

The Daily Times.

TWO OBJECTIONABLE BILLS.

Among the objectionable bills now before the provincial legislature are two which stand out conspicuously from all the other private bills for the extraordinary powers and privileges which they seek to confer upon two or three individuals. They are "The Okanagan Water Power Company's" bill and the bill to incorporate "The South Kootenay Water Power Company."

When an act has received the assent of the Lieut-Governor, and that assent has been duly recorded, the validity of the act can hardly be affected by any circumstance that may have attended on the Governor's action. The incidents commented on by Mr. Speaker in the house yesterday would not make any difference in that respect.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The point of order raised by Mr. Sward yesterday was of greater importance than that upon which Mr. Macpherson's anti-Chinese amendments were declared out of order. Mr. Sward's contention was when the amending bill was introduced simply for the purpose of removing a doubt in the act granting the Lillooet Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Company incorporation and certain powers, a member should not be granted the privilege of introducing amendments which if carried would materially affect the act of incorporation.

The act introduced by the attorney-general yesterday under the short title of "Land Clauses Act, 1897," will doubtless take up considerable time of the house. It contains 134 sections, and as a number of these have not been included in the existing provincial acts, they will probably evoke considerable discussion. The object is to comprise in one general act sundry provisions usually introduced into acts of parliament relative to the acquisition of lands required for undertakings or works of a public nature, and to the compensation to be made for the same, and that as well for the purpose of avoiding the necessity of repeating such provisions in each of the several acts relating to such undertakings as for insuring greater uniformity in the provisions themselves.

Mr. Hunter, who took his seat yesterday after an absence of two weeks, should now be one of the most progressive members of the house. According to Mr. Ribbet the best antidote for indigestion and morbidities is the exhilarating air of Cariboo. While Mr. Hunter did not go to Cariboo in search of health, still the ozone peculiar to that district must have had a beneficial effect, if Mr. Ribbet's ability as a physician is not to be questioned. Mr. Hunter would have acted in the public interest if he had bottled some of the Cariboo air for the government.

It is reported that Mr. Helmecken will ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "An act to specifically correct an ambiguity in the act to specifically correct an ambiguity in the B. C. Southern Railway Act, 1894." The legislation is becoming like the support given to the government by some of its supporters—a little ambiguous.

The free miners of Kootenay fear that if all the bills before the house are passed as introduced they will be in the same position as the Ancient Mariner with "water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink." Hence their petition received yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Pooley did not avail himself of the opportunity to defend the mortgage tax. Since listening to the statements of the speaker he probably no longer believes in his own theory that it is simply a question of contract.

The members of the government have been so busy removing ambiguities that they have no time to bring down those returns asked for. Captain Irving, Dr. Walker and other inquisitive members should not attempt to hasten the government.

Rosland, Nelson and Grand Forks are unfortunate in having their act of incorporation complied with the B. C. Southern Railway act-ambiguity act. The latter is a hoodoo.

"Ambiguity" is an epidemic more

catching than smallpox. The Lieutenant-Governor is its latest victim. The inoculation of a little "hoose" soon would prevent the spread of the disease.

Forty-six private bills have been introduced, but only one has passed its second reading. At this rate the members will be in Victoria to celebrate Dominion Day.

Dr. Walker's diagnosis dealing with those ambiguous ambiguities reflected credit on his medical skill.

The estimates will be brought down next week and then the night sessions will begin.

To ignore the Speaker is dangerous as well as discourteous.

Was "ambiguity" an inspiration?

PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVE.

To the Editor:—I am very glad that "Barkerville" has raised the question about Pleasant Valley Reserve, because it gives me an opportunity of explaining something which a correspondent who has not the unwillingness to sign his name, would make the public believe is "crooked" and has the flavor of Jobbery. There is nothing to conceal about the matter, and when the motion was made in the house that the returns be inspected with this reserve should be brought down Mr. Adams and myself cheerfully voted for it. So far as my interest in it is concerned, I can give it in a few words.

Years ago, when the province of British Columbia was a crown colony, Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, for reasons which no doubt appeared to him sufficient, recommended that the piece of land in question should be made a governmental reserve, and the government of the day acted on the suggestion. It has remained a reserve ever since. As it was not used for any purpose, the government agent subsequently advised that it should be leased in order that the government might reap some revenue from it. Accordingly, it was decided to lease it by tender to the highest bidder from year to year, which was done. However, as a lease terminable every year prevented any improvements being made by the lessee, a short time ago it was thought wise to extend the term of lease to five years instead of one, and it was put up by the government agent to public competition. There were, I believe, a number of tenders. Mine was the highest. I got it.

If "Barkerville" or any other person can suggest anything wrong or hidden or anything in it for the "special benefit of a government supporter," by all means let us have it. Surely I have as much right as any one else to tender in open competition for a lease of land, and, if my tender is the highest, to get it.

Under the circumstances, it looks to me very much like spite or envy on the part of some one, and if "Barkerville" had willingness enough to sign his own name I am quite sure the amplexion would be fully confirmed. As to Mr. Adams and myself being no better than "wooden men," that is quite natural on the part of a man who is prejudiced by looking through government spectacles for something he did not get in a fair competition. The electors of Cariboo were not without trial, the judges of our fitness to represent them, and to their judgment we are willing to submit still. I have pleasure, therefore, in signing myself

S. A. ROGERS.

PROMISING YOUNG STATESMAN.

