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CIVIL SERVICE ACT FULLY DISCUSSED BY PREMIER BREWSTER

Growth of British System Outlined and Necessity of Legislation Emphasized in AMERICAN ASSISTANCE Statesmanlike Address to Legislature-Other Speeches

> Legislative Press Gallery March 26

> **MEMORY HONORED**

V. C. Posthumously Awarded

Commander L. W. Jones for Share in Jutland Battle

London, March 27 .- "For most con-

in the Battle of Jutland, the Victoria

Cross has just been awarded posthumously to Commander Loftus Williams Jones. The London Gazette, in

"the full facts have only now been as

The official report states that on the afternoon of May 31, 1916, Commander Jones, in the torpedo boat destroyer Shark, led a division of destroyers to attack the enemy battlecruiser squadron. In the course of this attack a shell hit the Shark's bridge, putting the steering gear out of commission, and

disabled the main engine, leaving the

The commander of another destroyer,

assisted in keeping it in action

to give orders to the gun's crew while a

"Commander Jones," stated the report in conclusion, "unfortunately was not among the survivors from the Shark who were picked up by a neutral vessel in the night."

AUSTRIANS MAY MAKE

ITALIANS PREPARED FOR ANY ENDEAVOR

delay in bestowing the distinct

picuous bravery and devotion to duty"

A splendid speech was made this afternoon by Hon. H. C. Brewster in moving the second reading of the Civil Service Bill, and in the course of the hour or so which he occupied the Premier covered the ground very thoroughly.

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In thus implementing one of the Liberal pledges which conduced very much to the success of the party at the polls last September, the Premier is at the same time fulfilling one of his own cherished political ambitions. Still further, there is little doubt that the blazing of the way to civil service reform in every department of the public ditures in Great Britain and on the Continent. This arrangement is workservice will be an inducement to other provinces to follow, and that the Dominion will round out its Civil **DAUNTLESS OFFICER'S**

The Premier gave a short review the struggle for civil service reform in the Motherland, and the principles which were laid down there as far back which were laid down there as far back as 1853, and upon which the excellent service of to-day is based. It is a rather happy omen that the same prin-ciples which were enunciated by the commissioners who were appointed by Gladstone to study the reform of the service are those upon which the Brit-ish Columbia bill is founded.

Service Act by making it apply to all

branches of its service.

ish. Columbia bill is founded.

Hon. J. D. MacLean made his first speech in the House, although in the order of things his was the first voice heard at the opening of the new Legislature. As the Minister who will have a good deal to do with the carrying out of the new Act Dr. MacLean takes more than the usual interest of a Minister in it. He spoke ably and well in support of the measure.

The Bill also received commendation from Victoria and Vancouver members in the persons of George Bell and Dr. McIntosh. The House was invited by the Premier to give the measure its best consideration, and suggestions and ndments will be gladly welcomed. Brewster spoke as follows:

HON. H. C. BREWSTER.

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In the first place, Mr. Speaker, I wish to publicly express the sense of the debt which the Government owes to Dr. Adam Shortt, Chairman of the Dominion Civil Service Commission, the very great debt of gratitude which it owes to Dr. Shortt not only for the assistance and advice he has given us, assistance and advice he has given us, but for practically drafting the blit which is now before the Legislature (Hear, hear.) Dr. Shortt, standing, as he does, as one of the foremost expouents of civil service reform in the Empire, has certainly given of his best and has drawn up a bill, which, while I know it cannot be perfect, as it is not possible to get anything actually perfect—and to which amendments will be made and others offered for consideration—still it is a bill which he, be made and others offered for con-sideration—still it is a bill which he, with his years of experience of what has been done in the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, pro-claims to be one of the best, if not the best, ever offered to any legislature. (Applause.) Therefore I think we owe im our thanks in that connection.

Without Remuneration. In the very first negotiations with Dr. Shortt he stipulated that as he was Dr. Shortt he stipulated that as he was an employee of the Dominion Govern-ment and would have to secure leave of absence he would, in coming here to draft for us legislation which would enable us to better conditions, do so enable us to better conditions, do so without any remuneration whatever. That he has done I wish to express also our appreciation of the attitude of Sir Robert Borden in this matter. In a letter which I have from Sir Robert, couched in the kindliest terms, he says he considers it a privilege to be able to lend assistance to better the civil service in the Dominion. (Hear, hear.)

Asks Co-operation. Asks Co-operation.

It is admitted that it is difficult to draft an absolutely perfect piece of legislation. It was O'Conneil, I think, who once declared that he could drive a coach and six through any Act of Parliament that was over passed. But if this or any other bill of ours is not perfect here, on the floor of this Chamber, is the place where we should strive to make it better. Amendments to it will be welcome, and I look to the Leader of the Opposition as a man who has been long in office and one knowing something of the conditions of the present system places on ministers and members, to give us the advantage of his experience and his wisdom.

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amendments he may think wise, which
I can promise him will be received on
its merits, to the end that this may be
the best Act of its kind on the North
American continent, I would like to

Rome, March 27.—A great Austro-German offensive on the Italian front is being predicted freely throughout Italy. Information reaching the Italian press from Switzerland has convinced the newspapers that such a campaign had been planned by the Central Fow-ers for this spring. There is no uneast-hess apparent, however. General Cadorna is quoted by the (Continued on page 7.)

FOR BRITAIN'S USE IN THIS COUNTRY

At Least \$50,000,000 of New Canadian Loan at London's Disposal

PLEASES SIR T. WHITE

Ottawa, March 27.-Sir Thoma White states that "out of the proceed of the present war loan the Govern-Government in its Canadian financin of munitions and supplies to be pur least \$50,000,000.

"This will be of greatest assistance ing out with the greatest advantage to the finances of both Canada and the

Sir Thomas says it is not possible yet Sir Thomas says it is no possible to estimate the amount of the American subscriptions to the war loan, but the impression appears to be that they will run to \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. This means that Canada by itself oversubscribed the loan and that the American can subscriptions form a valuable sur-plus which will give stability to the

NOBLES OF RUSSIA MAKE OVER WEALTH

Grand Dukes and Royal Princes Declare Support of **New Government**

Petrograd, March 27.-The gran Dukes and the Royal princes, in a steering gear out of commission, and very shortly afterward another shell joint telegram addressed to the formally associate themselves but also turn over to the new govern seeing the Shark's plight, came be-tween her and the enemy and offered assistance, but was warned by Com-mander Jones not to run the risk of ment their official wealth, namely their holdings of crown lands and other state grants heretofore attaching to their station

mander Jones not to run the risk of being almost certainly sunk by trying to help him. Although wounded in the leg, he went aft to help connect and man the after-wheel. Meanwhile the forecastle gun with its crew had been blown away and the same fate soon beful the after-gun and its crew. Commander Jones then went amidships to the only remaining gun and personally assisted in keeping it in action. The telegram reads:
"Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch, Nicholas Michaelovitch, Alexander Michaelovitch and his family; der Michaelovitch and in Anniy, Boris Vladimirovitch, Serge Michaelovitch, Georges Michaelovitch and Dmitri Constantinopvitch and Princes Gabriel: Constantinopvitch, Igro Con-stantinopvitch and Alexandre, of Old-

the property of the state."

stoker improvised a tourniquet around his thigh. Noticing the ensign was not properly holsted, he gave orders that another be raised. Soon afterward, seeing that the ship could not last much longer, and that a German destroyer was closing in, he gave orders for the surviving members of the crew to put on lifebelts. Almost immediately after he had given the order the Shark was struck by a torpedo and sunk. IN UNITED STATES

Effect of War Spirit; Unusual Scenes in Chicago; Call to Ohio

Chicago, March 27.—Aside from statements that the war spirit has greatly swelled enlistments both in the regular army and the National Guards, the figures were withheld to-day for military reasons. Long lines of applicants at the National Guard armorles, however, were pointed to by officers as telling the story.

The navy recruiting stations supplied scenes unprecedented since the Spanish-American War.

Call to Ohio.

the newspapers that such a campaign had been planned by the Central Powers for this apring. There is no uneasiness apparent, however.

General Cadorna is quoted by the Giornale d'Italia as saying to Salvatore Barzalal, governor of the occupied Austrian territory: "Whether they come or not, I am acting on the principle that they will, and in force. I am conscious of having neglected nothing that past experience may have taught."

Columbus, Ohio, March 27.—Governor James M. Gox issued a proclamation to day calling upon the citizens of Ohio to prepare for war.

"It is unnecessary to elaborate upon the turbulent conditions of the world. Austrian territory: "Whether they we are so closely related to them that any surrender to the five and easy ideas that things will turn out all right would be plain incompetence," the proclamation reads.

WILHELMSHAVEN IS CLOSED FOR FORTNIGHT; PERMITS REQUIRED

London, March 27.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says the Wilhelmshaven newspapers announced that the harbor of Wilhelmshaven would be closed to the public for the next fortnight and that a special permit from the admiralty board will be necessary for admission to the docks. The reason for the order is not given, the correspondent adds.

Wilhelmshaven is one of Germany's strongest naval stations. It is situated on Jade bay, 33 miles northwest of

DESCRIBES VANDALISM OF GERMAN FORCES

Correspondent Tells of Desola tion Created by Retreating **Enemy Troops**

With the British in the Field, France March 25, via London, March 27.— Visiting the Somme lands which the mans have evacuated, one's mind is divided between the awful, stupend-cus desolation that modern warfare causes, and a certain degree of wonder it the modern Hun as an artist in de-iberate, cruel, unnecessary destruction

The Somme battlefields were a frightful sight to contemplate when fighting was going on, when hundreds of thousands of men were battling on both sides. Now, when they are deserted and the work of destruction has been completed by the retreating Germans. completed by the retreating Germans it is doubtful if it is not more fright.

wide, where every yard of ground has been churned up in a shape almost passing human conception. Or try to visualize a great lake overspreading visualize a great lake overspreading such an area—a great lake, in which millions of little sugar-cone islands live feet in diameter are separated from ach other by 15 feet of water, 16 feet leep.

One not only see the wilderness of mud and water, but here and there conglomerations of tree; stumps about four feet high. They were once flour-ishing woods. But this is war.

Deliberate Destruction.

One proceeds to the scene of more deliberate German destruction. Along the road every alternate tree was felled. Those still standing were cut half-way through, so that the first high wind will bring them down. Many of them were stripped of their bark, so they will die. This is an additional piece of German work, done for no military ad-vantage but purely out of devilish

stantinopvitch and Alexandre, of Oldchurg, inspired by love of country, have associated themselves entirely have associated themselves entirely and cruisers and destroyers at short range.

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ar.
"That makes my blood boil," he said. "Is war as the Ge

"It is frightful, unbelievable, bu wait till we get into Germany," he re-marked. Except for his eyes, he seemed so cool and calm that I pity Germany when France gets her chance for re-

when France gets her chance for revenge.

Even the churches in these Picardy towns and villages apparently, were mined by the Germans. Great pillars are now but heaps of ruins. The Germans omitted no desecration. They had deliberately stripped off all metal fittings, taken away all detachable pictures, and even dragged from the walls of some churches sections of the crosses.

I found what evidently had been ledgers and account books of some large dry goods store which had been destroyed. All had been deliberately torn to pieces and scattered to the four winds. Such is the German theory of "absolute war."

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There is not a single inhabitant in Bapaume. The Germans carried the population off. I talked with Frenchmen and Englishmen regarding these wholesale abductions of civilians, especially women. There are two theories to explain it, I found; one that women are taken for immoral purposes and the other that the Germans are determined to secure every pair of hands available for work. It is a crime against humanity.

GREATEST ACTIVITY EAST OF BAPAUME

Most Important Actions Between British and Germans Occurring There

GERMAN VOLUNTEERS FOR **FORLORN HOPES SCARCE**

the British Front in France, March -via London, March 27-(By Philip ibbs)-Apart from outposts of infan try with machine guns and cavalry patrols, the enemy is now back on his new line of defence, popularly called the Hindenburg line, which, as everyone knows, now swings back from Arras past Cambral, St. Quentin and Laon. Along the whole of this line, as far as the British troops extend, we are keeping in touch with his outposts by our outposts, and round St. Quentin the French are fighting heavily against the strong German defence and threatening to turn his line in that section. It is northwards, round the village of Beaumet. Jes. Cambral, east of Bapaume, that the British and German forces have been fighting more important actions than mere skirmishes, and where the guns on both sides are most active.

In this neighborhood there is high ground giving a good and clear view ry with machine guns and cavalry pa

In this neighborhood there is high ground giving a good and clear view of the position which the enemy wishes to hold white he is consolidating his main defences, and for this reason he ordered men to attack and counter-attack in order to drive us back from this observation ground. It was last Tuesday afternoon that small bodies of our troops advanced through the village of Berlincourt and surrounding Beaumetz, the enemy immediately launching a counter-attack near a little place called Hermies, and this was easily repulsed under our machine gun fire.

millions of little sugar-come islands five feet in diameter are separated from each other by 15 feet of water, 16 feet deep.

That gives some notion of this tortured eviscerated country, with water occupying the shell holes which whater bas flooded. Great earthquakes produce small effects compared with the concentrated fire of modern heavy artillery.

Imagine also great heaps of shattered bricks, tiles and lath. These once constituted prosperous villages. Then one sees a winding trench, protected by sandbags, while 30 yards ahead row after row of barbed wire. Near each is a little cemetery, covered with countless crosses, for on every square yard of these trenches many men have lost their lives.

One not only see the wilderness of mud and water, but here and there conglomerations of tree stumps about four feet high. They were once flourishing woods. But this is war. the east; they did their best, but left so on the field. Our own casualties

so on the field. Our own cases were not heavy.

This morning, north of Beaumetz, our men attacked the village of Lagnicourt, which was held by four companies of German infantry with many machine guns. They took the place and twenty prisoners fell into their

TELL OF BELGIANS' TERRIBLE BURDEN

Washington, March 27.-An appea from Belgian workmen for organize assistance by neutral astons was made public at the Belgian Legation to-day. It says 500,000 men have been thrown out of work and kept inforced idleness, this being followed by a German decree that "either you must sign a contract for work in Germany or you will be taken as slaves." As a result, it adds, the whole of the working classes of Belgium is threatened with slavery, starvation or death. "Germany," the appeal says, "has condemned her victims to pay an immense war levy which already amounts to more than \$200,000,000, and which is increasing at the rate of \$10,000,000 monthly.

