gillmore
- Alec Stokes D'Urberville.....Norman Conlans
- Sir John Durbyfield.....Alfred Hudson
- Abraham Durbyfield.....Laura Magliveray
- Farmar Crick.....Neil Grey
- Jonathan Kail.....R. V. Ferguson
- Amby Seeding.....Frank McCormack
- Hill Sewell.....Hugh Cameron
- Daisy.....W. J. Harbridge
- Jean Durbyfield.....Mary E. Barker
- Tess.....Mrs. Fiske
- Liza Lu.....Emily Stevens
- Marian.....Francesca Lincoln
- Jan.....Agnes Bruce
- Retty.....Ethelwyn Hoyt

EXPLOSION ON WILLAPA

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Steamer Willapa arrived this morning from northern British Columbia ports. On the way down a case of turpentine near the engine room exploded, smashing the electric dynamo and setting fire to the woodwork. An attempt was immediately made to beach the vessel, but before success was reached the fire was put out, the damage being several thousand dollars. The steamer then resumed her voyage for Vancouver, no one being injured.
—James Hatch, merchant, of Mount Pleasant, died this morning. Alex. Laurie, telegraph operator in the C. P. R., also died this morning of consumption.

HARD TO CONQUER OR DIE.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C., "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was shortly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unvarnished life-saver in Consumption, Pneumonia, La Grippe and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup or Whooping Cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store.

The House of Assembly, the lower branch of Newfoundland legislature, passed the French shire modus vivendi bill on Monday evening, both political parties uniting in supporting the measure.

Pioneer of New Line

Steamer Pingsuey Will Inaugurate Second Round-the-World Service From Sound.

Stern-wheeler to Be Built in Victoria For Stewart River—Scalers Reported.

The steamer Pingsuey, which arrived on the Sound a week or so ago, is to be the pioneer ship of the second round-the-world steamship line being established by the China Mutual Steam Navigation company with Frank Waterhouse as its Puget Sound representative.

The next steamer after the Pingsuey will be the Moyune, which has a freight capacity of 3,000 tons and a speed of fifteen knots an hour. The Moyune will come the Teenkai, due about the middle of March.

On or about the same date similar steamers of the same line will start from Liverpool for Puget Sound. Each steamer will make two round trips a year.

In addition to the present fleet of ten steamers owned and operated by the company, all having a speed of from fourteen to fifteen knots an hour, the smallest with a freight-carrying capacity of 3,000 tons, the company has just commenced construction on three more steamers on the River Clyde.

Another of the C. P. N. fleet is to be laid up for repairs. Following the overhaul to the Tees and then to the Danube the Amur is for a time to be tied up, and when sailing to-night will be heavily freighted. One large party which will be leaving on the ship is that of J. B. Charleston, the superintendent of the government telegraph construction, comprising forty-eight men, who will embark at Vancouver. The first work of the party will be the completion of the gap of thirty-five miles that still remains to be wired on the Yukon line.

Following this, Superintendent Charleston will widen the trail along the entire line, and will then begin the construction of the line from Hazelton to the coast, which will be completed next summer.

Other passengers booked for the voyage are J. Hepburn, R. W. Elliot, E. B. Rosell, W. Troughton and W. Payne.

FOREBODINGS OF DISASTER. Geo. Englehardt, of this city, who had been freight clerk on the steamer Rio de Janeiro, and who, as previously chronicled, had been among those saved from that vessel when she went down off San Francisco last week, had curious forebodings about the doom of the vessel, probably owing to her bad record.

He had said that he felt something was going to happen here and had even gone to the trouble of insuring his life before the fatal voyage. The ship is said to have had a hoodoo on her since 1860, when she was in collision with the British steamer Bombay in Hongkong harbor. She went ashore at South Kaituma, Japan, in 1887, and was so badly damaged that her cargo had to be discharged and the vessel docked for repairs. The following year she started from Honolulu for Yokohama. Continued.