Hon. Clifford Sifton—The Youngest Member of the Cabinet.

Toronto, March 10.—Referring to Hon. Mr. Sifton, who celebrated his 30th birthday today, the Globe says: "He entered upon his arduous task and enlisted the hearty sympathy of the people and their support in an honest endeavor to discharge that task. The position he holds is very important, and calls for a man of first-rate ability. Representing nearly half a continent of territory, he is entrusted with the promotion of the interests of the western half of the Dominion, its settlement, development and progress, guarding a vast area of public lands held in trust for the people. He has exhibited many qualities which justify the confidence reposed in him by the party. He has earned a reputation as one of the most promising young statesmen in Canada."

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CHARACTER BY THE HAIR. It is a pretty hard thing to conceal one's character nowadays. A new fad is hair reading, and this is said to "give us away" in an unpleasantly accurate manner. The new science is not fully developed yet, but its devotees have already discovered many interesting facts and are constantly searching for more.

"This is the way I long have sought: And mourned because I found it not" has been the poem of joy and satisfaction of many a traveller, who, after weary days of unpleasant experience with this, that or the other line, settles himself for a comfortable ride from Minneapolis or St. Paul, to Chicago in one of the elegant coaches of the Wisconsin Central lines. Then again the inspired lines of the poet comes to mind as he seats himself at the table in the dining car of this same Wisconsin Central and finds himself served with the very best meal at a reasonable price.

MINES.

GROUND FLOOR.

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer to me of the license of the house now held by me to sell wine & beer by retail upon the premises known as the Food & Drug Store, in the City of Victoria.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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-Lawn Mowers cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas Street. -Big fat juicy oysters, served as you like them in any style at Lawrence's Cafe.

Best of Liquors at Social Saloon. -This evening the annual meeting of the British Columbia Foreign Mission and Bible Society will be held in the First Presbyterian Church.

-To-morrow evening Rev. Dr. James, of Midland, Ont., will deliver a lecture in the First Presbyterian Church, talking for his subject "Rambles Through Italy."

-Bishop Perrin gave the first of his series of Lenten Bible readings at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon. This evening at 8 o'clock he will give the second of his lantern lectures in St. James' Church.

-Rev. Dr. Campbell last evening united the fortunes of Mr. J. Morrison and Miss Mary Ann Clark, of West Ferndale, Washington. The newly married couple will take up their residence in this city.

-Ven. Archbishop Scriven lectured yesterday evening in St. James' Church before a large audience on "The Borders of Exmoor Forest," a part of England which will be very familiar to the readers of Blackmore's novel, "Lorna Doone."

-A large audience attended the concert given yesterday evening by the ladies of the Y.W.C.A. in the Y.M.C.A. hall. Mr. D. Wilson, P.S.I., acted as chairman. The programme given was a good one and the manner in which every event was executed showed that the programme was appreciated.

-The King's Daughters held their quarterly meeting yesterday at the Alexandra club, when it was decided that the annual meeting should be held in June to receive written reports, which would be forwarded to the Dominion annual meeting of the order, which takes place in October. Mrs. Maitland Douglas, the provincial secretary, will in all probability be invited to attend this meeting.

-A meeting of the committee of management of the I.B.A.A. was held yesterday evening, when Robert Jesse and W. A. Stephens were elected as new members. A communication was received from the secretary of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Orators of Portland giving notification of the meeting of executive to be held at the Rainier Grand Hotel, Seattle, on Saturday evening. It was decided to send a representative to the meeting.

-To whom it may concern: For upwards of three years I have used Atwood's Cough Cure with entire satisfaction, but found the best results in smaller doses, given more frequently. Recently our children have taken violent fits of coughing after visiting through exposure during the day, but three or four small doses given in the fore part of the night have always cured the cough before morning. Mrs. W. J. Ledingham, 197 Douglas Street.

New Management Senate Saloon

-Mr. John Bourton, gold commissioner for Cariboo, and Miss Elizabeth Watson were married last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Adam Watson, "Rose Hill," Foul Bay road. Rev. Canon Beaudry was the officiating clergyman and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Robert Watson. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate friends of the family, including Messrs. Adams and Hedges, M. P. P.'s for Cariboo. The bride looked charming in a dress of white satin decorated with white and orange blossoms and carrying a lovely bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Nixon and Miss Robert Nixon, who were dressed in white with coral and coral bouquets of ferns. Mr. W. F. Sargent, of Tacoma, supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held, when the happy couple received numerous congratulations. The bride was the recipient of many costly and pretty presents. Mr. and Mrs. Bourton left by the steamer this morning for their future home at Barkerville.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR. PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

A strong case has arisen under the Transvaal law compelling Cape colored people to wear badges, like the Kafirs, and have passes. John Charles, a well-to-do man, wished to carry on business with Scotch carts. He was supplied with a document from Lord Rosemead requesting in the name of Her Majesty, "All whom it may concern to allow John Charles, a Cape colored man, to pass freely and afford every assistance and protection of which he may stand in need." He was arrested by an official in Johannesburg, who called on him and said that he must take a badge and pass. He complied peacefully, but was told at the pass office that the pass and badge would only be issued on his producing a name. No matter what his position and means, if colored he must have a name to have a pass, and without a name he would be arrested as a vagrant. Application for the name will be made to the high court, and the facts will be communicated to Mr. Conyngham Green and Lord Rosemead. The Transvaal government declines to dictate the exact form of passport application.