"She has carried off and transported to Germany by pillage, confiscation, re-

to Germany by pillage, confiscation, re-quisition and forced sale, foodstuffs and merchandise to the value of more than \$1,000,000,000."

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord, N. H., March 27.—Governor Keyes to day appointed a committee on public safety consisting of 100 citizens to co-operate with the civil and mili-tary authorities in the work of pre-

COUCY CAPTURED BY FRENCH IN A NIGHT ATTACK; WOOD TAKEN

Energetic German Resistance Overcome in Village South of the Oise: Enemy Driven Beyond Barisch-Servais Line; Gains North of Soissons

Paris, March 27.—The village of Coucy-le-Chateau was captured by French troops in an attack last night, the War Office announce this afternoon. Further progress was made in the lower section of the Coucy forest, all the northern part of which is now held by the

The text of the report follows:

'South of the Oise we occupied all of the northern part of the ower forest of Coucy. The enemy was driven beyond the Barisch-Servais line. South of the forest our troops in a night attack cap-tured the village of Coucy-le-Chateau, which was defended ener-

"North of Soissons we captured a farm northwest of Hargovat

GREAT RIOTS IN TOWNS IN GERMANY

Swiss Papers Report Revolutionary Outbreaks in Berlin and Elsewhere

London, March 27 .- A dispatch from

"The Leipziger Volks Zeitung says: is impossible that we should re-ain indifferent to the lesson which the events in Russia give us. Germany

can not remain in a reactionary state, isolated from the democratic world.

"The Munich Post says: 'We also must and will change present existing conditions."

DEPORTED BELGIANS ARE DYING OFF NOW

Are Being Starved to Death by Their Captors in Germany

Havre, March 27.—The Belgian Government has received by trustworthy means letters from responsible Belians who have been deported to Germany. The letters, dated the end of February or early in March, were writ-ten from the camps in which the men are being confined. Some passages

two meals a day. The one in the evening has been discontinued. That was the best one, because we had corn."

From another letter:

"It is frightful here. We are dying of famine. We have a ration of bread, water and beans. That is all. We are skeletons covered with skin. Thirteen were counted in the morgue yesterday and fourteen to-day. That is from among the 3,000 or 4,000 here. Conditions are more frightful in the and—camps. If anyone gives us a little soup or something to eat he is punished with five days in prison."

From another letter:

"The situation becomes more and more unendurable from day to day. Every morning two or three dead are found in the huts. The doctors decline all responsibility. To-day 120 are dead at camp—. We hope for our deliverance by the great offensive."

DENMARK EXPECTED TO BAR AMERICAN

and a point of support held in strength by the enemy. "In the Argonne we made a success

ful surprise attack in the sector Four-de-Paris, taking prisoners. "In Lorraine enemy attacks on small posts in the region of Le Tricourt

Hindenburg Mistaken

Paris, March 27.—The military co Paris, March 27.—The mintary com-mentator of the Temps expresses the opinion that the operations developing from Soissons to Arras do not form a part of the "genius-inspired plan" by which the Germans expect von Hinden-burg to astound the world. He believes they are only preliminaries to it.

Hindenburg is mistaken, he says, if he believes the destruction he has wrought in the abandoned territory will present insuperable obstacles to the ad-vance of the French and British with complete artillery and food supplies.

Petit Parisien:

"The manner in which the Germans are now disputing the ground shows that they are preparing to accept battle. But why here rather than on the abandoned front—why along the Arras-St. Quentin-La Fere line when they held a formidable and much better protected line at Bapaume-Peronne-Hams-Navan²⁹

Under Compulsion

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Colonel Rousset finds evidence that
the Germans are acting under compulsion. He dismissed as infantile theory
that the withdrawal is meant to draw
the French into a trap or to place an
impassable "glacis" before the new positions. The motives, he believes, are
the same as those which compelled the
abandonment of the attack on the
Sereth in Roumania and prevented
Mackensen from intervening as he
would have liked in Macedonia, as well
as reducing the Turks to difficulties in
Mesopotamia. Loss of morale and material exhaustion, according to this
critic, are forcing abandonment of their
gigantic plans by the Teutons.

Of Particular Interest.

Of Particular Interest. With the French Armies, March 26, via London, March 27.—The German retreat on their extreme left from a position, on the north bank of the Aisne, west of Solssons to Vailly, is of Belgian Workmen Appeal to

Neutral Governments and
Laboring Classes

February or early in March, were written from the camps in which the men are being confined. Some passages follow:

"Since February I we have had only through the segment of a circle, hing-has been discontinued. That was the best one, because we had corn."

From another letter:

"It to frightful here. We are diving."

Whether or not they decide to make a determined stand on the positions which they have now reached, or near-ly rearched, which probably represent more or less the so-called "Hindenburg

more or less the so-called "Hindenburg line," there is no doubt that Massif-St. Gobain is a naturally strong and elaborately fortified redoubt which they are bound to do their utmost to hold. It stretches from the Oise east of Chauny through two forests to Coucy, with the forest of St. Gobain behind, well towards the line. It is more easily defensible than any other part of the line of retreat. Its weakness is that it does not extend quite to the Aisne. The French would be able, without immediately assaulting it, to drive between Hassif and Valliy, where, if successful, they could seriously embarrass the enemy by getting behind the biggest obstacle on the whole new front.

Enemy Anxious.

obstacle on the whole new front.

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With the British Armies in France, March 26.—Via London, March 27.—The greater resistance of the enemy along the new front between Arras and the British southern junction with the French probably is in a measure due to his anxiety over the early approach of the British to the main line he intends to defend, but for which he is insufficiently prepared. The enemy is constantly leaving villages about which he afterwards has second thoughts, and pays daily a heavy price in attempting to reoccupy places, but does not get them.

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fles from the front and the fugitives

or railways 1,400 yards from the French lines. When he escaped one of his comrades had been killed and several wounded by French shellfire. The refugee estimated that 30,000 Frenchmen were being forced to work in different sections of the German front under similar conditions.

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RASPUTIN PLAYED **ON SUPERSTITION**

Believe Heir's Life Depended on Presence

Petrograd, March 27.-The supertitious belief that the health, and ven the life, of Grand Duke Alexis, young heir-apparent, depended on he presence of Gregory Rasputin, the ontin's tremendous influence over Imperial family—is explained in following manner by the Russky

Slovo:

"Rasputin, according to the newspapers, stated in confidence to friends at convivial moments that he had been able to fortify this superstition with the help of Madame Virubova, lady-in-waiting to the Empress, and M. Badmaoff, court physician, until the Empress was absolutely convinced that the life of her son depended on the monk.

monk.

"Whenever Rasputin was absent Mine. Virubeva obtained poisonous powders from the physician and placed them in food brought to Alexis. The result was that during Rasputin's absence the delicate health of the young reir-apparent grew steadily worse, until Rasputin was summoned back to the court, when the powders were stopped and Alexis became better.

and Alexis became better.

"Rasputin always announced that 40 days after his death Alexis would fall ill. This prophesy came true—being caused, the newspaper declares, by Mme. Viyubova, who administered another powder to the little grand duke in the hope of continuing the tradition of Rasputin's influence over the Imperial family and preparing the way for a successor to him."

SAYS NO ATTEMPT AT

Association, has forwarded to the Foreign Office a declaration made by a Besancon man, a prisoner who was forced by the Germans to work within the zone of fire and who escaped.

The man states that he and his companions were badly and insufficiently fed, that they slept in hastily-constructed sheds which were so similar conditions.

Haynes for Reliability.— Reliable was called forth by a New York watches. Clocks, Jewelry, etc., and reliable for the grant of the Government St. **

MEDIATION BY SWEUEN

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London, March 7.—Reuter's Stockholm correspondent cables that the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs has let it be known that no attempt at peace mediation had been made by Sweden. This denial was called forth by a New York watches. Clocks, Jewelry, etc., and reliable for the grant of the Government St. **

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CAPTURED BY ALLIES

Oise; British Took Lagnicourt

Paris, March 27.—Although strongly opposed by German forces, French troops yesterday occupied the towns of Folembray and La Feuilles, south of the Coucy forest, said an efficial statement issued last. Progress also was made by the French north of Soissons, near Vregny. The text of the report follows:

"North of the Somme there have been no essential changes. Between the Somme and the Oise our artillery dispersed enemy assemblies between Benay and Urvillers (St. Quentin sec-

"Bouth of the Olse we made import-ant progress in the Basse Foret de Coucy. Netwithstanding the difficul-ties of the terrain and the spirited re-

ties of the terrain and the spirited resistance of the enemy, our troops occupied Folembray and La Feuilles.

"North of Soissons we made progress in the region of Vregny."

A Belgian communication said:

"Last night a Belgian detachmententered German trenches near Steenstraete. After inflicting losses on the
enemy and destroying his works, thdetachment returned to the Belgian
lines with some prisoners. Spirited artillery actions occurred to-day in the
direction of Dixmude and Steenstraete."

British Took Village.

British Took Village London, March 27.—The following

official report was issued last night:
"This morning we captured the vif-lage of Lagnicourt. North of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we captured thirty prisoners and a machine gun. "During the afternoon, enemy troops delivered determined counter-attacks from the east and northeast, but were driven off. A third attack, caught in the open by our artillery, failed to de-

"Parties of the enemy who endeavored to approach our lines near Fauquissart and east of Ypres were dispersed by our machine gun fire.
"There was considerable aerial activity to-day by both sides. In the air
fighting two German machines were
fighting two German machines were
driven down damaged. Seven of our
machines are missing."

INTIMATES GERMANS

Socialist Reichstag Leader Speaks of Submarine War and Germany's Condition

tockholm, March 27.—Dr. Albert O. Suedekum, one of the best known ders of the majority Socialists in the German Reichetag, in an interview here with the correspondent of the Associated Press said that whoever

CORRESPONDENT AGAIN AT TSARSKOE SELO

Made Russian Royal Couple French Took Towns South of Representative of Associated Press Learned of Nicholas; Saw Rasputin's Grave

lution.

Since the visit paid by the correspondent to the palace last week, sever measures have been taken to guard the prisoners. These grew out of rumors of an attempted flight, mon archist conspiracies against the tem porary government and pressure by ex-tremist forces. The guards have been increased and a special representative of the Council of Deputies put amons them. On announcing his desire to visit the grave of Rasputin, the soldiers demanded his passport of the Associ-ated Press correspondent, then led him to the kitchen entrance of the palace prison, which is the headquarters of the guards.

Behind the kitchen entrance stand terranean galleries, running the whole way under the palace. The first of the two entries leads under an arched por-tico into a small, untidy courtyard sur-rounded by one-story buildings.

The rooms off the gallery seem to be underground, but judging by their or-namented, padlocked doors, they are not cellars. Two only bear an inscrip-tion. One reads: "Servants of the tion. One reads: "Servants of the Most August Children." The other bears a placard from pre-revolution ary times showing it to have been the bureau of the officer of the day of Em peror Nicholas's underground guard. In this room, to which he was led by a soldier, the correspondent met the of-ficer of the day, Captain Bowers, who than a soldier or prisoner who passed through the galleries since

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The captain sent the correspondent to the palace commandant, Captain of Cavalry Kotzebue. Captain Kotzebue's headquarters are in an angle of an old and now untenanted section of the Tsarskoe Selo Palace. He gave the correspondent a soldier escort and a permit to pass along the road to Rasputin's grave. The captain is Nicholas's chief jailer. He is youthful and urbane, an officer of the type, speaking perfect French and English.

"The former Emperor is not under detention, but in all respects is a prisoner and is treated accordingly," said Captain Kotzebue. "He is in perfectly good health and in fairly good spirits. When he is with his own entourage he has fits of crying. He is no longer allowed in the park, but twice daily, from 11 to 3 o'clock, he is permitted to walk for recreation in the railed garden between the east and west wings of the palace.

"The rules of the imprisonment of Nicholas are applied also to all courtiers and servants who are prisoners.

Only in Russian.

Associated Press said that whoever thought the submarine war was going to bring Britain to starvation in six months was deceiving himself. He added, however, that such a result was not necessary for German victory, which he declared was certain, with an indemnity.

Dr. Suedekum said he was convinced that Britain had been sending only enough troops to the continent to keep ther allies contented, but that now it was necessary for her to change her course.

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Articles by H, Boning and Haeckel Sidelights on Conditions in Germany

boys of Germany, contributed to

the Riefer Zeitung by the state of peace, and our enemies answered with frantic abuse, with low, vulgar expressions, with conscienceless distortions, with dishonest dealing, with imbecile chatter. Mad in the insolence of unscrupulous knavery, they demand our overthrow.

NEW ORDER RE
TAXPAYMENTS

I am authorized by the City
Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time, on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person,

"We are to become slaves and bondmen, to owe the maintenance of our Kultur to their most gracious permission. They seek war to the knife; forward, then, and without looking back! Away with tukewarmness and half-heartedness; away with the evertasting pittful babble about patience, gontleness, seruples and moderation! Let the sacred flame of furious indignation photod course like fire through our veins!

rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land.

This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

EDWIN C SMITH, Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Vietorious to-day stand the field of death, while at home countless bearts and hands are unceasingly labered. hearts and hands are unceasingly la-boring. At such a time as this you cen-not and dare not stand idly apart. Boys of Germany, be up and doing!"

Boys of Germany, be up and doing!"

It is not so much the deliberate falsehood of appeals of th's character which are now being addressed to all sorts and conditions of men, women and children in Germany, that is so striking, as the fact that these appeals are now regarded as a necessity of the hour in Germany. It is taken as proof that the plight of the nation must indeed be desperate when hysterical appeals of this character are regarded as an essential part of the propaganda of Sealed tenders will be received by the updersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 1917, for one motor cycle, new or second-hand, in good/condition. Tenderers must state price and make and give full particulars of the machines they offer for sale. All tenders must be addressed to the City Purchasing Agent and marked on outside of envelope Tender for Motor Cycle.