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cus heavy head winds were encountered and when the Japanese coast was still 1,200 miles away it was found that there was only 250 tons of coal in the bunkers. The steamship was run back to Honolulu but before she got there the cabin and staterooms had been gutted in order to provide fuel for the furnaces. She collided with an unknown Japanese steamer off Honoloulu, Japan, but was not seriously damaged in 1888. During the past fifty years the Pacific Mail Steamship company has lost 18 of its fleet, the Rio de Janeiro being its last loss.

A UNION FORMED. A Lighthouse Union has been formed in this city, it being the second or third attempt which has been made at different times at organizing the labor usually employed in discharging and loading ships. So far the union gives promise of being a very strong one, there being, it is said, between eighty and ninety members enrolled. An effort is being made to secure rooms above the Sallog's home on Store street, and if successful, these will be made the union's headquarters, where men can be held in readiness for a call at any time. The rate of wages has been fixed at 30 cents an hour for day work, and 20 cents an hour for work done at night or on Sundays. The union has already succeeded itself in the matter of business. A few days ago while the steamer Strath was discharging grain cargo at the Brackman & Ker's milling wharf there was a miniature strike, which, however, was quickly settled. A number of non-union men had been employed, and the union, having received promises of support from the milling company, protested for what they regarded as their rights, with the result that those non-members of their organization were "kicked" off work.

SAILS ON SATURDAY. H. M. S. Warspite, Rear-Admiral Bickford's flagship of the Pacific coast, leaves here for the South on Saturday, going first to Honolulu and then to Acapulco. The ship is not expected back until May 5th. She has been placed in excellent condition for the voyage, a trial trip made in the Straits one day last week, and extending from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening, demonstrating that everything in the engine room together with the boilers which have been retubed, worked satisfactorily. With the ship leaves the band of the Esquimaux station, whose concerts were not only enjoyed aboard but by many ashore, as well as by occupants of the pleasure craft of the harbor.

NEW STERN WHEELER. Richard Stephens has received the contract from Capt. Smith for building a large stern wheeler for service on the Stewart river. The vessel is to be called the Prospector, and is to be 114 feet long. She will be 21 feet on the beam and will have a draft of 12 inches. The machinery for the vessel is to be built by the Victoria Machinery Dept. The Prospector is intended for service below the falls on the river where Capt. Smith contends that there are 140 miles of navigable water, while the little steamer Quigley, which was operated on the river last year, is to be taken above the falls.

BOSCOWITZ ARRIVES. Steamer Boscowitz arrived from the North this morning, after a very stormy trip. She brought few passengers and but little freight. She was unable to make all her ports of call on the Strenna, owing to the large amount of drift ice at the mouth of the river. When she sails again this evening, she will be in charge of Capt. Whitney, who has been taking a holiday. On the voyage just ended Captain Holden had charge. The steamer is now loading tin and other cannery supplies.

NEWS OF THE SEALERS. A dispatch from San Francisco yesterday reported the Otto at Monterey with 102 skins. The schooner had spoken the Arctic with 150 skins and the Florence M. Smith with 32. The latter had lost a boat for a time, which afterwards landed safely at Point Arena. Another unknown vessel, the dispatch reads, was in Drake's bay on the 25th with a catch of 200 skins. Following the Oscar and Flattie, which went to sea yesterday, it is expected that the schooner Seneca will sail shortly. A crew for her is now being secured.

WILL VISIT VICTORIA. George B. Dodwell, of London, England, who is the head of the firm of Dodwell & Co., Ltd., is in the United States and is now on his way to the Pacific coast, having left St. Paul a day or so ago. He will visit Tacoma, the ocean terminal of the company's trans-Pacific steamship line, and will also come to Victoria. While here he will hold a conference with the board of trade relative to transportation matters.

GOES OUT OF BUSINESS. Steamer Capilano is reported to have been withdrawn from fishing operations because the Eastern market is now very dull, and fish is only selling at a profit when fresh, there not being much money made in selling dried or smoked fish. The Eastern market will only take a certain supply, and when the maximum is reached prices fall away.