Now on sale—Select assortment of Theosophical books at Johnson's, 414 Bloor Street. -Capt. C. Phillips Wooley, provincial sanitary inspector, has gone on a visit to Union. -Spring stock of carpets now on show at Weller Bros. The largest stock west of Toronto. -The W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor social at Mrs. McInnes' residence to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Capital Cigar's Sell on their merits. -It is understood that "Bud" Kille, committed for trial for indecent assault, will elect to be tried speedily and that he will plead guilty to the charge.

The funeral of the late H. H. Heywood, takes place to-morrow morning at 11.30 from the family residence, Cadboro Bay road, and at 11 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral. -A Chinaman employed by Hon. E. W. Pearce entered the enclosure in which a bull is kept at Mr. Clark's ranch. The bull attacked the Chinaman, the latter being badly injured.

Johnny Jack, a swish who came to town yesterday and met some "bill-cunts" from Saanich, who supplied him with a sufficient quantity of liquor to make him drunk, was fined \$5 and cost of the police court this morning. -Some twenty transfers were granted at the quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners held this afternoon. Two applications, of which sufficient notice had not been given, were not dealt with. Mayor Redfern, Magistrate Macrae and Commissioner Hall presided.

The latest assays of ore from the Tin Horn Quartz Mining Co.'s claim are as follows: \$10.00, \$20.00, \$15, \$200.00, \$39.95, \$100, \$217.00, \$467.65. As there are tons of this rock now lying upon the dump, taken from a solid four-foot ledge, it will readily be seen that the Tin Horn bids fair to become one of British Columbia's most famous mines.

The people of Yokohama are showing their sympathy for Miss Jagan, who, as proved, was wrongfully charged with the murder of Mr. Carver, in a sensational manner. They have subscribed a purse of \$2,500, which is to be presented to her. Those who laid the information and assisted in the prosecution have retracted what they said, explaining that their informants were Japanese servants who preferred themselves at the trial.

An enjoyable concert was given yesterday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas Street. The following programme was rendered very satisfactorily: Pianoforte solo, Miss Hood; vocal solo, Miss Brown; reading, Mrs. Ferns; vocal solo, Mrs. Lindley; mandolin selection, piano and flute duo, Mrs. Foot and Miss Collis; vocal solo, Mrs. Kershaw; pianoforte, Master Merrifield; vocal solo, Miss Penketh; pianoforte and violin duo, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon. Supper was served at the conclusion of the programme and dancing followed.

Petri & Hall's Sale-Saloon. -A debate on the resolution "that woman's influence at the polls is more beneficial than man's," made an interesting entertainment for those who attended the meeting of Perserena Lodge, I.O.G.T., last evening. Dr. L. Hall, Mrs. Hall and Miss G. McDonald supported the affirmative and Rev. P. C. L. Harris, Mr. Rumble and Mr. Newbigging the negative. A committee of four, after a long consideration, gave their decision in favor of the affirmative. There were a number of visitors present.

John McLean was charged before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning with aggravated assault on an Indian woman named Annie Newman. She asked him to go for beer, he told her to get it, and on his refusal said things which irritated her and he caught up a broom and banged her on the head with it. There was no evidence about the banging, for the head of the victim gave silent evidence as to that. McLean was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The programme for the Irish concert on the eve of St. Patrick's Day is now completed, and among the numbers will be found selections by Messrs. Richardson and Goward, the inimitable Irish comedians; that world-famed song, "Kathleen Marvonnreen," by Mrs. Goward; "Father O'Flynn," by Mr. J. G. Brown, who brought down the house at the Sons of Erin concert some two or three years ago by his splendid rendering of this humorous song; selections of Irish airs by Miss Blackie, whose playing of the prince of instruments, the violin, has been a revelation to amateur violinists of this city. The full programme will commend itself to all lovers of Irish music, but especially so to the warm-hearted natives of the Emerald Isle, or their descendants. The price of admission is a popular one, and no better guarantee of the merit of the concert will be had than that it is, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown.

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Overloaded Steamer Sinks in the Hattang Straits on Her Way From Haiko. -Mail advices by the Empress of India give particulars of a terrible accident which happened to a boat crossing the Hattang Straits from Haiko. She had 105 passengers on board, and when not far from Hattang shore sank from being overloaded. One hundred and four persons were drowned, among them being three children, a son and daughter of the chief pastor of the American Methodist church in Hattang. The son, a young man of great promise, was a student at the Anglo-Chinese College, and was going home for the holidays; the daughters were returning from the Taimin Girls' school, where they had been pupils for some time. Among the lost were twenty-eight young men of Hattang who were returning home from the district examinations at Hokehlang. They were the brightest of the candidates whom the island was to send to the next prefectural examinations at Foochow.

The bark Mark Curry, Capt. Mosher, of Windsor, N.S., was burned in the harbor of Haiko on Feb. 5. She was taking on a cargo of sugar and was about half full. Referring to the fire the Hongkong Press says: "The sight is described by those who had ever witnessed it. It was a clear starlight night with no moon, and as the flames shot upward and enveloped the masts and rigging, causing the vessel to stand out from the surrounding darkness, the effect from a spectacular point of view was magnificent. As the flames did their work the yards fell one after another, each crash striking up the burning timber, and when the windlass was consumed the mooring chain dropped off and the vessel, still a mass of flames, drifted out of the harbor with the tide and was gradually lost to view."