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1915 to the despairing situation of 1917. Haeckel Too. Ernst Hacckel, of Jens, the famous soologist and the earliest protagonist of Darwinism in Germany, was one of the earliest of the professors to enter the lists of the Haters of Britain. For Various dried materials for manu-facturing coffee substitutes to be sold in great quantities.—Berliner Tage-blatt.

two years and a half he has employed all the resources of vituperation fit working up sentiment against Britain. His latest outburst, contributed to the

Vossische Zeitung, is as follows:
"We are entitled to expect from our new submarine fleet that it will compel proud Great Britain to accept a Ger-

man peace. But this is only possible if we hold out with all our strength and PRESBYTERIAN WORK

man peace. But this is only possible it we hold out with all our strength and powers of endurance. It must be repeated again and again that it would be futille to hope for a friendly understanding with the Anguo-Saxons, who are bent at any price on destroying their Teuton-Saxon brothers.

"Should the hate-filled Entente win the war, Germany would be condemned to the same mean slavery as Ireland. Hence we, in our imperative need of defence, must employ all our available spiritual and material forces in order to save our freedom and our good right of disposing of ourselves in this last act of the great cultural tragedy. It is only with the assistance of our iron energy and endurance that we can beat down the tenacious and searuling Great Britain, and conquer equal rights in international commercial intercourse. Down with all sentimental resignation! We must be animated by the unbending courage and the unshakable cohviction that we shall absolutely win in this titanic struiggle for existence."

Saving Darning-Wool.

Professor Lassar-Cohn, the eminent chemist of the University of Konigsberg, writes to the Frankfurter Zeitung on how darning-wool may be saved, as follows: "At the present time, not only is it absolutely necessary to do all refuse, but equally necessary to do all refuse.

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"About nine months ago I began, therefore, every day or two to put a quarter-spoonful of powdered tale into my boots after I had drawn them on. For a small, sum you can procure enough tale to last some weeks. The inside of the boot immediately receives a polished surface, and the woollen socks, impregnated with the powder and therefore less liable to friction, move easily about. I reckon that in this way I have saved about 80 per cent, darning-wool."

The eminence of the writer and the urgency of the subject united in securing for the letter a prominent position in the paper.

Some War Advertisements.

Following are some examples of war advertisements in Germany:

Meat wares of recognized quality can be bought at Emil Schellenberger's Horse Shauphtenhouse and Saussage Factory.—Leipziger Tageblatt.

Al timed seal-meat in 6 lb. boxes, offered not at the lowest prices.—Ber advertisements in Germany:
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be bought at Emil Schellenberger's
Horse Slaughterhouse and Sausage
Fretory.—Leipziger Tageblatt.

HUGHES WOULD SEND **MEXICANS TO EUROPE**

of the Chamber of Lieut.-General Sir ing at a dinner of Commerce here, ance in all varieties of mixtures-pickled in vinegar or soaked in fat.

Sam Hughes said:
"Were I in the United States and if
I had the power, I would be only too
delighted to offer Villa a command as
brigadier-general in charge of 50,000
or 60,000 Mexicans and to send him
over to the trenches in Europe to fight
the Teutons. The Mexicans are much pickled in vinegar or soaked in fat. For example:
Herb and mussel meat paste: first-rate for spreading on bread. In boxes containing about 12 ounces.—Berliner Tageblatt.
Soup seasonings, prime quality, from shell-fish meat, in basket bottles of 50 pounds, analyzed, to be had cheap.—Berliner Tageblatt.
Four loads of frost-bitten potatoes for sale.—Berliner Tageblatt.
Various dried materials for manuthe Teutons. The Mexicans are much like us frish. They must fight, and when they have no one else to fight, must fight among themselves." Sir Sam urged universal military-training as the only bulwark of de-

MOUNTED POLICE PATROL **BACK AT DAWSON AGAIN**

Ottawa, March 27 .-- Word has been Ottawa, March 27.-Word has been received here of the safe arrival at Dawson City of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police pairel which makes an annual winter trip from Dawson to Fort McPherson. The party left Dawson January 6 and returned in fine condition on March 8.

According to the members of the party left by present winter in the Farty left of the present winter in the Farty left in t

trol, the present winter in the Far North has been the coldest on record. The average for December and January was 24 below zero, with 24 days of 49 and more below. On several occasions the temperature dropped to 75 degrees

cotton petroleum, nitrates and potash, the most careful inquiry is needed resparding the possibility of new sources of supply, or the finding of substitutes within the Empire. Survey and investigation in this respect should be entrusted to the new imperial Development Board, which should work through existing departments in the United Kingdom and the self-governing Dominions, local scientific departments and the Imperial Institute for India, the Crown Colonies and Protectorstes. found on a munitions ship as one he made in his workroom on the German liner. Decker is alleged to have impli-cated several of the other defendants as his associates in bomb making.

COUSIN OF WILHELM DEAD.

press says it learns that Prince Fried-rich Karl of Prussia, shot down by ar-tillery while flying in an aeroplane over the British line, near Peronne, has died from his principle. from his injuries.

A German official statement on March 22 said Prince Friedrich Karl, a cousin of Kaiser Wilhelm, had not returned from an air raid over the lines between Arras and Peronne. A later dispatch from Madrid said the Prince had been wounded in the stomach and would be operated on. The Prince was a son of Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia.

LEFT £23,000.

London, March 27.—Lieut.-Col. Whiteford, of the Irish Guards, killed in September, was a well-known Canadian newspaper director. He left an estate of £23,000, with personal property orth £5,000.

"The Fashion Centre

"NEMO CORSETS"

"NEMO CORSETS" \$4.25 to \$6.75

Be Fitted to a "NEMO" Corset This Week

By Mrs. Craig, Instructor From the Nemo Hygienic Institute of New York

OUR special showing and demonstration of "Nemo Corsets" include smart styles in many models for every type of figure. "Your" model is here. We cordially ask your attendance, and are very desirous of proving to you that we can fit you faultlessly to just exactly the right "Nemo" model for your individual figure.

Mrs. Craig. an expert and competent corsetiere, of New York, is at your command. Do not fail to come in during the demonstration, and let us show you "your" model, whether you wish to buy or not,

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is a perfect model for average full figures. Massages away excess flesh. Medium bust and skirt. Stylish and comfortable. Fine white coutil; sizes

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gather up and support
a large abdomen. SelfReducing Straps massage away fat. Semielastic gores in skirt
control heavy back,
with perfect comfort.
Sizes 20 to 36- (\$6.50 ns Sizes 20 to 50 403 It will give you be stud styls and better hea

Phone 181 for an Appointment

Mrs. Craig Guarantees You A Faultless Fitting

Private Fitting Nothing gives the support of A Nemo Wonderlift

except strong abdominal muscles. When they become weak, you must have a Nemo Wonderlift to preserve your health and appearance.

Note the beautiful fashion lines of No. 554 (aketched), which is designed for full figures of medium height \$-36.75 Wonderlift Corsets for



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The right powder to use for stump blasting is

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Get our book; Our book, "Better Farming with save money Giant Stumping Powder," will show you how to cut down your blasting costs. It explains the latest powder-saving ways of loading and firing. It is free. Mailthe coupon or ask for it on a post card.

Free Book Coupon

GIANT POWDER CO. Lad.

Vancouver, B. C.

Send me your book, "Better Farming with Giant Stamping Powder." I am intercerted in the subjects which I have marked X:

DOMINIONS COMMISSION **ISSUES FINAL REPORT**

Al timed seal-meat in 6 lb. boxes, of cred not at the lowest prices. Berliner Tagebjatt.
Sea-musels are being very extensively advertised, and seem to be the

ood most offered for sale in Germi newspapers. The supply is stated to have gone up from 175 tons in 1910 to 10,000 in 1916. They make their appear-

India, the Crown Colonies and Protectorates.

The report recommends far greater control by Imperial and overseas agencies over the selection of emigrants from the Old Country, the creation of a central emigration authority to effect co-operation and a further consultative board to effect a proper co-relation between the central authorities and the activities of the Dominions.

It urges the need of providing adequate training and assistance for intending soldier-actilers and far greater attention to the emigration of women from Great Britain and increasing the same.

A proposal is made for an interchange of school teachers between the United Kingdom and the Dominions.

London, March 27.—Discussing the report of the Dominions Royal Commission, the Times deprecates restricting the number of male emigrants, which "would be most bitterly resented and almost certainly would fall of its purposa."

COMING TO VICTORIA.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Alties have been announced:
Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. S. Solar, Lethbridge, Alts.; Pte. J. F. Blair, Highbrolm, N. C.; Pte. J. F. Blair, Highbrolm, N. C.; Pte. Thos. West England; Pte. J. M. Linn, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. D. McVicar, Nelson, B. C.; Pte. C. G. Whitaker, Kelowna, B. C.; Pte. F. Hampson, England; Sgt.-Maj. W. H. Wiltshire, Montreal; Pte. W. J. Rod, New York.

W. H. Wiltshire, Montreal; Pte. W. J. Red, New York.

Wingham, Ont.; Pte. T. P. Clark, Port Perry, Ont.; Pte. P. C. B. Stankovitch, Serbia.

Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. Fred Little, McKellar, Ont.; Pte. P. C. Watts, England.

Reported missing; believed prisoner of war—Pte. S. Stankovitch, Serbia.

Reported prisoner in error—Pte. R. Romley, England.

Accidentally wounded; returned to duty—Pto, G. E. Pillage, Montreal.

Artillery, Company of the J. Sage.

St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. R. McArthur, Lancaster, Ont.; Lleut. J. Davidson, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. C. Ge'ssler, C.; Pte. J. Stone, Cove Bay, Ont.; Pte. J. Stone, Cov

Winnipes.

Previously reported accidentally killed; now killed in action—Pte. E. Paquett, Montreal; Pte. A. Corbell, Montreal; Previously reported missing; now from reliable source reported killed—Lieut, S. J. Peppler, Toronto.

Previously reported dangerously wounded; now died of wounds—Lieut, R. J. Hosie, Brandon, Man.: Pte. A. Cunningham, Quebec; Pte. J. H. Bruce, Brandon, Man.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. A. Hicks, Dauphin, Man.; Pte. J. Sullivan, London, Ont.; Pte. I. Mironoft, Russia; Cpi. J. Roy, Vawn, Sask.; Sgt. T. McDernott, Toronto.

over Roy, Vawa, Sask.; Sgt. T. McDermott, Dangerously Ili—Pte. J. Deajardins, Fort William; Cpl. H. Benallick, Guelph; Pte. J. Bellfeulle, Quebec; Pte. E. R. Abott, Mission City, B. C.; Pte. P. Steele, Bentley, Atta.; Pte. T. Flegg. Ottawa; Pte. J. Fraser, Mulgrave, N. S.; Pte. J. Moounded—Cpl. C. E. Hill, Toronto; Cpl. Mason. Toronto; Pte. N. Carson, Nanalino, B. Q.; Capt. F. A. Rowlandson, England; Pte. J. Bowle, South Africa; Pte. E. Nikiforow, Russia.

BONAR LAW QUIETS RUMORS.

London, March 27.—Rumors which had been in circulation for several days of the landing of Germans in Scotland of at a place on the English coast received their quietus in the House capt. S. Bimpson. Montreal: Pte. J. Stewart, Toronto; Pte. W. Hughes, Scofinal Inadian in Cpl. N. McLeod, Scotland; Pte. R. Drader, Vernon, B. Q.; Sgt. M. Hall, roperty and the common property of the Common yesterday afternoon. Chancellor Bonar Law said that so far as it was possible to give any reason. Drader Common yesterday afternoon. Chancellor Bonar Law said that so far as it was possible to give any reason. Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. W. H. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. J. W. Rajiand; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. G. Rolland, Winnipeg; Pte. W. H. Gilpin, Parry Sound, Out. Sgt. V. Burgolna, Seetland; Pte. G. Rolland, Win

Lieut. W. Derbyshire, England; Pte. H. Beal, England; Pte, L. Tanguay, Swif Current, Sask .; Pte. A. Roche, Craik ask.; Pte. R. King, Switzerland; Pte. A Ottawa, March 27.—The following casuland; Pte. C. Berth, Neveton, Man.; Pte. E. Wells, England; Pte. J. Royle, Hamil-

Engineers.

Died-Sapper R. Kimbarly, Toledo, Ohlo
Wounded-Sapper J. H. O'Nell, Syracus, N. Y.
Mounted Rifles.

Mounted Riffes,
Reported missing; believed killed-Pte.
I, Rogers, Toronto.
Died-Pte. A. R. Summerville, Scotland.
Wounded-Pte. S. Wright, Toronto;
Pte. J. R. Bryson, Toronto; Pte. W.
Bowman, Morrisburg, Ont.; Pte. J. Mc-

TO PROTECT U. S. SHIPPING

Sait Lake City, Utah, March 27.—"I have no objection to seeing the Stars and Stripes flying beside the British and French flags in order that the shipping of the United States shall be protected," said United States Senator King last night, and the 10,000 people who filled the Mormon Tabernacle in a monster patriotism rally burst forth in tumultuous applause.

FIRE

Just think! That is the time
through which Mr. H. C. Buckley
endured all the flery torture of
itching, burning eczeme. His life
was a perfect misery until ZamBuk—the great herbal skin cure—
brought emplets relief.

Buk—the great herbal skin cure—brought complete relief.