MARINE NOTES. Steamer Rosalie will again resume service to-night on the Victoria-Seattle route after a thorough overhauling by Messrs. Bullen. The Alaska Steamship Company find it most advantageous to repair and dock their boats here, and in future most of this work will be done at this port. The Rosalie will take from here to-night a very heavy cargo of freight. Steamer Rosalie, leaving here next Friday evening at 7.30, will carry to Seattle the James Bay athletic club whist team, going to play at Seattle on Saturday evening. Capt. Roberts, master of the Rosalie, has offered to hold his boat at Seattle on Sunday morning until the James Bay boys are ready to return. The Rosalie will reach here on Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. A home without a couch loses much of its attractiveness and comfort. Weller Bros. make many styles, and their workmanship can be relied upon.

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I believe so thoroughly in the fundamental importance of cost keeping and factory organization as to prefer this suggestion: that while engineering to-day has its recognized representatives, civil, mechanical, mining, and electrical engineers—those who deal rather with processes and mechanical methods—yet there exists a science which only awaits the creation of a literature to have its own existence recognized as a new departure of engineering. Our various industrial organizations are successful directly as their executive or administrative heads have made a study and application of the principles of that science, which may be termed the science of production. The successful manager has himself become a member of this existing, but as yet unrecognized, engineering profession. The discovery, study, and collation of the facts, and the enunciation and application of the principles of this science, are the work of the production or industrial engineer. J. N. GUNN, The Engineering Magazine for January.

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MANUAL TRAINING.

Five Teachers Have Arrived From England—Dominion News Notes.

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Messrs. Northrup, Waddington, Medical, Rosstauger and Wilkinson, manual training teachers, have arrived from England to engage in teaching in parts of the Dominion.

Two Brothers Dead. A sad coincidence in the death of two brothers is reported from Hull, Albert Parent, 36 years old, died on Saturday after a brief illness. His brother Napoleon, of Muskawika, Indiana, hearing of the brother's illness, came to Hull to see him. When the latter heard of the former's death he was deeply affected and died on Monday night, a few hours after his arrival.

Four Years. Amherst, Feb. 27.—R. F. O'Brien, of Amherst, was sentenced yesterday to four years in the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretences. He alleged that he was a representative of the American Rubber Co., Montreal.

LETTER FROM KIDNAPPER.

Writer Offers to Return \$20,000 if Prosecution Is Dropped.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 27.—A special to the Post from Omaha, Neb., says: "Edward A. Cudahy has received a letter from the man who kidnapped his son, offering to return \$20,000 of the ransom money on condition that all charges be withdrawn and that no attempt be made to prosecute the abductors, should their identity be discovered. It is understood the letter was mailed at Council Bluffs."

Report Denied. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27.—Chief of Police Donahue said he did not think there was any truth in the report. He said he had recently talked with Mr. Cudahy, but the latter had not told him of such a letter. Mr. Cudahy could not be seen at his office.

BELL COMPANY LOSS.

(Associated Press.) Boston, Feb. 28.—Judge Brown, of the United States circuit court, to-day decided against the American Bell Telephone Co. in the famous Berliner patent case. The suits were the Bell Co. against the National Telephone Mfg. Co. and others, and the same against the Century Telephone Co., brought to restrain respondents from selling, using or making telephones or telephone apparatus with the microphone attachment and to account to the Bell Company for past use, manufacture and sales, upon the ground of an infringement of patent.

QUESTION OF GRAIN DEALING.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 27.—Reinforced by 200 additional signatures the petition of the board of trade brokers who sponsored the cause of the elevator men was submitted to the directors yesterday, and the amendment prohibiting elevator proprietors from owning or dealing in grain was temporarily withdrawn. The men opposing the warfare against the elevators believe that the amendment is killed.

CRIMINAL COURT IN FLAMES.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 27.—The attic and a large portion of the roof at the north-east corner of the criminal court building were destroyed by fire to-day. It is impossible to estimate the damage at the present time because the flames, while under control, are not yet out. It is feared that valuable criminal documents that cannot be duplicated have been destroyed.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

(Associated Press.) St. Joseph, Mich., Feb. 27.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in the city early yesterday morning.

There lives a man in London who makes his living by selling to those who are hard up or who want to float companies, the names and addresses of wealthy people. His charge is at a thousand names.

DECLINE TO MARCH.