Two Japanese coasting steamers, the Sanko Maru and the Owsari Maru, collided on February 4th, just before daylight. The Sanko began to sink immediately, and the terror-stricken passengers and crew all jumped into the boats as they were being lowered. As a result 51 out of 60 passengers and 12 out of a crew of 20 were drowned. The Owsari Maru did not remain at the scene of the disaster, but steamed off to land her passengers, who were terribly excited.

Capt. A. O. Anderson is now in command of the City of Kingston, he having made his first trip on that steamer this morning. Capt. Anderson ran on the Tacoma-Victoria route for many years on the Olympia, the Alaska, North Pacific and other steamers. Latterly he has had charge of the company's shares at Tacoma. Capt. John Brandon, who has had command of the vessel since Capt. Clements retired, will continue as pilot.

The Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco last evening with a number of passengers and about 90 tons of freight for Victoria. The Queen will leave tonight for San Francisco. She will make one more trip in place of the Puebla.

The United States revenue cutter Centinel left for the Sound this afternoon. She came over yesterday evening and has been lying in James Bay since then.

The Alki will leave Seattle for Alaska to-morrow morning. She will not call at Victoria.

The steamer Queen leaves for San Francisco this evening.

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Burning of Nova Scotian Bark Mark Curry While Loading Sugar at Haiko.

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BACK FROM THE CAPITAL. Dr. G. L. Milne Has Returned From Ottawa.

Dr. G. L. Milne returned from the East, last night, after spending four weeks in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. The doctor has but little to report concerning the proposed railways, as his movements since in the East were pretty well covered by press correspondents. He is, however, that the Dominion government has not come to any definite conclusion regarding its line of policy with respect to the construction of a line of railway from Lethbridge to the coast. There are three propositions before the government. The first is for the C.P.R. to build the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass, the second for the government to undertake the construction of the work, and the third is by the company which the doctor represents. They offer to build the whole road from the coast to Lethbridge and ask the Dominion government to guarantee 3 per cent. interest on an amount not exceeding \$17,000,000. The company will also ask for assistance from the provincial government, and whatever amount will be received will, of course, be deducted from the guarantee asked from the Dominion government. For such assistance the company is willing that the government should have the right to control freight rates and to make running powers for other railways over the road. This proposition was submitted to the government by Dr. Milne and the British Columbia members who were present at Ottawa. They pointed out the importance of the great mining region through which the road will run, referring particularly to the Boundary Creek and Kettle River districts. Hon. Mr. Laurier, while not giving any definite promise regarding the company's proposal, said that he was impressed with the importance of the mining regions described, and assured them that if the Crow's Nest Pass road is to be built, it will be continued through to the Hope mountains at least.

When the doctor was in the East there was a rumor current that the C.P.R., having secured the B. C. Southern charter and its accompanying large land grant, would at once begin the construction of the Crow's Nest railway and seek aid from the Dominion government afterwards.

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Mortgagee's Sale. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 5 o'clock p.m. of Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1897, for the purchase of 131 acres of land, more or less, in Quamichan District, B. C., comprising that portion of the west half of Section 3 and 4, Range 5 lying to the east of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway line, and the whole of the south-west quarter of Section 10, Range 5, on the plan of Springville Addition No. 1, deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid, No. 203.

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So the trunk is taken up, the ladies placed inside, and Larry squeezes among them. Jack is about to clamber on top among the trunks...

Larry looks up, meets the gaze of Avis, sees an interrogation point in her eyes, and with a grin jerks his thumb back over his shoulder in the direction of Doctor Jack...

They are all feeling particularly joyful over the success of their game. No one but Jack is aware of the fact that the pasha knows of their hurried departure from Madrid.

Doctor Jack walks up and down outside on the platform, under the pretense of smoking a cigar, although the ladies have given him the pasha into consideration...

There are other enemies to think about, without taking the pasha into consideration, and if any of these are about he wants to know it. In his mind he also thinks of Mercedes, and glances curiously at a number of ladies...

He suspects that it is Mercedes, but would make certain, so he enters into an agreement with a man who seems to be a porter—there is a hasty exchange of silver—the man grasps the situation, picks up a box, and in passing the lady manages that a corner shall catch in her long veil, which is instantly dislodged...

A bell sounds—the guard cries "all aboard" in his Spanish way, and Jack, tossing his cigar aside, enters the carriage. Then the door is locked, but as the American has bought the guard, body and soul, he will be on hand as soon as the train stops at a station to see what is needed.

second, every emotion can be summed up in anticipation. Our friends are very comfortable, but Larry is the only merry one of the four. Avis is thinking of what lies in the near future...

As for that worthy, he appears to be glancing over the edges of magazine, but his thoughts are not on it. Now and again he looks over the top of the pamphlet at the fair face near the window. He is pondering upon many things, and the chief of these is the game which he is expected soon to manipulate.

Will they succeed? If not, the result must mean disaster to them both, for Abdullah Pasha is just the man to have a terrible revenge. Doctor Jack knows the danger—he has assumed it without a single fear, for he also guesses the stake he is playing for—Avis.