Mr. Buckley, who lives at 461.
East Broadway, Portland, Oregon, writes:—'For fitteen years I suffered with eczema, and attheugh I tried many so-called 'eczema cures,' nothing seemed capable of dealing with a case like mine. It was not until I had Zam-Buk recommended to me that I began to have hope. This wonderful skin healer soon brought about a change for the better. As I persevered with Zam-Buk the buruing sensation got less. I found Zam-Buk wonderfully soothing. Gradually the patches of soreness and the inflammation were reduced, and complete and perman-



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THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT.

launched in the British Columbia pices as those which make smooth the Mediterranean ally to worry. Austria way of the Civil Service bill introduced by Mr. Brewster in his instruc tive and convincing speech yesterday. It has behind it the unmistakable With her sapidly deteriorating human date of the public, disgusted with the domination of the service by a gain anything like the progress that political machine; it is backed by the marked the early stages of her offenexigencies of the financial situation, sive in the Trentino. Then she caught whose calls for economy and efficiency the Italians between the Adige and no longer can be ignored without the Brenta with a number of peculiarcourting disaster. It is not an easy ly exposed salients in Austrian territhing for any party government to tear tory. These she drove in and follow-up by the roots a system which has flourished in a country for years and tion of capturing Vicenzo and smashupon a continuance of which in some ing her way to Venice. Count Caform or other a proportion of its fol. lowers may still regard with friendly eye. But Mr. Brewster's task becomes less difficult in the light of the public response to the pledge he gave on this

world during the last few years, espe-cially in those countries where the spoils system has been carried to extaxpayers, awake to the fact tha their funds were being expended with-out regard to value received, began to not begin to match. In this respect ask why a dollar spent by a well-man-ltaly is much better situated than isfied with that condition the consideration of value would play a very small As the result of agitations for public services based upon merit and ability, Civil Service reforms have been carried out by many states across the line and are now being extended to the services of numerous municipalities.

The demand for Civil Service reform

The bill which Mr. Brewster introstems in force throughout the of local conditions in the preparation of the measure. The province is deeply lebted to him for his inestimable ser vices, which were given without re muneration at his own request.

RUSSIA AND ITALY.

Powerful enemy efforts against the are expected in Petrograd and Rome The expectation is based upon the rations the Teutons have making in both theatres during the winter, the Germans massing great nte on the northern Russia ady the enemy has put out a number of feelers on both fronts, particularly delivered surprise attacks in the north, in the centre and in the south, that is in Canada is older than Confederation, to say, from the zone southeast of Riga, it is nothing more than the crystallizavered surprise attacks in the north. gained preliminary successes. His most the hills and antedates civilization, the nt tryout was yesterday at Baranovitchi, a hundred miles southeast of state. The provision for compulsory wilna, where a gas attack forced the military service in it never has been

affairs in Russia will facilitate it there may be in Quebec springs from Houses were at deadlock. A similar im-

the enemy's programme is for the fu-ture to show, but it may be assumed that von Hindenburg will strike out for Petrograd and Kieff as soon as he can. There must have been a considerable number of changes among Russian of-number of changes among Russian of-ficers and unquestionably the army has suffered from the paralysis of the trans-port and supply system which Russia-over to the traitors who were playing Germany's some and those who Germany's game and upon whom no pages at one cent per word per insertion: As reading matter under heading of "Announcements" on news pages at three cents per word, per insertion. would be brighter than they have been

On the other hand von Hindenburg In spring a considerable part of the east front becomes a swamp, and this point of view of the Government of would be a serious obstacle to a coordinated German advance. Moreover, never will be enforced in its entirety Russia's military oraganization is no matter what threat may be made at bound to improve with the elimination Canada. If there were an uprising of handleapping it. If even a good supply of munitions is available to the army there need be no apprehension ernment would not enforce the co over Russia's ability to deal with the most formidable efforts the Germans nay make. She has a large numerical superiority; Alexieff, Brusiloff, Ruzsky, Baratoff and Lechitsky are in command of her armies and the Russian fantryman, of course, has no superior in the German army. Outgunned and outmanned, he held the long line in 1915 without a break after the terrible retreat from Poland and Galicia and he is much better situated to-day than he was then.

Nor is there anything in the threat stature under such favorable aus- at Italy to cause anybody in our shot her strongest bolt against that Isonzo line and Gorizia for her pains. material she is not in a position to still by transferring reinforcements from the Isonzo with incredible judged on the result of the state elec-swiftness, a feat described by military tion now determined would appear to experts as the most remakable exhibition of army mobility disclosed in the annals of war. This could not The demand for Civil Service reform have been possible, of course, without has spread rapidly throughout the the splendid system of lateral railroads laid out by Italian military en-gineers, who in their chosen line are unsurpassed. Since last year this tremes. In the United States there has system has been greatly extended and Italy can now concentrate an army of manoeuvre at a threatened point Russia is. She can concentrate larger es as far as a dollar spent by Gov- numbers and keep them supplied with nents. They discovered that they even greater facility than her enemy selves were to blame, that as long can. Her establishment is complete by indicated that they were satisfied to contemplate another Australia and the can well afford to contemplate another Australia. trian attempt with equanimity.

the wane. When Germany starts her eastern campaign it will be with an army which will include a class of re cruits who should not be called to the colors until late summer, with the the Liberals. He formed a coalition scrapings of her depots and convalescent hospitals. Her Polish recruitment probably the foremost authority on the subject in Canada. Dr. Shortt has devoted years to a close study. selves some months ago and men over world, especially that of the United fifty years of age. Thus the Central Kingdom, while his practical experi- Empires by discounting their revenue scriptionists, had a majority of two, inence as Dominion Civil Service Com- in human material months ahead are decision. They intend to win or lose the war this year. From the Allies point of view that intention will be heartily welcomed.

Tentonic man power is decidedly on

A CURIOUS CONCEPTION.

the Militia Act in its relation to National Defence that the Hop. Arthur Saskatoon on Saturday; so much so in deed that we doubt if anybody seri ously entertains it. Canada, he says, is "not sufficiently united in ideals" to permit of the full enforcement of that law, which for a very important part, Meighen as a dead letter. Quebec, he says, would not prove amenable.

Mr. Meighen has certainly made tion of a principle which is as old as obligation of the citizen to defend the Russians back.

Undoubtedly Germany has long been tainly not in Quebec, which as much preparing for another attempt to put as any other province in Canada in the past has given practical application to the principle, while the Act likelf, if we cent revolution will hasten the commencement of the enterprise.

Commencement of the enterprise commencement of the principle of Prench-Canadian. What opposition to seriously opposed in the Dominion, cer-

Announcement

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAIN-

socials, etc., inserted under spe headings of "Meetings" on classi

the little group of incendiaries revolving around Henri Bourassa.

If Mr. Meighen correctly states th German reservists in the United States, for instance, and an organized blow were struck at this Dominion, the Gov pulsory service provision of the Militia Act because, forsooth, Canada "wa mit it." No, Mr. Meighen, it is not or account of the incoherence of Canada enforced. It is because of the opposi tion of the Nationalist wing of the ministry, the same influence that converted the Navy Act into a dead letter.

AUSTRALIA'S ELECTION.

The election in New South Wales reported in the Times yesterday should not be confused with the appea to the electors Mr. Hughes is making on behalf of the coalition Governmen formed by him. One is a state affair the other is a federal contest. issue, however, is superficially similar in the two cases. The Premier of New South Wales formed a National Gov ernment and sought the verdict of the electors, who seem to have endorsed his course by a substantial majority. Mr. Hughes formed a coalition Govern ment for the direction of the Com wealth's business, and is seeking the support of the voters of the whole country. New South Wales, is the mos favor the principle of non-party Government. But there is a material difference between the circumstances in which the state administration appealed for approval and those governing the federal contest. The state Premier formed a National Government, composed of the strongest men in New South Wales without regard to party Mr. Hughes has a coalition Government-an altogether different thingforced upon him by the loss of a large section of his Labor following in the split over conscription. New South Wales might view the Hughes coalition Government in an entirely different light from that which was turned upon The federal election in Australia is

directly due to a deadlock between the House of Representatives and the Senate. When Mr. Hughes lost a large section of his Labor following over the conscription question he was forced to join forces with his erstwhile opponents, Government composed of six Liberals which stood by him and the combina tion commanded a substantial majority over the anti-conscription Laborites, now described as the Caucus Labor party, in the lower House. But in the Senate the line-up was different. The Caucus Senate party, or anti-convolving a deadlock which could be less a pair of Caucus Labor senators changed their minds, which they have not done. The Prime Minister was desirous of securing an extension of the life of Parliament and to attend the throes of a general election; while its representation at the London confer-

m, like that of the Union of South Africa, follows the United States sys uses, particularly in regard to the Senate. That body is composed of six epresentatives from each that the senatorial term is six years The term of the House of Representa tives is three years; the at a general election at the expiration of the regular parliamentary period the people elect the entire lower House and half the Senate. Both bodies, however, can be

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ssengers and crew did encounte mystified the uninitiated among them ships had fallen prey to German sub coated with oil. Indeed, they canno work in them at all. The blinds them. They draw the periscon

The Munchener Neueste Nachrichte (which notwithstanding its dreadfu has boldly leapt from the role of a champion of peace and the judge of the earth into that of the partisan of England. . . The time of half measures and doubtful steps is past. Deadly enmity has been declared against us, and we shall answer it with every proof of our goodwill for peace America has given us many a proof of

her illwill." visits to Great Britain, generally with out formal invitation, it is written that the Kaiser had a violent altercation with the late King Edward, who, after the approved British standard, prompt ly knocked his royal relative down Whether the story be true or not-an lisposition of the All-Highest and the true manimess of the King-it will be time ere any other Briton will

Le Figaro (Paris): The Briton has He is a splendid fighter, equal, if no superior, to the professional soldier bygone days, whom Marshal Bugeau described as the best in the world, H has acquired a liking for fighting and s, whom he admires, and to the Ger-an, whom he cordially detests) that

The overt act cannot be long delayed now. Armed American ships are en-

open the seean highways.

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territory. And they will justify their induct with the same arguments necessity knows no human law."

British Columbia also is in the three

of a revolution. The Civil Service bi is receiving the consideration of our

Punch has increased its price from

COUCY CAPTURED BY FRENCH IN A NIGHT ATTACK; WOOD TAKEN

(Continued from page 1.)

Yesterday the London Times' cor-respondent went up the line east of Arras and north of Achiet as far as Achiet-le-Petit. There, as on the Lou-part line, one is forced to the opinion that the enemy's retreat was com-pelled by necessity greater than the British know, and even of larger his-toric import than they guessed.

Much Work.

Achiet is on dominating ground overlooking the country south as far as the Posieres ridge. The amount of work the enemy put into the defence

of France are polluting the evacuated by used. Behind the village is a cemetery of the soldiers who died of ds received in the Somme battles which the graves are dated last month lany of these graves had not beer filled in. Simple wooden crosses, with name and late dates, are lying about which he had not time to erect though

British Won.

The enemy is using selected men whom he calls "sturm truppen," for rearguards. Their methods along the whole front may be understood from the operations about the little village of Beaumetz. The village is on high ground between Bapaume and Cambral. The advancing British patrols drew a heavy fire from Norchies and Beaumetz. They advanced to Norchies, which was found unoccupied. Beaumetz apparently had received reinforcements, for it was offering strong resistance. The British troops worked round the village and waited until the British guns had given it a little shelling. The enemy then left the place, but came back with guns against the small British garrison left in the ruins. Again the British countered and occupied Beaumetz.

Montgomery, Ala., March 27.-Fiv esteemed as the very best of citizens, seem inclined to treat their once adopted country after the same manner are amount of skill and labor into as the Huns who are being driven out the defences of Achiet, which he hardof Montgomery, Ala., March 27.—Five whites and several negroes were killed in a storm at Petric, Ala., last night.

Every house in Petric, 45 miles south of Montgomery, was blown down.

AMERICAN ARMY NEEDS MANY MEDICAL OFFICERS

housand medical reserve officers is the goal of a recruiting campaign started to-day by the Auxiliary Medical Com-

The medical reserve corps now num-

The medical reserve corps now numbers about 3,000, of whom 2,000 have come in within the last eighteen months.

A committee of ten physicians will be appointed to study the plans followed in Britain and France, under which the practice of doctors who enter military or naval service is taken over in the absence by physicians who remain in civil life and returned intact when the army and navy surgeons are mustered out of service.

STEEL INDUSTRY IN STATES IS BOOMING

New York, March 27.—The tremend-ous demand for steel products was em-phasized to-day when it was asserted by trade authorities that steel mills had booked 2,256,000 tons of rolled products thus far in March. The de-

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The Young Men's Building, corner Blanshard and View Streets, is open all day, for the convenience of young men away from home. It affords opportunity to write the home letters, to meet and converse with friends, or to spend a couple of hours in useful reading.

From 4 to 5 o'clock

A Conversational Class for Bible Study meets to consider selected lessons from The Gospels, under the guidance of Mr. J. M. Graham, an experienced leader. The discussions are informal, instructive and in-

VISIT THE Y. M. C. A. Sunday Afternoon, and at other leisure hours.

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nand Phoenix Beer. Home pro

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He states that he went to the-front with the rank of captain, attached to the Tenth Battalion, from Winnipeg, under the command of Colonel Boyle, which formed part of the First Canaurface Polish. It puts on a lasting olish. 25c for 8 oz., at R. A. Brown &

Although returned to Canada through "pressure" Jenner is hoping that he may be provided with the opportunity of retrieving his lost record on the battlefield. He intends to pursue that course when brought up for trial. pe possible if you put them down in waterglass now. Earthen crocks make

Information Wanted.—The provin-cial police have been asked for infor-mation concerning Francis Richard Thomas, who left England in 1908 and was last heard from at the Emerald Lake Chalet, near Field, B. C., fn the year 1910.

duct.

Ratepayers of Victoria desiring to bring about a better condition in city affairs. General and Local Improvement Taxation, should call at any Real Estate Office, also Colonist and Times offices on or before March 30, and sign the memorial to the Provincial Government, for beneficial legislation.

A A A Cooper have all appeared in physical regalia at the local institution of late.

To Unite in Request.—City Council agreed last evening to endorse the request of the Retail Merchants' Association to ask the Executive Council to waiver the Weekly Half-Hollday Act on April 7, being the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Two Tag Days.—The City Council last evening authorized tag days for the Canadian Red Cross Society on May 23, and for the French Red Cross on July 14. Previous tag days for the former body have not added to the local funds, having been remitted to the British Society. kindly lent by Mr. Fletcher.