Veterans Will Not Take Part in Inaugural Parade on March 4th.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 27.—The veteran organizations of the Civil and Spanish wars have officially declined to participate in the inaugural parade on March 4th. The decision affects the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Disaffected of the veterans with the place assigned them in the parade is responsible for to-day's action. It was their wish to act as the personal escort to the President, Grand Marshal Green, on the contrary, assigned them to a position in line ahead of the civic organizations and behind the National Guard. Gen. Daniel Sickles to-day notified Gen. Green that the veterans had declined to participate in the parade, and he tendered his resignation as marshal of the veterans' division.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Local Branch Formed at Nanaimo—The Presbytery of Victoria.

(Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Feb. 27.—A local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was formed last night, as follows: President, Capt. Dempster, secretary, Thomas Bryant; treasurer, Geo. Williams, manager Bank of Commerce; vice-president, J. Beckley.

The Presbytery of Victoria last night cited the congregation of Cumberland to appear in regard to the resignation of Rev. Mr. Dods, on the third Wednesday in March. All reports from the home mission fields were highly satisfactory.

Another accident is reported to have happened yesterday afternoon at Extension mines.

A large party of Scotch fishermen left to-day for China Hat fishing grounds. Some men made big money there last season.

LONDON RUMORS.

It is Current Gossip That Lord Salisbury Will Retire at End of Session.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 27.—Rumors are current in London, says the Tribune's correspondent, that Lord Salisbury will retire at the close of the session of parliament and that the Duke of Devonshire will not take his place. This would leave the field open for Mr. Balfour, with a possibility that he would be asked to the premiership. Mr. Chamberlain would head the Commons. This is current gossip, but it is obviously premature.

SHOT HER HUSBAND.

John Hemmerling Was Lying Asleep When His Wife Killed Him.

(Associated Press.) Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 27.—As the result of a family quarrel John Hemmerling, 45 years old, a car starter in the employ of the Cleveland City Railway Company, was shot and killed by his wife yesterday afternoon at their home. Hemmerling was lying in bed asleep when the deed was committed. Mrs. Hemmerling is in jail.

OF COURSE NOT.

Crampe Waited in Vain for Installments Due on Cruiser Ordered by Turkey.

(Associated Press.) Constantinople, Feb. 27.—It is stated that the Porte, not having paid the installments due on the cruiser for which a contract was signed recently with the Crampe Shipbuilding Co. of Philadelphia, the latter consider the contract void and repudiate all responsibility in the matter.

MURDERER LYNCHED.

(Associated Press.) Scranton, Pa., Feb. 27.—John Knox, a white man, was lynched here last night for the murder of Don Davis. The mob was made up of about 100 men. They were armed. They caught and bound the sheriff and deputies and battered down the jail door, soon sealing their prisoner. After Knox was strung up a fusillade was fired into his body. Knox made no protest on the way from the jail, simply saying, "I did not mean to do it." He was addicted to drink and killed Davis while drunk.

IMPROVING THE RAILWAY.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 27.—Four million dollars will be expended during the next two years in this country in the purchase of equipment and rolling stock by the Guayaquil and Quito railway, of Ecuador, which is being built by a syndicate of wealthy New Yorkers and Englishmen. The road will connect Guayaquil with Quito.

GLASS MANUFACTURER DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Feb. 27.—John Tibby, one of the most prominent glass manufacturers of Pennsylvania and well known throughout the country as senior member of Tibby Bros. Co., died last night after a two weeks' illness.

SHE COULD NOT HELP HERSELF.

There was once a woman who had never learned how to swim, although she went in bathing every day in the summer. She had a friend who had acquired this art with some trouble, and was very proud of her proficiency in it. "It is absurd," said this friend, "to live near the water and not swim. It makes you very attractive to good swimmers if you can go out with them and they do not feel that you are a drag on their pleasures. What would you do in case you fell off the pier? Now, watch me." With these words she dived off into the water and swam about by herself. "It is a good thing to have a woman swim so well," said one of the men near by. "Now if any of the children fall into the water she can rescue them." Just then the woman who could not help herself uttered a scream and fell into the sea. Instantly five men leaped in to rescue her, and spent the rest of the day rescuing her and inquiring how she was, leaving the swimmer to dive by herself.