If he succeeds she must be his. As he feasts his eyes upon her from time to time, he makes up his mind that she is just the girl a man might go through fire and water for. The train proceeds in jerk-at-times their speed in so rapid that it almost makes them dizzy—the car swings from side to side, and they have to hold on to their seats...

Their course is almost due north-west until the city of Zaragoza is reached, which at that rate will not be until near evening. Their head north-east, finally north, crossing the border by crossing close to the Bay of Biscay, at Bayonne, when they will be in France, with the dawn of a new day, wind and weather permitting, after which a run of a few hours will take them to Paris.

So the morning passes with various delays—this fast Paris express is a "terror," indeed, and makes poorer progress than any train in America. They have all learned to be philosophical, and take things as they come. The time passes, and about noon, at a station called by the guard Calatayud, a huge hamper—put in the carriage.

"Dinner!" cries Madame Sophie, eagerly, and yet fearfully, for so many deceptions have been put upon her in Spain that she fears lest this may be some extra cushions, or rugs to keep them warm during the night. Larry catches her suspense by tossing back the lid of the hamper, disclosing the best dinner money can buy in Spain, and all neatly packed.

"They ought to have a good run of custom on this road if they supply meals like that," declares the elder lady, her eager eyes taking in the contents of the basket. Larry looks up, meets the gaze of Avis, sees an interrogation point in her eyes, and with a grin jerks his thumb back over his shoulder in the direction of Doctor Jack...

He seems to be resting unusually—the cushion has partly fallen from under his head, and bending down Avis tries to rearrange it. In so doing a lurch of the train causes her hand to touch his face—his eyes open—she blushes as he quickly and deftly catches her hand, and presses it to his forehead—thank heaven! the others are so busy arranging dinner on the table that they do not see this.

Larry, seizing a tin pan, beats a tattoo upon it in lieu of a gong, and this brings Jack, to his feet with ludicrous haste—love must take a back seat now, since appetite reigns. They have great fun over the dinner, as there chance to be several dishes which none of them understand, so that their tasting and comments on these are ridiculous. On the whole the dinner is good, and they enjoy it with remarkable unanimity.

The others cannot but notice that Doctor Jack is unusually quiet. Avis inquires if he has a headache, and is not satisfied when he says no, for she understands that there is some worry on the other's mind. In this she is right—Jack foresees trouble of some sort ahead. He has learned that Don Carlos is on the train, which fact is in itself suggestive for the Don would not be making this journey only for his presence aboard.

That he is also sure the pasha must be near at hand. If these two unite their forces, trouble may come. The train has to pass through a lonely section of country during the night run, and makes so many stops that it would not be difficult for a resolute man to make a dash for the door without expedition.

of the Ebro, and they may expect to see much more of Spanish history and industry than has as yet greeted their vision. Again Jack goes out to stretch his legs and smoke a cigar, in which former act the duke imitates him. Presently Larry sees some fruit, and rushes off to buy. Jack hopes he will not be left behind, and is determined that nothing shall take him from the vicinity of the car.

There are many people at the station, and he eyes them with careless indifference. As he stands thus he feels a hand touch his arm. "Senior Jack," says a low, hesitating voice—he recognizes it instantly, for he can never forget that velvet-like tone—wheels without delay, and then there receives a powerful shock. (To be Continued.)

AN ATOMICAL DISCOVERY. Prof. Roberts-Austen's discoveries on the subject of the inter-diffusibility of metals were referred to last week by the president of the Royal Society, and the report is most interesting reading. The facts have been to some extent known to savants before the late meeting of the Royal Society, but on that occasion the results were made more clear. It was then shown that solid metals may be made to mix themselves as if the atoms were living creatures. Prof. Roberts-Austen has, in fact, discovered pieces of metal engaged in the very act of mixing themselves up with each other. Of course, the interest of this is that the inter-diffusion of which we speak had been found to take place when the metals were cold, and though this property in metals, to be capable of attaching themselves one to the other when cold, has been talked about before, nothing so clearly proved has hitherto been at the service of metallurgists and chemists as the facts adduced by Professor Roberts-Austen. He shows that when clean surfaces of lead and gold are held together in the absence of air at a temperature of forty degrees for four days, they unite firmly, and can only be separated by a force equal to one-third of the breaking strain of lead. The professor has also proved that if a plate of gold be laid under one of lead about three-teenths of an inch thick, in three days the gold will have risen and diffused itself to the top of the other metal in very appreciable quantities.

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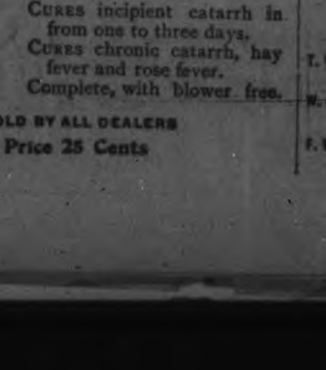
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A BIG ENGINEERING WORK. The triumph of modern engineers over natural obstacles know no limit. The latest achievement which has been brought into public notice is the diversion of the river Periyar from its natural outlet in the Indian Ocean to the bed of the Vaigai, which flows eastward into the Bay of Bengal.

The district around Madurai, in the Madras presidency, has long suffered from want of water for irrigation, and it was decided some years ago to relieve it in the manner described. The work involved the construction of an enormous dam, 178 feet in height, impounding the waters of the Periyar, and forming a lake which, when at its highest level, will have an area of 7,554 acres, or nearly twelve square miles. An open cutting over a mile in length and twenty-one feet wide, followed by a tunnel of about the same length and with a sectional area of ninety square feet, conveys the stream across the watershed to the Vaigai. Eighty miles lower down it is distributed by artificial canals to the Madurai district.