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C. N. R. Delays.—The condition of the road by which the detour is made from Burnside Road, while the Canadian Northern Railway is constructing the arch was drawn to the attention of City Council last evening, and it being pointed out that it is now months since the company commenced work. It was decided to remind the company that the least it can do is to keep the deviation in repair meanwhile.

Air Brake Instruction.—Instruction on air brakes and locomotive apdamins on will be fifty cents.

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Taken by Police.—Cupt. F. Jenner
an officer of the 197th Battallon, was
arrested yesterday at the C. P. R.
wharf by the local police on instructions from the Vancouver authorities.
He is wanted by the Vancouver police to
on a charge of having by false pretenses obtained goods and money to
the amount of \$100 with the intent to
defraud. He will be taken to the
Mainland and later to Montreal where
he is wanted by the force of that city.

Baughters of England.—The Daughters of England, Primrose 32, held a
most enjoyable whist drive on Thursday evening last in the A. O. F. hall
Prizes were won by 1, Mrs. Brewer; 2,

Air Brake Instruction.—Instruction on air brakes and locomotive ap-plances generally is being given to em-ployees of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway in Air Brake Car 102, Interna-tional Correspondence Schools, now lo-Cated on the F. & N. system at Russell.
Lectures are given three times daily.
The members of the staff attached to
the demonstration car are William Fox,
Grant Holt and J. C. Jacobson.

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Daughters of England.—The Surger of England.—The Work Takes about an hour to perform, and the principal solos will be taken by A. T. Goward. S. Locke the Introduced the England Provening was that the England. The result of the gathering was that the England.

Flattering to the province in the Minister of Mines for the purpose of suggesting several alterations in the Mensager. The artitude of the Mensager of the Committee were very favorably impressed with the Government tor the furthering of the England.—The Mensager of England.—The Month of the Palestine Sufferers.—In response to the England.—The Mensager of the Committee were very favorably impressed with the Government to the furthering of the province in the best manner possible. The mensure of the Month of the Palestine Sufferers.—In response to the Month of the Palesti

JUMELLI SINGS THE SONGS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Jenner Was Arrested Many Recall Beautiful Rendering of Familiar Airs When She Gave Recital in 1909

said that she would rather sing to 500,000 people who truly found pleasure in
her song than to 50,000 rich people in
a city such as New York who are blase
and hard to please. This is one reason
why she does not regret having given
up grand opera. She can go to smaller
towns and give concerts to people who
have few opportunities to hear music
and who purchase tickets not because
"it is the thing to go" but because they
love song.

inging under the Ladies' Musical Club tuspices at the Empress Hotel. The nusical society is giving everything over and above expenses to the Re-

turned Soldiers.

On Saturday night Hallett Giberte, the American composer, a group of whose songs are to be sung by Mme. Jomelli at her recital on Wednesday evening, appeared at the Empress Theatre, Vancouver, at the entertainment held in aid of the Returned Soldiers' Association. Gilberte ranks among the leading song composers of the day, and the worthiness of the cause to which he lent his support won him even greater favor with the music-loving public of Vancouver.

ESQUIMALT COUNCIL

sessment Roll of the Year is Re seived at Meeting.

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The revenue for the year of the municipality of Esquimalt as shown by the assessment roll amounts to \$17,31809. Sewer rentals reach the sum of \$437. The roll was adopted by the council and the Court of Revision will be held in the near future to hear complants.

Councillor Saunders stated that he considered that the corporation was expending money needlessily in paying Magistrate Jay \$40 a month when no cases had been tried in court since December of last year. The advisability of eliminating adjudication by magistrate and the substitution of two justices of the peace will, on the recommendation of the council, be considered by the police commissioners.

MINING COMMITTEE MEETS

Will Ask for Interview With Minister to Suggest Amendments to Bill.

Cuthbest.

For Palestine Sufferers.—In response to her appeal on behalf of the Palestine famine sufferers. Miss Caroline Mackiem, who has been collecting, gratefully acknowledges the following: Mrs. Bradley Dyne, Duncan, \$10; Mrs. Harrington, \$5; Miss Turner, \$10; Mrs. Fenwick, 50 cents. The suffering of these people, the little children, the women and the men alike, has appealed to sympathetic people all over the world, and those who send a dollar or two to feed these starving ones will be doing a great good. Miss Caroline Mackiem, 1126 Richardson Street, Victoria, will be glad to receive any contributions.

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BECAUSE-Under the Dental Act, as its provisions are now carried out, such provision is not being

BECAUSE-The policy of the Dental Council, as indicated by its actions of the past five years, does not take into account the public demands, but apparently views the question only from the standpoint of the dentists now registered in the province, among whom (practicing as individuals) are the members of the Council.

The only way in which the public demands as met is by a revision of the Act such as fully safeguards the proficiency of dental practitioners and yet properly recognizes the necessity of public demands being fully met.

The campaign for the revision of the Dental Act is a campaign distinctly in the interests of the public.

YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED

Full particulars concerning the proposed revision of the Act may be obtained by addressing inquiry to Room 3, 407 Hastings Street, West, Vancouver.

This space is taken by a number of British Columbia dentists who believe that the revision of the Dental Act would be for the best interests of the general public.

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AT THE THEATRES

COLUMBIA THEATRE. The management of the Columbia Theatre is arranging everything for a big treat Wednesday night at the Country Store. Some very valuable and useful prizes are to be given away. Each and every person who attends the evening show has a chance for an article in the Country Store.

The first drawing will take place at 7.90 and the second at 9 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come. There will also be in addition to the Country Store the usual programme of good pictures, with Chaplin as chief entertainer.

THE MAJESTIC.

A film of exceptional merit is being shown at the Majestic the first three days of this week, containing Vernon Howe Bailey's interesting impressions of Paris. This master of architectural landscape drawing has captured the beauties of the incomparable city and transferred them to the screen with startling skill. The graphic exposition of the famous views, buildings and streets in the French capital give a beautiful mind picture of what is to be seen there.

THE DOMINION.

her own script, but—she would love to be a "camera woman."

There never has been such an in-dividual, of course, which is perhaps why the ambitions of beautiful Miss LaBadie tend that way. The fact re-mains, however, that the young star has taken up the study of the camera and finds it most fascinating.

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"When I first went into motion pictures," says Miss LaBadie, "I knew ho more about the camera-than I do about constructing an aeroplane. One of the saddest moments in my life came shortly after I joined the Thanhouser company. The director told me saversely that I had caused a hilation, and it nearly broke my heart. Attempts to apologize were awkward, because I did not have the slightest idea of the nature of my crime. Now I knew why seenes are taken in certain lights, what colors in costumes to avoid and the ones that will be effective. It is a great help in my work."

Many of the effects in "Her Life and His," in which she is starred at the Do-

His," in which she is starred at the Do-minion Theatre to-day are the result of her practical knowledge.

BRIGHT MUSICAL COMEDY

liner Attraction at Pantages Show.

"The Bachelor Dinner" featured as the topliner at the Pantages this week is an effervescent mustcal comedy in tabloid that will appeal to the ma-jority. It is a bright, snappy, melo-dious melange, bubbling over with effulgence and incidentally introduc-ing a bevy of pretty girls who are well trained in chorus work. Jack ling a bevy of pretty girls who are well trained in chorus work. Jack Henry and Rose Gardner are the principals and they both rise to the occasion. There are thirteen people in the company and the special seenery carried is elaborate, adding greatly to the effectiveness of the production. A wealth of comedy runs through the "plot" and the several song numbers are pleasingly and attractively rendered, while the dancing of the principals and chorus is beyond reproach.

In the presentation of this act par-ticular attention has been given to detail and the stunning creations dis-played by Rose Gardner are indeed wondrous examples of the costumier's art. There is much to be appreciated and no regrets in fooking over the good things offered in "The Bachelor Dinner."

She is a good character songstress, is a graceful dancer and a clever violinist. She dances and sings to her own violin accompaniment, warples to an Irish reel and wanders off the far Hawali. Her "Casey" number is a winner and she also does full justice to the perambulations of O'Br' a in the mid-Pacific istes.

The versatility exhibited by this rist assures her liberal applause wherever she may appear. She is one of the bright spots of the show.

Billy "Swede" Hall appears with Jennie Colborn and Georgia Milligan in a protean character revue entitled "The Black Sheep." Billy makes up well as a Stockholm lagie and is equally good in the part of a dissolute brother.

"Samayoa" is a remarkable acrobatic feature who performs daring feats of skill while suspended by a rope aloft. He accomplishes some wonderful work and finally zends, a thrill through everybody by hurling himself headlong while performing the sensational cloud swing.

Monroe Tabor and Fred Green are

wing.

Monroe Tabor and Fred Green are billed as disciples of Nicodemus, and as such they make a decided hit. They have a special line of patter and some good songs. These two are in the front rank as blackface funnakers. "Pearl of the Army" is attracting increased interest as the exciting chapters of the serial film are unfolded.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss E. Jones, of Montreal, is stayng at the Dominion. 分 章 章 E. H. Curtis, of Calgary, is a guest

D. McVlcar, of Moose Jaw, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. G. E. Gillespie, of Oyen, Alta., is W. Bridge, of Rich

at the Dominion Hotel, L. R. Rosenberger, of San Francisco

Mrs. Thomas Stout, of Rossland, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

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George M. Gibson, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Quinn and son, of Vancouver, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

S. T. Chapman is down from Genoa Bay and is at the Dominion Hotel.

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C. S. Rovay and family, of Vancouver, are stopping at the Dominion Ho-

registered yesterday at the Empress Hotel.

W. R. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of San Diego, are stopping at the Dominion M. Satchcliffe and child, of Kelowna, B. C., are registered at the Strathcona

Nilford Clark and Mrs. Clark, of Port Angeles, are stopping at the Dominion

Mayor McCaffery, of Prince Rupert, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

James S. Colbath, of San Francisco, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

M. C. Coutts and B. T. Hester, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

H. H Lynch has arrived from Winnipeg and is staying at the Strath-cona Hotel.

E. Jacquemart, of Berkeley, California, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Ellis Ladner and family, of Vancouver, are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

at the Dominion.

G. Temple and child have arrived, from Kelowna, B. C., and are guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

C. P. Edgely and family and W. A. Curtain, of Prussia, Sask., are new arrivals at the Dominion.

James Lean and Jane R. Wark have arrived from Saskatoon and are stay-ing at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. McIntyre, S. Cohen, and Geo. A Scott are among the Vancouver regis-trations at the Stratheona Hotel.

Messrs. Dingle and Prisk and families are Battleford (Sask.), visitors staying at the Strathcons Hotel.

A. E. McFadzen and family and Geo. Geotler, of Moose Jaw, are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. R. D. McCaw entertained at a silver tea and musicale last Thursday afternoon in aid of the Fairfield Branch of the Red Cross. Mrs. F. B. Styles, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. B. C. Richards Mrs. Morrison, Miss Lutas, Mrs. of Winnipeg, and Mrs. B. C. Richards Charles Congers. Mrs. McCallum gave of Winnipeg, and Mrs. B. C. Richards presided over the tea-table and were presided over the tea-table and were presided by Mrs. F. C. Paterson. The young ladies helping were the Misses Florence Paterson. Orleane Brady, Edna McIntyre, Clare Shrebe. Miss Florence Baker had charge of the Miss florence Baker had charge of the programme, those taking part being Miss Mamie McLaren, Miss May Mitchell, Seer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

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CIVIL SERVICE ACT **FULLY DISCUSSED BY** PREMIER BREWSTER

(Continued from page 1.)

ave it understood that in what I may

aged the attention of several genera-tions and in most countries where there is any form of democratic government for many years past—in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, India and elsewhere in the overseas dependencies, and in the United States the issue is being fought out

Decapitation.

Decapitation.

In the mother country, where practically the first steps towards civil service reform were made, the need for such action was felt long years ago. Previous to 1835 the evil of patronage had crept in, even centuries before. When a new king ascended the throne one of the first things he did was eventually either to behead those opposing him or get rid of them in some other equally effective if more humane manner. We do not take the sword, or the knife or the guillotine to them in these knife or the guillotine to them in these later days, nor is there any immersion in boiling oil, but the decapitation has been none the less sure and sometimes a dose of mud has obliterated them from the political scene, as one government has succeeded another.

Patronage Evil.

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I want this afternoon to deal with this matter in the spirit of this bill and not in any sense to lay the blame on any political party. (Hear, hear.) I do not think it belongs there. Very frankly I say that governments in the past have been in the habit of doing that which was, in my opinion, a great detriment to the country by measuring in terms of political ettainments and value rather than by efficiency those who assisted them during the election in which they were successful. It does not need any argument that the evils of patronage in the service are obvious; we they were successful. It does not need any argument that the evils of patronage in the service are obvious; we do not need to labor that point. We know there have been great evils, and are still great evils; that we would be doing a great service if we made the test for public office or service one of efficiency rather than of political value and work. (Applause.)

Object Lesson. Object Lesson.

In the United States, also, there is to be seen a great object lesson. Prior to 1883 everyone appointed to office in the United States got his position as the fruits of patronage. Since 1882, when a comprehensive measure was introduced, that country has been setting rather a good pace. At present we find some of the greatest authorities in the world on civil service reform are in the neighbor country south of the line.

of all it might be well-to bear in mind that while the question has many aspects there are three in number which we should particularly look at. These are, first, the desire of a ministry or government, be it national, provincial or municipal, to retain the patropage system with the idea of making it a political machine; second, the desire of reformers to give the country a clean and safe administration, which ideal heavy only be attained through the elimination of the patronage evil; and, third, the demand of the people for an opportunity, hitherto denied under the patronage system to enter an honorable employment without fear or favor.

Patronage Danger.

Patronage Danger. It is not necessary to go outside the bounds of the Empire to find pertinent instances and illustrations of the value to the state of a highly organized, effi-cient and conscientious administrative staff, for it is an axiom of responsible aff, for it is an axiom of responsible overnment that while ministries may me and go the government of the own must continue. It is not only tal to the country to make of the ser-ce a political machine, but it must in me be fatal to the party practicing at principle. After all, when the seris given because of the political value of the person rather than his efficiency and his value to the people, there comes about a break-down of the political system, disgust develops among the electorate and the government is removed from power at the first opportunity.

power any government, and preference is given because of the political value to the people, there comes about a break-down of the political gystem, diagust develops among the electorate and the government is removed from power at the first opportunity.