This teaches us that nothing succeeds like distress. Century Magazine.

By the passage of salt through the body the absorption of food is stimulated, and the activity of tissue change and growth is increased.

IN THE HOUSE.

The Debate on the Address Continued This Afternoon.

Yesterday passed in the legislature and still the leader of the opposition failed to make his appearance. In fact the three front benches to the left of the Speaker, without occupants, were painfully in evidence. Mr. Martin, Mr. Brown and Mr. Curtis, three of the leaders of the opposition, were all away.

There was little interest to be gleaned about the House to-day. The committees have not yet been organized, and may not be struck until next week, as the debate promises to drag itself out for some time yet. Mr. Martin will doubtless have some remarks to make on the government's policy, while Mr. McPhillips will, he may speak.

The House was opened this afternoon with prayers by Rev. Rural Dean Barber.

Petitions were presented by Price Elliott from H. Senkler and others for the incorporation of the Midway & Victoria railway; and Jos. Hunter for the Comox and Cape Scott railway. Hon. Mr. Prentice presented two returns. Mr. Helmcken asked for an extension of time for the completion of the Arrowhead & Kootenay railway, and for the incorporation of the Victoria Terminal railway. He presented a petition from the corporation of Victoria asking for an act to confer certain powers.

The debate on the address was resumed by Mr. Clifford, who, in opening, explained that he had moved the adjournment of the debate for parliamentary purposes, as he believed that the House had been so intoxicated by the speech of Mr. McPherson that they would not be disposed to listen to him.

The speaker at once plunged into the charge made by Mr. McPherson that partisanship had been displayed by the government in dismissing officials. The member for North Nanaimo had instanced the gold recorder at Atlin, Mr. Bickell. If any blame attached to the dismissal of that official he (the speaker) wished to shoulder it. He had been dismissed on his recommendation. When the matter was laid before the government the Premier expressly stated that he would dismiss no civil servant excepting for incompetency or misconduct.

That official, had been guilty of the crime of office, had been most unskillful in seeking information, and his name and that of his friends appeared on a great many posts.

He openly confessed that Mr. Bickell was an offensive G.I. just as there were offensive Tories, and had been a strong opponent of the speaker.

Later, in Victoria, he had met Mr. Bickell and the latter told him that if (the speaker) would get him an appointment in Pardonville district, he would let the matter drop. If he had not the matter before the member for North Nanaimo, who had promised to "roast" him in the House (loud laughter).

Mr. McPherson—you had the chance of your life. (Renewed laughter.) The speaker, continuing, said he regarded this as a gross breach of privilege, and had been tempted to place it in the hands of the Speaker.

The debate is proceeding as the Times goes to press.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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U. S. Gold Fields	3 3/8
Hick Tail	12 10
Branson & Golden Ore	8 4
Canadian G. P. S.	7 3/4
Cariboo McKinnon	2 3/4
Cariboo Hydraulic	1 01
Centre Star	1 05
Centre Star	70 00
Crow's Nest	62 00
California	5 1/2
Deer Trail	3 1/2
Evening Star	7 1/2
Fairview	3 1/2
Golden Star	2 1/2
Ghent	4 1/2
Iron Mask	40 25
Koob Hill	60 00
Granby Smelter	46 43
Montreal & London	5 3/4
Morrison	9 7
Noble Fire	8 1/2
North Star	4 2 1/2
Old Ironsides	12 10
Payne	47 42
Rambler Carbon Con	21 20
Republic	46 40 1/2
Sovereign	6 1/2
Victoria	44 42
War Eagle	44 42
Waterloo	3 1/2
White Bear	4 1/2
Windsor	6 5
Sullivan	13 1/2

Sales—Golden Star, 4,100 at 2 1/2, 2,000 at 2 1/2, 1,000 at 2 1/2; White Bear, 300 at 4 1/2, 2,000 at 4 1/2; Hammond Reef, 1,000 at 1 1/2; War Eagle, 5,000 at 4 1/2.

WALL STREET.

(Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 27.—Price changes in the steel stocks at the opening were generally small and divided between gains and losses, but the stocks fluctuated very uncertainly after opening. Gains were lost and losses were recovered. Federal Steel preferred opened wide at 88 to 88 1/2, compared with 87 last night. American Hoop was up a point; American Tin Plate off 1/4 cent. National Tube opened up a fraction and then dropped 1/4. The changes in the railroad list were small and mixed. The stock market opened irregular.

In these days of heavy gold shipments the specie-room on the steamship is a very important institution. It is located in an out-of-the-way place amidships, under the saloon. Few of the passengers know of its existence, or of the valuable treasure that is carried across the ocean with them. The room varies slightly on different ships, but is usually about 16 feet long by 10 feet wide, and 8 feet high. It is constructed of steel plates one-quarter of an inch thick, and strongly riveted together. The floor, ceiling, and the walls are all of steel plates. There is a heavy door, also made of steel. It is provided with a variety of combination locks that are said to be burglar proof. The gold and silver are usually in bags, but occasionally a quantity of coin in bags is shipped.

Offences in connection with the adulteration of food are treated with greater severity in Germany than in Britain. Under the German law, offenders of this kind are invariably sent to prison. Adulterators are punished with more severity than pick-pockets.

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Removal Notice

The Invercauld Nursery have removed their Flower Store from 39 Government street to 41 Fort Street (Thos. S. Hatcher's Japanese store).

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Sporting News

WRESTLING. DAYS' VISIT TO SEATTLE. The J. H. A. A. wrestling team, consisting of twelve members, will go to Seattle tomorrow for the purpose of playing the Seattle Athletic Club. The boys will stay over Saturday and will arrive back on Sunday morning.

GOLF. CRACK GOLFER COMING.

The Victoria Golf Club have made arrangements with J. Martin Watson, a professional golfer, to visit Victoria during his stay here. He will give instructions to members of the club.

Mr. Watson learned the game as a boy on the St. Andrews links, and has been very successful in the art of instruction, so that doubtless his time will be fully occupied.

He will arrive here to-morrow morning from Tacoma, where he has been for the last two months, and will be found at the Mount Baker hotel.

YACHTING. THE COMING SEASON.

Judging by present indications, the local yachting season, which commences on May 1st, will be an interesting one, inasmuch as the excitement in the various races to be arranged will be heightened by the competition of a number of new flyers which have been constructed for Victoria yachtsmen.

Among these probably the most notable is the new yacht which has been built for Mr. Gore. It is at Robinson's boat house, and an inspection will show it to be a model of grace and beauty. In its construction it embodies all the most modern ideas of the masters of yacht building and will be a miniature Shamrock. The new flyer has a length of 30 feet, beam 7 feet, and draws 6 feet of water. It will carry 200 square feet of sail, and has 1,500 pounds of lead on her keel. In the International yacht races the new yacht will enter in B class, but in the local events she will compete in A class, with such craft as the Wideswale, Volage, Dorothy and others.

That the recently constructed yacht will uphold the honor of the Victoria Yacht Club in International competition is a foregone conclusion, and the anticipations are that she will eclipse the speediest flyers on the Sound. Consequently, when the season opens her initial race will be witnessed with the keenest interest by enthusiasts.

A new sail plan is being arranged for the Dorothy by the designer of the yacht, Mr. Linton Hope, of Greenhithe, Kent. Her former rigging was for cruising, but with the inauguration of racing sails the Dorothy should be a formidable competitor in the coming season's events. Two other yachts are being constructed, and will make their debut in a few months. One is owned by Mr. Lawrence, and is what is termed a "ship jack" cruiser. The other is a fast cruiser, something of the description of the Dorothy.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club will be held some time next month when the business of the year will be transacted, officers elected, and the arrangements for the ensuing season instituted.

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MARRIED.

FERGUSON-MUNDOFF—At 25-Mile House, Bonaparte, on Feb. 22nd, by Rev. R. Boyle, Robert Ferguson and Miss Mundo.

King Edward has informed Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that owing to the deep mourning he finds it impossible to visit Ireland this year, as he had wished to do; but hopes to make the visit next year.