To provide for floods, which at times are very severe, an overflow "saddle" has been provided in the watershed separating the two districts, so that when the level rises thirty-one feet above the cutting it shall escape by this means. The difficulty of the work may be imagined when it is stated that it was carried on in an uninhabited jungle, twenty miles from the nearest cultivated land, and eighty miles from a railway station, and that, owing to the unhealthfulness of the climate at certain seasons and the prevalence of floods, the engineers could only work for three months of the year.

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GOING SOUTH. Le. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington... 5:00 p.m. Ar. Nanaimo... 7:00 p.m.

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OUT AT QUARANTINE

The Empress of India Spends a Day at William Head Quarantine Station.

The Chinese Passengers Had a Cool Reception—Excitement Brings Misery.

The Empress of India arrived at William Head quarantine station yesterday morning at nine o'clock and remained there until this morning, when she sailed for Vancouver. During her stay the vessel was thoroughly disinfected. The trip from the Orient was an uneventful one. The list of passengers was not heavy, for there is not much travel at this season. The saloon passengers were: Rt. Rev. Bishop Awdry, Mrs. Awdry, Mr. S. Atsumi, Mr. J. R. Bloom, Mrs. J. B. Bloom, Mr. Alex. Carson, Miss Campbell, Mr. E. P. Cochrane, Mr. J. E. Constable, Mr. John Dodd, Miss M. A. Gundry, Mr. E. H. Hickman, Mr. Theo. Hoeh, Mr. R. O. Irish, Mrs. R. O. Irish and child, Mr. E. O. Kenyon, Prince Michel Mirsky, Mr. F. E. Musgrave, Mr. W. J. Morse, Mr. C. E. Richardson, Mr. Joseph Seal, Mr. H. L. Sulman, Lieut. G. A. C. Taylor, Mr. L. Wigham, Mrs. L. Wigham and child.

Prince Michel Mirsky is a Russian nobleman who is returning by this route to Russia after a tour of several places of interest in the Orient. Rt. Rev. Bishop Awdry and Mrs. Awdry are staying in Victoria for a few days, after which they will continue their journey to England, where the bishop will attend the meeting of the divines of the Church of England convened every ten years for the purpose of formulating church doctrines. Mr. Alexander Cairns is a mayor of one of the English cities, who is on a globe-trotting tour. Mr. John Dodd is a prominent citizen of New York who is returning from a trip to China. Lieut. G. A. C. Taylor is a military man who is going home to England on leave.

There were 375 Chinese passengers, and with these it wasn't all lavender at the quarantine station. Quarantine Officer Watt did all he could do with the limited means at his disposal, but there was not sufficient accommodation for the incoming ecclesiastics, who, on being loosed from the bathing room, were given a blanket and let out into the open, where the cool atmosphere made their position a very unenviable one. That the Chinamen suffered a great deal more than was necessary was owing to their own fault, they not complying with the regulations. When their clothes were fumigated each man was given a ticket, and a ticket with a number corresponding with the one given them was placed on their belongings. If they had remained calm and showed the tickets to those in charge their belongings would have been correctly dealt out to them. But when the Maude arrived yesterday evening they cast all thoughts of tickets to the winds and such man grabbed any clothes that were in sight. If it had not been so visible it would have been amusing to see them arguing in the vocabulary of course and struggling for the various articles of clothing. One would snatch a pair of pants by one leg and another would take hold of the other leg and a tug of war would ensue, the victor of course wearing the pants. Their excitement made the wharf a scene of confusion, and one could almost imagine that he was looking on at the confusion of tongues at Babel's destruction. There were sixty-nine of the unfortunates from the Flower Kingdom for Victoria, and ultimately all save one were dressed—whether they were wearing their own clothes or did not seem to be of any great consequence to them, and they were put on board the Maude together with their personal effects. The exceptional one could not find any of his clothes, and he was given a ship's blanket by Mr. Hamilton Abbott, and Mr. P. R. agent, and taken in beside the fire. Ultimately he got a coat and a pair of pants, which were subscribed for him by some of his compatriots. Lee Mong Kow, of the custom house, had a most uncomfortable interview with the Chinaman when they came on board the Maude. They thronged around him, and the major portion of the sixty-nine had a large kick coming about their grievances. They gesticulated and jabbered, and whatever they were saying they seemed to be saying it very emphatically. One thing is plainly to be seen, a much needed improvement to the station is the proposed reception shed, where the ecclesiastics can be housed after receiving their lathes. Other improvements which can be made at the station are, besides the large tank which has been erected for the purpose of disinfecting incoming steamers with bicarbonate of soda, two smaller sheds thirty feet long, a postoffice, where the mail can be attended to, and an enlargement of nearly two hundred feet to the power house. The Empress was thoroughly disinfected by Dr. Watt, owing to the fact that a case of smallpox was reported to have been discovered on the vessel at Hongkong. After the Chinaman had been bathed the same course was pursued with the men, and then the men—there were 37 lines for this silly—were fumigated. When the Empress left Yokohama the smallpox plague was abating. She left on February 26th and experienced fine weather throughout the whole voyage.