Proper Protection.

I will try to confine my remarks to what I believe would be the benefits of a civil service built up under proper legislation, which will give to the country, to those who are paying the money and maintaining the Government, the most efficient service which it is possible to give, regardless of what be the political aspect of the case. One thing that has caused more caustic remark throughout the country, more bitter criticism than anything, else, is that men in the public service had to do this, that or the other because they were not protected by a proper Civil Service. Act. Those who enter an honorable employment such as that of the state are entitled to the protection, which I believe this bill will give them so long as they do not act with any partizanship and give honest service, that no politician can step in and take off their heads (applaize).

Patronage in Britain.

The civil service of the United Kingdom has grown up practically since if the remaining that have listened to speakers who told how immeasurably the present system there is to the conditions which remains an odo we look to her for the leads in civil service from. But even there we have only to look tack a little while to see where patronage was rife, where

favors were dealt out to this one or to that, where corporations were given areas of land or exclusive rights with-in certain areas because they kept the Government of the day in power, or put another in, by influence or contribu-tions of funds.

System Fatal.

We had, before reform was brought about in Britain, possibly the most gigantic patronage system the world has ever known. But this did as it was bound to do, it sapped the energies which a highly-organized body such as the civil service should have, it ruined its efficiency, and at a crucial time, when war broke out, the service broke down because as a result of a long

Highest Efficiency.

Each British Government since 1833 has undertaken to cleanse and to re-habilitate the civil service until we have to-day in the United Kingdom, in this as in other matters, probably the highest state of efficiency there is in any civil service in the world (hear, hear).

One may turn to the reports of th the eyes of the public to the danger to the state if the civil administration were to be maintained as a means of support for party hangers-on.

- Undesirable Followers.

Undesirable Followers.

Each successive British Government was well aware that there were many men who adhered, I suppose we can say faithfully, to one side or the other merely for the sake of the patronage dispensed by cabinet ministers. It was well-known by both sides that these followers were not the most desirable, but notwithstanding it was thought to be necessary for party purposes, on the recommendation of members or campaign managers to recruit an honthe recommendation of members or campaign managers to recruit an hon-orable service from this source. It may be worth while at this point to quote the words of a few statesmen on this

matter.

Lord John Russell, writing in 1823, says: "Offices in the Post Office, the Stamp Office and the Customs especially are made part of the patronage of members of parliament voting in favor of the Government. . . The min-ister, seeing his advantage, has of late years more completely organized and adapted this kind of patronage to the purpose of party influence. When an office in the Stamp of Post Office is vacant the Treasury writes to the member for the county or borough voting with the Government and asks for his recommendation."

Incompetents. They got that recommendation, Mr. Speaker, which was as to a man's political fitness and his ability to keep the Government in office, and that got incompetents in and kept incompetents in office when possibly competent men were knocking at the door in vain. We find that the Duke of Wellington, writing to Sir Robert Peel in 1829, complains, not that political patronage exists, but that the customs and other appointments which were held locally were claimed as the patronage of private members and not of the Government. He writes:

System Erroneous.

Charles Trevelyan further. He says:

"The prizes of the profession have long been habitually taken from those to whom they rightfully belong, and have been given to members of the political service. . . We are involved in a vicious circle. The permanent civil servants are habitually superseded because they are inefficient, and they are inefficient because they are habitually superseded; and having been thus trained they are appropriately shelved in classes, to which they succeed on the principle of seniority."

Remedies.

move the second reading of this after-noon are these three remedies which were suggested by this great civil ser-vant of the Empire of 70 years ago. Foundation of Service.

We find the first effective challen we and the arst enective challenge to patronage as a system governing Government appointments in 1853 whith Mr. Gladstone, then Chancello of the Exchequer in Lord Aberden', ministry, commissioned Sir Stafford Northcote and Sir Charles Trevelyan to

incapable that it was chiefly desired."
They stated that no pains were taken
in the first instance to secure a pronerly qualified person for a vacant
office; and that nothing was done after
the confirmation of the appointment to
turn to the best advantage or account
any abilities which the person appointed might happen to possess. The root
of the evil they found to lie in pa-

of the same nature which is abroad all over the Dominion, is not a mere wave of sentiment which says that we must do away with patronage, but that it represents here a deep-seated convic-tion which has had its place in the tion. In the early days of civil service reform in the Old Land they found that the best men were not eager to go into the service, because, as conditions had been, they could do better in the open competition of the world; as the commissioners said, it was for the incompetent or indolent or incapable that the positions in the service were decided.

That was the condition which existed when they first took up the fight to
remedy conditions. The effects of such
methods of appointment upon the effition, open to all candidates of a pre-

Further Proof.

Utter Incapacity.

Apparently the abuse known as patronage had reached out into places where, in charge of army and navy details of arrangement it was bringing disaster upon the Emptre because of the utter incapacity of those entrusted with the work. Mr. Layard supported his motion by a vigorous attack upon the system of purchase in the army and favoritism in the civil service. This war has shown that men should be placed in positions of responsibility

other."

Worry of Office-seekers.

I have great sympathy with his position; I think I know something about it; and I think the leader of the Opposition will agree that too much time is taken up with the consideration of patromage matters that should be given grave matters of public import. Ministers are prevented from giving of their best because of the pressure of their best because of the pressure of those who, whether they are fitted or not, seek office for the sole reason that they have rendered party service. In the crisis of the war Lincoln was visited by a deputation of New York politicians about some post office matters, and it is interesting to notice his attitude and the wonderful humor which he used to such good advantage always. When the spokesman talked about the "awful burden of the nations fate weighing on the president," Lincoln interrupted him to observe: "Gentlemen, it is not the fate of the nation that worries me most just now: it is your pesky post office."

All Want Efficiency.

I think it will be admitted generally that while we have all been at fault of the future of the party depends upon the president of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon that, if the future of the party depends upon the producer of the most or ruption and the producer of the most interior and the producer of the most of the most can exist in any country. It deadens conscience, vitiates the sense of honor, demoralizes that the sense of honor, demoralizes the incorpulible. This may capture the sense of honor, demoralizes the incorpulible. This may country. It deadens conscience, vitiates the sense of honor, demoralizes the incorpulible. This may country. It deadens conscience, vitiates the sense of honor, demoralize

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vice: and fairness to all who seek pub

Welcome Change.

Judging from my own somewhat short experience—and no doubt my hon. friend the Leader of the Opposition, from his longer and riper experience, will most heartily concur—a minister would be inclined to welcome a change which would place the civil service completely outside partisan politics and for the same reason because of which Lincoln feit impelled to expostulate against a system which is nothing more nor less than a source of nervous exhaustion and loss of time and energy (Applause.) How many times has a man in politics been met with the statement, either direct from the man himself or conveyed to you by his friends, that he was going to work and vote for you because he expected that when you got in you would 'look after him." That system must go if we are to have a proper civil service. (Cheers.) We must have, to repeat what Mr. Gladstone said, the position where all who want public employment will be assured of advancement in proportion to their abilities and services.

Ability and Services.

That is one of the things we have to deal with, that when a man has passed his probation, proved that he is a good civil servant, he will have an incentive deaner. "in proportion to his abilto advance "in proportion to his abil-ities and services." That is a feature of the bill which I hope will be received in the proper spirit by this legislature (Hear, hear.)

War Office.

Defended by Gladstone.

The principle of open competition is found to be again defended by Gladstone, and he combatted the view that ; alronage contributes to the strength executive government. That great man declared his belief that it was "not in the wit of man to devise a plan for the promotion of education so effective and powerful as the throwing open the civil service. In other words, throwing open the service to those who could pass an educational test before entering it was, in the opinion of that great brain, going to be a greater factor than any other in raising the standard of public education and improving you must provide that no man can the service.

Lincoln, Too.

We need not go further in regard to

Lincoln, Too.

We need not go further in regard to the attitude of the United Kingdom. As to the United States I have a quotation from that great American, President Lincoln, who groaned under the pressure of the deluge of those who were seeking office, and who could not get time for his brain to work on the great problems which called for his attention because he was asked to make choice between this man and the other. He wrote just before the Civil War:

"I wish I could get time to attend to the Southern question. I think I know what is wanted, and I believe I could do something towards quieting the rising discontent, but the office-seekers demand all my time. I am like a man who is so busy letting rooms in one end of his house that he cannot stop to put out the fire that is burning in the other."

Worry of Office-seekers.

Lextravagance.

Patronage discounts merit and competency: it promotes partisanship and inefficiency. The universal cry to-day is for efficiency. With patronage governing the appointments to the service a man does not care whether he gives five cents' worth of service to the proble or not because patronage keeps him his position and patronage keeps him there. It is the handmaid of extravagant than a civil service made up from the patronage list, held in positions by party influence and without any desire to see efficiency and economy rule. As a matter of fact, such officials are as a general rule, the most extravagant themselves. If I had time I think I could show some concrete examples.

Twin Sister of Corruption.

I think it will be admitted generally bigger and better purposes than that, that while we have all been at fault if the future of the party depends upon

tead of trying to bring then her planes of thought and a

Reform Necessary. It is abundantly apparent that re-orms are necessary. The people have suffered, they have registered their tests and they are expecting better us from the new administration they have placed in office. At time t is the duty of every man holds a responsible position to

Received With Acclamation.

During the tour which my colleague the Attorney-General and myself undertook last summer civil service reform was received with greater acclaim than any other subject on which we spoke, and therefore this Government can feel that it has a mandate from the people to come here and see that the patronage system is abolished. I am undertaking at this session, by presenting this measure to the Legislature, to carry out the will of the people in that regard. (Cheers).

One-Man Commission.

As to the bill itself, I might poil ective. (Applause).

Judged by Competency.

As to the reorganization of the vice, it is alleged in some quarters that the Government will have ninety percent, of the service already provided for them and that this Act can only apply to ten per cent. or so entering the service in the next few years. That is erroneous. Every man who remains in the civil service must be able to stand up to the test of competency. (Applause). The time is past when any man in the service or out of it can hold any position because of his being

like Sir George Murray, have shown their ability at leadership in various organizations which have done and are doing tremendous service towards the winning of the Empire's cause.

A unique section in the bill is that which defines what a returned soldier is. Never before was there a chance to show honor to those who have fought for the Empire, and to do it not by breaking down the service but by providing that everything considered, the man who has been fighting, who has

lone his bit, shall have preference. this regard, and I know I can speak for for those on this side, when I say that

Eliminate Waste.

We have learned the lesson, a valuable lesson, from the great struggle through which we are passing, that it is useless going along in a hap-hasard manner, sending a book-keeper to cruise timber or a mar who knows nothing about civil engineering out to build a bridge. What we aim at is, first, to abolish the patronage exil, and secondly, organize the civil service so that every man or woman fits in where he or she is best fitted and can most thoroughly give the public the service thoroughly give the public the service for which it is paying. I commend this bill to the House, Mr. Speaker, in nov-ing its second reading, and ask for it the very careful consideration of every

HON. DR. MACLEAN.

Hon. Dr. MacLean said he rose to speak in that House for the first time with a good deal of diffidence, but he felt that he could not allow this occa-sion to pass without speaking in sup-port of the measure. He had always considered that it was a very unfair thing that the men and women in the public employ should, on a change of Government, find themselves, out of

Admirable Suggestion

Those who hold positions by means of political favor and not by efficiency, I can see no power under heaven to keep them in the service, drawing money they do not earn. (Cheers).

Period of Probation.

A period of probation is set forth in the bill. A man or woman may have the bill. ference from ministers or anyone else with his actions.

Competitive Appointments

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The civil service was the great technical and clerical machinery by which policies were carried out; if there was not good machinery the policies of the Government of the day could not be as successfully carried out as they should be. The great principle of a position paying a small saiary, he or she giving satisfaction, and leaving them without any hope of further reward. Therefore there is elasticity provided by a system of annual increases depending upon good service, and promotion to higher grades in the cost of civil government. The cost of civil government, which, about \$2,500,000 for a population ld be security of p salaries, there could be an immense reduction in the cost of civil government, which, about \$2,00,000 for a population of about 400,000, was far too much now.

Bad Politics.

On the fourth point, the honorable gentleman characterized the patronage system as bad for the individual, bad financially and bad politics.

"There is one thing I would like to see in this bill," said the Provincial organizations which have done and are doing tremendous service towards the winning of the Empire's cause.

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Following closely in the wake of the Shimbu Maru is the regular passenger liner Manila Maru, Capt. Kobayashi, which is looked for at William Headto-night. Up to a late hour this afternoon no word had been received of the liner passing the Cape, and the present indications are that she will not be able to reach the station in time to

able to reach the station in time to pass quarantine before official sun-down. Sundown to-day is set for 6.35 p.m. In that case the ship will come to



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PASSENGERS PRAISE MASTER OF RUPERT

Capt. Duncan McKenzie Presented With Signed Letter **Expressing Appreciation**

Capt. Duncan McKenzie, master of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince Rupert, which drove ashore on enn Island during a heavy gale and and from Prince Rupert to Vancoutestimonial setting forth the appreci-ation of the Prince Rupert's passengers and expressing gratitude for the kindness experienced at the hands of himelf, his officers and crew, following nfortunate mishap. The following the signed letter that has been for-

'We, the undersigned passengers on the steamship Prince Rupert, on the voyage which terminated so unfortunately on March 23, wish to extend our sympathies to Capt. Dincan McKenzie, and to express to him, his ofneers and crew, our gratitude for the uniform kindness we experienced at Was 24 Days Crossing From Yokohama Via Muroran; Manila Maru Due To-night

Completing a voyage of 24 days from Yokohama, the Japanese steamer Shimbu Maru reached, port at 1 o'clock to-day in the service of the Osaka Shosen Kalsha. The freighter carried a full cargo of Oriental merchandise, including 1,400 tons consigned to local merchants. Her long trip is partly accounted for by the fact that she was forced to put into Muroran to load bunkers before setting out across the Pacific.