My little daughter, three and a half years old, suffered three years with eczema. Her little body was covered with the itching rash, and doctors did no good. Four boxes of Chase's Ointment entirely cured and saved our child. Her skin is clear and not a sign of rash is to be seen. Andrew Alton, Hertsford, N. B. Mr. Alton is one of the thousands benefited by this unfailing cure for plica and skin diseases.

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VANCOUVER.

Capt. Thompson and party are back from Pender Harbor, where a good vein of gold bearing quartz has been struck. Enthusiasm prevails over the find. The result of an assay of a sample of quartz taken from the end of No. 3 tunnel on the Orphan Boy has just been made public by Mr. Pellet-Harvey. The tunnel from which the quartz was taken is now in 125 feet, and a considerable body of ore has been exposed. The assay gave 67 oz. 8 dwt. of gold, or a value of \$1,248 per ton. Mr. J. W. Hasbain, the company's manager, returned to the mine on yesterday's train and development work will henceforth be actively pushed.

A 21-inch seam of semi-anthracite coal has been struck on the claims of the Western Prospecting and Promoting Company, near Takush Harbor. The company have eight men there continuing the work of boring. The shareholders are principally Vancouverites.

The investigation conducted by Mr. W. J. Bowser, a defeated candidate at the last elections, to inquire into a charge of partisanship on the part of Messrs. John A. Green, temporary postoffice clerk, and A. P. Black, a railway mail clerk, was held in the court house Monday night. The doors being open to the public there were a large number of persons present. No evidence of importance was elicited, and the "investigation" looks like a farce.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) church was crowded on Sunday night, on the occasion of the farewell sermon of Rev. Thos. Scouler as pastor.

During the morning service at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday last the chimney pipe of the furnace got heated and set light to the roof. It was noticed before it obtained any headway, and the congregation quietly walked out. The fire engine arrived, and very soon extinguished the small amount of fire, after which the congregation returned and the service was resumed.

Mr. Frank Devlin, Indian agent, has just returned from his annual inspection of the Indian schools at Mission and Chilliwack. Mr. Devlin says that his "children" at the latter place are industrious, hard working lot. They have just finished making a dyke, across the Cominam Slough, with the assistance of their white neighbors. It is 150 yards long, and in places is banked up 40 feet high, the approaches being nearly a mile long. Thousands of acres will be benefited from the freshet of this dyke and the farmers there rejoice in this and turned out and helped with a will.

ROSSLAND, MARCH 9.

Shipments of ore from Rossland mines to the smelters for the past week amounted to 1,058 tons. Since January 1st the total is 10,328 tons. During the past week the O.K. milled 107 tons, and since January 14, 1,036 tons. The result of the test on the Le Roi ore at the O.K. mill was announced this morning by the Rossland Miner as follows: Gross value of ore milled, 301 tons at \$16 per ton, \$185; gold and silver saved on plates, \$67.85; gross value of concentrates, \$43.82; total value of minerals saved, \$111.67; percentage of extraction, 65; ratio of concentration, 6 to 1. In the words of Captain Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi mine, "We have now established the fact that these ores will concentrate, and in doing so we have inaugurated a new era of prosperity for Rossland."

ALBERNI.

Word was received from Alberni by the stage last evening that the weather on the West Coast during the past week has been charming, no snow having fallen on the far side of the coast for the first time since the past few days. In consequence of this fine weather prospecting operations have continued unabated on the lower canal, and new claims are being staked every day. Mr. Wm. Poole, the discoverer of the Star of the West lead, and owner of the Starlight, returned yesterday from the canal, and reports having made what he believes to be a good find. He has not stated particulars of his discovery, but two or three claims have been staked on the ledge and the ore is said to be in considerable quantities.

Work on the different mines has been progressing as usual, but there is nothing new to record from them. Mr. Bryden leaves this afternoon with three men and supplies for the stamp mill. An unfortunate, though not specially serious shooting accident occurred at Alberni a couple of days ago. A man named Douglas McKenzie while out shooting "bar" saw a brown creature moving in a clump of bushes, and thinking it was game levelled his gun and fired. The creature gave a yell and straightened up, when the startled hunter discovered that his game was an old Indian that had been constructing a dead fall trap for bear. The bullet had pierced his hand, also his leg near the knee. McKenzie carried the Indian a quarter of a mile to the canal, and as quickly as possible paddled him down to where he could receive medical aid.—Free Press.

RIG PRICES FOR FURNITURE.

New Yorkers bought \$107,000 worth of second hand furniture at a recent auction sale, says the Chicago Times-Herald. It may be hard times on the West Side, but there are a few people who seem to have money. Governor Morton did in a gobble sofa and eight chairs worth \$2,000. A collection left by some bankrupt prince in the days of Louis XVI, and the marks of the paravank were on the backs. A piece of Bonarais tapestry eleven feet long was let go for \$1,175, or, as we say in Chicago, for about \$100 a foot. An antique table of the period of Henry II. fetched \$1,400, and there were enough other articles to prove the error of those who think the best bet on the coast spent all its money when it went in for the Bradley-Martin hall.

That Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and relieves a vast amount of suffering is not a theory but a well known fact.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY.

Mr. Gosnell, the Librarian, Presents His Annual Report.

Mr. Gosnell, the provincial librarian, presented his annual report through the Speaker yesterday. He says among other matters that "owing to several causes—the holdings of the meetings of the Behring Sea commission in the legislative assembly building, all the available rooms of which were occupied, the illness of the assistant librarian, and the anticipated removal into the new buildings, unavoidably delayed—the work of the library during the past year and the beginning of the present was greatly interfered with, and much confusion resulted. I am, therefore, unable to present a complete and satisfactory report as I should have otherwise desired."

In the six months ending December 31st, the contributions by way of donation and exchange consisted of 808 bound books and pamphlets, principally the former, the acquisitions for the year having been 2,000 volumes approximately.

An exchange list has been established, whereby for such publications as the reports of the mining bureau, copper lode surveys, and such other reports and pamphlets as are from time to time available, the reports and publications of over one hundred institutions, including governments, universities, learned societies, boards of trade, etc., are being received, and the list is steadily increasing. A number of states of the Union are on the list, and arrangements are being made to include them all, with particular respect to agricultural mining and forestry reports and their statistics where possible.

Pamphlets and reports, instead of being bound, as was formerly done, are now arranged in cases or boxes, duly numbered and indexed, which is very much cheaper and much more convenient for reference. In this connection the commissioners of the library are indebted to Mr. Alex. Beggs, editor of the Mining Record, for a large number of valuable pamphlets relating to the West and to Canada, and for some reports which are not contained in any other library in Canada.

In presenting my report as Librarian, I beg to state, Mr. Speaker, that with the duties pertaining to the latter associated those of secretarial work in the office of the premier, and those of secretary of the bureau of statistics as defined in the "Legislative Library and Bureau of Statistics Act, 1894." Respecting the latter, a report is being compiled for submission to the legislative assembly during the present session, containing some statistics of a provincial character never before compiled. As representative of the province on the Dominion history committee, it has been my duty to assist in preparing the material for and revising the proofs of the new Canadian School History, a book of 350 pages now in print. In my private capacity I have also had under preparation a year book of British Columbia, to contain 400 pages. This is a private undertaking, the result of the continuous and widespread demand for reliable and authentic information covering a wide field respecting the province, and the encouragement with which the announcement has met has afforded the publication of an edition of 5,000 copies. The profit after the payment of legitimate expenses is to be devoted to the library. A British edition has been asked for, which will be undertaken if justified by the success of the Canadian edition. The variety and extent of the contents will, I trust, recommend the year book to public approval and ensure to the benefit of the province.

At various times the library has been in receipt of MSS., old volumes and other sources of a local historical character, for which I am directed by the commissioners to express their acknowledgment and due appreciation. In the new buildings, where provision exists for their preservation, special attention will be given to making a collection of matters of a reminiscent character, and it is hoped that the public will appreciate the importance of bringing together in a safe and permanent abiding place, those remembrances of the early days which will be treasured by their posterity as fitting mementoes of the pioneers who laid the foundations of a great commonwealth.

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A BY-LAW.

Authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow the sum of \$120,000, in anticipation of the receipt of its Revenue for the year 1897.

Whereas by virtue of the "Municipal Classes Act, 1895," every Municipality may under the conditions contained therein borrow from any person such sum of money not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount of taxes upon land or real property, as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality for the year 1896, and bearing such rate of interest as may be requisite to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation which becomes payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the taxpayers:

And whereas the total amount of taxes upon land and improvements or real property as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the City of Victoria for the year 1897, payable out of the annual revenue before such revenue for such year becomes payable by the taxpayers, it is requisite for the said Corporation to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$120,000.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

Sec. 1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by the Mayor and Finance Committee thereof, to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation from any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, who may be willing to advance the same, the sum of \$120,000 in such amounts and at such times as subject as hereinafter provided, the same may, in the opinion of the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Council, be required, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

Sec. 2. The money so borrowed shall be expended in defraying the current legal expenses of the said Corporation for the year 1897, and shall, together with the interest thereon, be repayable and repaid to the lender or lenders thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, out of the Municipal revenue for the said year.

Sec. 3. The amount so borrowed, and interest thereon, shall be a liability of the said Corporation, payable out of the Municipal revenue for the current year, 1897, and the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgment of such liability to the said lender or lenders shall be a promissory note or notes as the same may be required, signed by the Mayor and Finance Committee and the Clerk of the said Corporation and bearing the seal of the said Corporation, all of which notes shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, and a notice shall be written or printed on the back of every note in the effect that the liability of the said Corporation incurred by said promissory note or notes shall be a liability payable out of the Municipal revenue for the year 1897.

Sec. 4. In the construction of this by-law the expressions "Land" and "Improvements" and "Real Property" shall have respectively the meaning given to them in the "Municipal Classes Act, 1895."

Sec. 5. This by-law may be cited as the "Annual Loan By-Law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 20th day of January, 1897.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council this 1st day of February, 1897.

(L.S.) CHAS. REDFERN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 1st day of February, A.D., 1897, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law or any part thereof quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B. C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the "Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation Company," (Foreign), for an act authorizing and empowering the said Company to construct, power and operate a line of railway from the head of steamboat navigation on Taku Inlet, by the most direct and feasible route to Teslin Lake, with all necessary side tracks, switches, trestles and terminal facilities; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make, track and operating arrangements with other railway lines; and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for railway and other purposes.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 4th day of February, A.D., 1897.

W. J. R. COWELL, F.A.C.A.D., On behalf of the said Company.

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