The Shimbu Maru is a typical Japanese freight carrier with a cargo capacity of about 5,000 tons. She en-

good condition. They are now moored at the new Marine Whalf in the upper harbor.

The case of the Leonor, it will be remembered, has been transferred from Victoria to London and the case of the Oregon will also be tried by a Prese Court sitting at the British cantial.

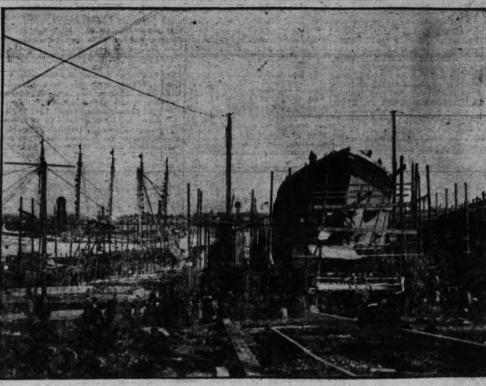
THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m. to the top at 12.55 p. m. and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.

F. NAPIER-DENISON,
Superintendent.

Tommy had been playing truant from school, and had spent a long, beautifu day fishing. On his way back he me

BUSY SCENE AT LOCAL SHIPYARDS



In the foreground is seen the hull of the auxiliary Schooner Laurel Whalen, just prior to launching on Saturday from the plant of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd. To her left can be distinguished the frames of schooner No. 4, while lying at the fitting-out wharf is the schooner Margaret Haney, first of the Victoria fleet to be completed, about to undergo her trials.

FIFTH SCHOONER IS **NOW UNDER WAY HERE**

Building Slip; Mabel Brown Going on Berth

cargo of meats and perisanoise for her owners, the Pacific Cold Storage Company, of Tacoma.

Starting with a charter to the United States fisheries bureau last fall for a trip to the Pribiloff Islands with supplies for the seal guards and natives, the Eithu Thomson has been kept busy practically all, winter. Heretofore she has hid up during the fall and winter mouths, but the demand for carsyspace forced her out of fettrement. Shortly after heresturn from the seal island, she was chartered to carry coal to San Francisco.

PRINCESS ENA SAILS

WITH HEAVY DECKLOAD

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Loaded down to her guards with reight of every description, the C.P.R. teamer Princess Ena left port yea-erday for the West Coast of Vancou-er Island and Ocean Falls. Included ver Island and Ocean Falls. Included in her cargo was a large consignment of machinely for the pulp and paper plant of the Pacific Mills, Ltd., the more bulky shipments being stowed on deck aft of her housework. On the for ard deck she carried three fishing launches, two being destined for Uchucklesit and another for Nootka. The freight business to the West Coast has increased to such proportions that the freighter Princess Enahas been forced into the service to assess the regular steamer Tees

MAY CONSTRUCT WAYS TO FLOAT RUPERT

Keel is Being Laid on Vacated Unsuccessful Attempt Was Lot of Sailor in Port is Not Al-Made To-day to Haul Steamer From Genn Island Reefs

At the Cameron Genoa shipyards today the keel of the fifth auxiliary
schooner is being laid on the building ways recently vacated by the
Laurel Whalen. The schooner Mael
Brown, product of the Wallace Shipyards, North Vancouver, will go on
berth at Chemainus to-morrow to
load a million and a half feet of lumber for Sydney, Australia. This vessel,
as is also the Margaret Haney, Laurel
Whalen and Geraldine Wolvin, is under charter to the Canadian Trading
Company.

The Mabel Brown was the first of the
fleet of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company to be launched, and
consequently she is the first to be put
on berth to load offshore. The locallybuilt schooner Margaret Haney, Capi
LaPraik, will be given her sall trials
this week and will shortly afterwards

WADITIME INCIDANCE

The following letter from one of the
seamen in port contains an appeal
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AMERICAN PROTECTION

SENDS RATES DOWN

New York, March 27.—Marine insurance rates on trans-Atlantic vessels have declined one or two points here since the Government announced its stand for the protection of American shipping. Rates loo-day were quoted at from 7½ to 8 per cent compared with 9½ to 10 per cent insurance on the lives of crews for the benefit of their families. The risks are for a round trip and sverage from \$200 for able seamen up to several hundred dollars each on the lives of officers.

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Their zeal in this regard has received of a function of a similar nature which was held in Vanchuer which was held in Vancouver last week. The Terminal City Y. M. lads held possibly the most successful fathers' and sons' banquet which the institution ever had. Over the her fact that no boy could attend unless he brought a father or guardian.

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Canadian Pacific Railway Vancouver, daily, at 2 and 11.45 p. m. Seattle, daily, at 4.30 p. m. Alaska, from Victoria, April 2, 13, 23, at 11 p. m. Prince Rupert and Anyox (Granby Bay), from Vancouver, every

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Vancouver for 15 years.

The Victoria boys are just as ambitious as their mainland comrades, and to the end of making their expecte banquet a success they are endeavoring to secure H. Ballantyne, the N. C. A. National Secretary for Western Can-ada, as their chief speaker. The date is not yet settled, but it is thought that April 11, 12, 13, will be selected.

PTE. HUGH M'MILLAN **KILLED IN ACTION**

Three Brothers, Including His Twin, Are Serving on Western Front

Information was received in the city yesterday to the effect that Private High McMillan, of the Forty-seventh Battalion, was killed in action on the Hugh McMillan, of the Forty-seventh Battalion, was killed in action on the Somme front, on the 16th of this month. He is the son of Mrs. Agnes McMillan, of 1046 Regent Street, and of the late Alexander McMillan, of Knocknaha, Campbelltown, Scotland. The deceased soldier was a twin brother of Mathew McMillan, who is also serving in France with Tobin's Tigers. They were born at Knocknaha iwenty-iwo years ago.

The family came out to Victoria five years ago, Private McMillan joining the Sixty-second Battalion in Vancouver, with whom he went to England, transferring to the 47th before crossing the Channel. He has been in the firing line since the end of July last year.

Two other brothers, John and James, are on the western front. John is attached to the third brigade of the 1st Canadian Division, while James is with the Western Scots.

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leading his platoon during one of the operations on the Ancre, which culminated in the attack on and capture of Grandcourt, that he was struck full on the left elbow.

The effect of the wound has incapture participation in the active operations at the front, since the extraction of the main nerve has left the arm and likewise than electric aiming post. The post is illuminated by pulling a string from the dug-out This is of the may take on other military, duties.

Lieutenant Simpson is a native of Derbyshire, England.

Tommy's inventive faculties:

"We have a dandy gun position fixed up now which is usually a prelude to a move. We have built a splendid dug-out with three rooms, one for the sergeant-major, while the third is relegated to the telephomists. Speaking tubes radiate from the dug-out to each gun pit the post is illuminated by pulling a string from the dug-out. This is of course used solgly for night bombardments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments. We have another cord running through a pipe, which at night is comments.

"When an alarm comes over the telephone or an S. O. S., all that remains for me to do is to hop out of bed, pull the cord, and fire the gun, by which means the gun crew is immediately roused. The next procedure is to pull on the light at the alming post and pass orders to the different gunscrews through the speaking tubes. So you see it requires but little exertion to get quick and effective action, even in the dead of the night. In fact we have the whole thing down to a fine

NEW YORK RING FANS

Rally to Colors in Effort to En-

list the Governor's

Friends of boxing as conducted New York under protection of Frawley Law, began to rally to colors to-day in a belated attempt save the sport from complete wee age when it reaghes the end of greased skids placed under it by G

ments of a similar nature which were given last year, the first at Easter and the second in the fall term for the benefit of the Beigian Relief Fund at both of which the students realized very considerable sums for the worthy

cause.

The coming display contains among the many items on the programme some very interesting numbers. The girls of the school will figure prominently in various kinds of popular dances, including an Irish jig, Morris dance, country dance, and classic dancing. These numbers will be under the direction of Miss Jarvis, the physical instructress of the school. The ability which she has for training the pupils is well known as a result of the very successful demonstrations which she has given in the past.

successful demonstrations which she has given in the past.

Physical exercises, apparatus and cadet work will be the features of the boys' part of the programme. Sergt, Hutchison, the school instructor, has been working diligently with the boys for some considerable time, and the pupils as a whole feel confident that they will be fully prepared for the affair when Friday night arrives. An added attraction of the evening will be the basketball game between two picked teams of the sehool. Altogether there will be two hundred pupils taking part in the different items of the programme.

kinds of marching. The pupils will be dressed in red, white and blue cos-

the tableaux of the Union Jack sur-rounded by the cadets as a guard of honor.

The following is a copy of the pro

1. Free movements, by the girls.
2. Dance, Irish jig, by the girls.
3. Physical drill, by the boys.

6. Apparatus, by the boys.
7. Country dance, by the girls.
8. Basketball (first half), by the

9. Skipping, by the girls. 8. (B) Basketball (second half) by

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the boys.
10. Classic dance, by the girls.
11. Cadet drill, by the boys.
12. Marching by both girls and boys.
Tickets are on sale by the pupils of
the school, and as there is only accommodation for 400, those who desire
to obtain a seat should secure the
pasteboard at once.
The proceeds will go to the athletic
fund of the school.

JOHN IN MOVIE GAME.

Nine Goals to One is Crushing Defeat for the Canadiens; Stanley Cup Donated in 1892 Will Spend First Year on American Soil

Seattle, March 27 .- Seattle's valiant hockey team put the climax on a successful revolution at the Arena last night, kicked the props of discussing the suggestion rec from under the tottering Canadiens dynasty and climbed roughshod by telegram from Van over the fall of monarchs to the place of power as hockey champions game for the McBride shield be played over the fall of monarchs to the place of power as hockey champions of the universe. By winning the fourth and decisive game of the world's series by a score of 9 goals to 1, Pete Muldoon's puck chasers brought to Seattle the first world's title in any sport ever held by a second this week, as the 231st Battalion is expecting to leave for overseas in the immediate future. The local goiders found, however, that they would not be able to comply with the request from the mainland team ever to win the supreme honors of the hockey world.

brought to Seattle a world's hockey BILLIARD PLAYERS title, the game last night was almost devoid of spectacular features. It was the slowest and least interesting the slowest and least interesting.

ever have been able to do. Right behind Morris in the scoring line and claimant of the world's heavyweight title, has been matched to meet Earlice was the dashing Frank Foyston, captain of the Mets, and one of the most skillful, aggressive players in hockey. Foyston and Morris have been most scientific wrestler in the world, at Omaha, Neb., on April 9.

GARRISON AND 231ST WILL PLAY SATURDAY

Game Will Likely Be Contested at Work Point; Red Cross Collection

The Garrison Football Club held a neeting last evening for the purpos

brought to Seattle the first world's title in any sport ever held by set lite team and earned the distinction of being the first American learn ever to win the supreme honors of the hockey world.

For a year the haughty Flying Frenchinen of Montreal have ruled the hockey world and been vested with the signs and aymolos of hockey authority. The Mets stripped them of their authority last which is the secritic maintains and the hockey world and been vested with the signs and aymolos of hockey authority. The Mets stripped them of their authority last with it makes and for the mark of the secritic maintains of the stripped them of their authority last with it makes and and receive recognition as the highest power in hockey.

Stanley Cup. Added to the distinction won for Seattle by Muldoon's team is the fact that the Stanley Cup. Montand by Lord Stanley in 1852 as the trophy to be held by the team winning the world's hockey championship, will agend the first a vest with which he has ansared the world stripped out after losing the secret has a world's neries.

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The lexicon of sport does not contain language adequate to describe the fervor of the fans who saw Seattle tritumph last night. The largest crowd that ever saw an ice game in the Arena stood on its feet and cheered until the iron girders of the Arena roof rattled as the Seattle team left the ice with the world's title safely won.

There also is encountered a scarcity of adjectives to describe the work of Bernie Morris last night. Morris scored six of his team's goals and he skated and checked and shot the puck as few hockey players in the game ever have been able to do. Right because the stand of the world's heavyweight to the world's heavyweight to the world's heavyweight to the world's heavyweight to the world's heavyweight the formation of an Umpires' Association of the formation of an Umpires' Association of the formation of an Umpires' Association of the fans who saw seattle triting the formation at the city for some considerable time. The coming contest is the result of a challenge from Bert firsh to J. Macamilan, the provincial champion at the first which is the city for some considerable time. The coming contest is the result of a challenge from Bert firsh to J. Macamilan, the provincial champion at the firsh will be well to assure the district of a very successful year so far as this game is concerned. It was stated that the victoria and District Cric

gregational Church.

The formation of an Umpires' Association has been contemplated on several occasions, and it is very probable that the plan will materialize this seanet the plan will materialize this sea-on. It will depend largely on the umber of candidates who present nemselves for membership. It has een suggested that any returned sol-iers who are followers of the game or the are interested in it and who would e willing to undertake these duttes, nould send in their names. The um-ires would of course be paid for their styles should the organization be ormed.

formed.

Ex-Chief Justice Wetmore has again promised to present a bat as a prize to the man obtaining the best batting average in league cricket during the season, and Lieut Robertson for the best bowling average. Altogether the prospects for the coming summer are very bright and the game promises to be taken up with renewed interest and enthusiasm by the local fans.

SIGNS HIS CONTRACT.

New York, March 27.—Word was re-eived to-day from Hot Springs, Ark., hat Outfielder "Casey" Stengel, one of he last of the Brooklyn club's holdouts, ad signed a contract with President John L. Sullivan, former famous prize fighter, is now a motion picture magnet. A charter was yesterday issued in Boston to the John L. Sullivan Motion Picture Company. Of this corporation John L. is president and Clarence Rowley is treasurer. Capital stock is \$60,000.

WELSH MAKES PURCHASE.

Preddie Welsh, the lightweight cham-pion, yesterday purchased a 162-acre tract of land in New Jersey, says a New York dispatch.

WOULD CANCEL RACE IF WAR IS DECLARED TRY TO SAVE GAME

Cambridge, Mass., March 27.—The Yale-Harvard boat race this year will be cancelled in event of a declaration of war by Congress, Fred W. Moore, graduate treasurer of athletics at Harvard University, said to-day. Other athletic events also will be cancelled, he said, although such competitions as may be decided on Harvard's home fields, when the preparation does not involve extensive training, will be played. The probability of similar action by other colleges may further reduce these contests.

BOWLING NEWS

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termination to stamp out the sport, but it is pointed out that the game is not brutal; that crowds which attend are representative of the city's population, and that perfect order prevails at the clubs in most of the bouts.

It has been suggested that those opposed to boxing make it their business to see how the game is conducted by attending the Weish-Leonard lightweight championship go next week.

for presentation in this city is well known to all fellowers of High School activities. They will thus be able to judge that, when it is announced that the coming gymnasium display is of a higher order of merit than anything which has as yet been given, it will reflect great credit both oa those who are in charge of the pupils and upon the pupils themselves. Friday evening of this week will witness a performance of gymnasium work and apparatus

SAANICH AGREEMENT PASSES CITY COUNCIL

Adopted, However, With Some Reluctance; Aldermen Think It Too One-Sided

It required all the tact and diplon It required all the tact and diplomacy of the members of the City Council who met the representatives of Saanich on Saturday morning to save the report of the conference on parks and beaches from being referred back by the City Council last evening, when it came up for ratification. The chief critics were Alderman Sargent and Cameron, and the terms of the agreement were defended by Alderman Dilworth, Peden, and Fullerton, the Mayor winding up the discussion.

worth, Feden, and Fullerton, the stay of winding up the discussion.

Alderman Sargent declared the arrangement a most one-sided bargain, in which the city had surrendered practically the principle of park exemption, while without specific understanding how much Saanieh would contribute to the beaches.

Alderman Cameron said it seemed to

the beaches.

Alderman Cameron said it seemed to him that the city put up the money, and Saanich stood to gain unduly. The agreement should specify the cash contribution of the district municipal-

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It has been suggested that those operations on the composition of the district municipality of the property of booking make it their business of section of the house of the property of booking make it their business of section of the house of

Alderman Sargent favored the conduct of the appeal at present, so that the principle of taxation would be settled for all time.

Alderman Peden pointed out that the city ought rightly to contribute, when so per cent. of the people using the backness were city people, and that Saanich received no revenue from the beaches were city people, and that Saanich received no revenue from the beaches as it was.

His view as supported also by the backness as it was.

Mayor, was that the city would have that to put up the money were the district still unorganized, for the comfort of its citizens, and that the agreement was subject to mutual arrangement.

On this understanding the agreement was endorsed,



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DE REPAIRING promptly and neat me, reasonably priced. H. White, is anahurd St., two doors from telephor

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OWNER will sell cheap for cash room house on Gorge Road. J P. O. Box 1109, Calgary. BARGAIN-First-class 7-ideal location, Craigdarroch nished or unfurnished: easy

quality obtainable, and it is estimated that the cost of constructing this readence to-day, owing to the increase root of said materials, would be at least 13,000. Estimated value of property to particulars.

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS WANT SOME FURNITURE for 6 built boat. One thousand other bargaring at 522 Johnson.

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THIS—Best price gents' cast-off or call 704 Yates. A LADY WILL CALL and high class cast-off clothing. Mrs. Hunt, \$12 Johnson, tw from Blanshard. Phone 4021 from Blanchard. Phone was.

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FOR SALE-Good set single bears.

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FOR SALE—Lyon & Healy banjo, 31,50; trombons and case, \$12,50; I7-jewel American Walthams, \$11,75; automatic water pixtols, 50c; Henrick; emagneto, 57,56; new auto tire covers, \$1,50; sallors canvas bags, '50c; bleycles, with new tires and mudguards, \$12,50; pumps, 25c; bleycle off lamps, 85c; tires, outer, any make, \$35c; bleycle cement, 5c.; pedai rubbers, 50c, per set of 4; Gillette safety razors, \$2.5c; playing cards, 18c. a pack or 3 for 25c.; magazines, 2 for 5c. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-land store,

HEADWEAR—The new spring styles just opened up, priced at 23.5 These are splendld values. Come in an try them on. Frost & Frost. Wesholms Block, 1413 Government OGR SALE-7 h. p. engine, \$6; Evinrud motor, \$50; 12 ft. rowboat, \$35. Caus way Boat House, Phone 346.

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AUGHTERS OF ENGLAND Primrose will hold a dance on day, March 29, in St. John Hall, Street. Dancing 9 to 1. Miss D orchestra. Admission 25c.

FOR SALE AUTOMOBILES ORD RUNABOUT for sale, \$250. Pi 1215L., or \$80 Cormorant.

FOR SALE-LIVESTOCK OR SALE Jersey cow, fresh, milk gals., very gontle; price \$100, Apply Olympia Ave (near Willows). HELP WANTED-MALE

played. Box (B), 1996.

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EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future requir-skilled or unskilled labor, either mais or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labo Bureau.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE MAKER wanted. Crown Millinery, 62 VANTED-By middle-aged me keeper, cottage in Saanich; month. Apply Box 7667, Time VOMAN to care for two childr 907 Government Street. WANTED-Im

F YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours days or weeks, won't you send in you name to the Municipal Free Labo Bureau and let us send you the man o woman to do that work? HOUSEKEEPING ROCMS

MICHIGAN—Furnished housekeep rooms, front. 2414R. HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS, 846 Court

LOST AND FOUND T-Auto plate, 1917, No. 4872. Leav Times Office. Reward. m2 LOST-Hat badge of first Battery, Cana dian Field Artillery, between St. Bar nabas Church and North Quadra Street via Central Park; prized only, by owne owing to historic association. Finde please return to this office. Reware

Phone 369.

OST-Black spaniel puppy, 3 mont last seen Chambers street. Fin please return 116 Fisgard, or Pistern 08T-Mink muff, March 15, on Lake Hill bus, Government Street or Post Office, Return 566 Alpha St., Reward m3

LOST-In Pairfield district, at beginning of week, Irish setter puppy, about half grown. Will finder kindly leave infor-mation at Times Office?

PERSONAL MATILDA-If you want to make Easter eggs use the following ingredients. Finest chocolate, fresh cream, butter eggs, sugar and Devonshire cream; but you will find it less trouble to buy them for 15c. at Hamsterley Farm, Public Market. Ernest.

WANTED-PROPERTY

ANTED-Clear title lot, cheap for cast NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend apply at the next sitting of the Board License Commissioners for a transfer

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT Notice is hereby given that every thop within the Municipal District of Sannich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clack wary Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917.

By order,

F. N. BORDEN.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the parts ip heretofore subsisting between us, dersigned, as "Cookson Plumbing Or

to be paid to Albert Ernest Hasenfraix at a pay Yates Breet, Victoria, and Province itoreaid, and all claims against the said artnership are to be presented to the said altered Ernest Hasenfraix, by whom he same will be settled.

Dated at Victoria this 10th day of larch, 1917.



HIGH COST OF LIVING.

r Consumers' League, to which I we been unable to pay this year's

I am convinced that with adequat pport and efficiently managed, this the householders of the city, and

would save in cash at least \$20 per annum for each member's family. Without efficient organization we are at the mercy of the profiteers. If an individual remonstrates at any increased charge made for food he bas little chance of redress, but let the secretary of a consumers' league, with 1,000 or 5,000 members behind him, make a protest and a very different result would be attained.

In London (subjected to aftempted blockade) from to-day the four-pound

The league, both here and in other cities, ought to support the action of the Government in its promised inquiry into the sugar question.

The advanced prices of flour, potatoes, butter, lard, cheese and tinned goods has been large, and I'm not sure if the same are reasonable.

The combines are illegal and ought to be put an end to. The services of a competent paid secretary should be

competent paid secretary should be secured, and a small office opened. He should keep is touch with the similar leagues in Vancouver, Calgary, To-ronto, etc., and exchange information, and results, and watch the markets, and results, and watch the markets, keep detailed price lists of commodities and reasons given for any advances, receive and follow up all practical suggestions from members, and I affirm it would not be long before the league's influence would be felt and league members receive the benefit.

If the league is still in existence I would ure a public meeting be called ould urge a public meeting be calle

of all interested and the glaring mis kes of the past be avoided.

HOUSEHOLDER.

HECKLING WOMEN.

To the Editor:—The great cry at litting resent time is more and more for its fon. i.e., the growing of nore food—"Ms, and in the producing business need on not seem to be doing at the most for its true that next. as they might do. It is true that near-ly every woman in the land is doise what she considers is "her bit," many of them indeed are working rebty and unceasingly and the inceasingly and the efforts of those ire no doubt very much valued and perceiated. But also it is a fact that here are some women who have done after harm in the districts in which

Take a drive round any country dis Take a drive round any country district and note the unoccupled places that one sees. Many of them have been tenantless and unworked for the last two years. It is an absolute fact that from many of those homes the male occupants, the breadwinners, the producers of crops, were driven by the taunts of the women, and in squeecases by the sneets and insinuations of their own relatives.

of their own relatives.

If those women who talk so much would turn out and do something in the way of practical outdoor work, as day, they would be doing something ore useful than knitting socks to the mpaniment of tea and scandal.

Years before the war started men began to carve homes for themselves out of the wild bush land on this island, and after much hard abor and in many cases much hardship, they succeeded in transforming that wild land into fertile food-producing farms; and it is only natural and right that those men should stick to those farms and consider that they are doing "heir bit" quite as much as the mutiton workers or even many of those who have gone to the front, seeing that food is necessary to the successful carrying on of the war. And it seems a shame that they should be insulted and sneered at for doing so.

Concerts in aid of the Red Cross Society are very commendable things, but when women get the farmers of the district to attend them, and then when they have coralled their twenty-five ment by the throat in order to get

they have coralled their twenty-five cenis and got them inside the hall they send their daughters up on the plat-form to spout sareastic doggerei verses, aimed at them, it is only na-tural that they should resent it and feel insulted.

tural that they should resent it and feel insulted.

It is time that some of those women should cease from their useless "cackle" and get to work. They are strong enough, many of them, to do it.

MR. OHLSON'S ASSESSMENT.

To the Editor,—Your reporter evi-lently missed the point of my argu-ment with the Court of Revision. What tried to point out to the Court is the infairness of assessing acreage on the ame basis as city lots. My land has lively been used solely for horticul-tural purposes and never been sub-tivided, yet it is assessed on the basis

d by the Court, that I may sub-

I pointed out further to the Court d nor to what the land can pro

ear, and the land to the north adjoin ed a crop that paid for the

At this rate my general taxes alone will amount to more than five times as nuch as the land can produce. This is penalty on production with a venge

The perty of the city, and were therefore

to city lots and foot frontage.

I think the time is opportune for the
Legislature to take this matter up and amend the Municipal Act in a way that will save the city from further mis-

(If Mr. Obison will consult our re-port again he will see that in substance it is in complete harmony with this etter.-Ed. Times.]

CIVIL SERVICE ACT **FULLY DISCUSSED BY** PREMIER BREWSTER

(Continued from page 7:)

Mr. Bell favored a commissi bree, or at least two, and advocated

DR. J. W. McINTOSH. rub in at the weather of the capital by referring to Mr. Bell as one of the nbers "for the city with the cliate." The whole history of the Empire, he said, was bound up with the fight against patronage, since the days when kings had wantonly used it Cromwell was the first to fight against

Comwell was the first to fight against lineard to say that he would see to it liting at merit counted in every appointment that was made. Under William of Third was made the first effort the first at a king put forth against the evil the progress made was remarkable. In the United States wonderful strides had been made and Canada was now become gimling.

Need in Dominion.

The honorable gentleman regretted that Sir Robert Borden had not seized his opportunity and put civil service reform in force in the Dominion service, outside and hiside, despite the pressure put on him by his followers. When the Liberals got in again this would have to be carried out. Premise Brewster was to be congratulated or being the first in Canada to carry out ch'il service reform throughout the province. In the matter of returned oldiers Dr. McIntosh referred to the danger of creating a military casts where there would be so many returned soldiers, and was glad to see that under this bill the province was taking me chances in that regard, while our soldiers, who were among our very best would get a preference only if they were otherwise capable.

The honorable gentleman was not redded to the age limit of entrance ixed by the bill, which he understood as having some reference to a po superannuation system and the propriety of having men enter the ser-vice who would have to retire after

Personal Equation.

Dr. McIntosh emphasized the point that the whole success of the measure depended upon the man or men forming the commission. He suggested that some man who had made good on the bench would make a good commissioner. He stated that he had been informed that in Vancouver, where he knew many electors did not think the Liberals had meant to abolish patronage and were now looking for their pound of flesh, quite a number of these were organizing to take the Government by the throat in order to get what they called their own. The honorable gentleman mentioned some suggestions which he would make in committee.

Mr. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debate.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager

THE CORPORATION OF THE DIS-

Cultivation of Vacant Lots.

The Council of Oak Bay are request the owners of vacant lots, who are will to have them cultivated, to send particlars of same, and are also asking personauting to cultivate vacant lots to comunicate with the Clerk at the Municil Hall. The Council has arranged the flowing prices for ploughing and draparrowing, viz.; \$4.30 for a single lot at 2.00 for two or more adjacent lots.

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The meeting concurred in the identitat the Day Nursery and the Children's Aid should be amalgamated with one building, one staff and one

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.The Attorney-General this afternoo

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

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endorsing the action of the city in re

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THOMSON VERNING

THOMSON-VEITCH—At Grange Parish Church, Edinburgh, on February 24, by the Very Rev. Dr. Paul, Erle Rognwald Thomson, C. A. S. C., only son of James Thomson, Land Commissioner, H: B. Company, Winnipeg, to Mary Hinde, elder daughter of the late Robert Vettch and Mrs. Vettch, S. Spottlswoode Street, Edinburgh.

Hospital, Aldershot, Archibald Fenton, 60th Battery, C. G. A., from measles pneumonia, aged 19 years and 5 months fourth and dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Eston, or 204f Washington Avenue, late of Cowichan and Shawnigan.

"DRYS" IN CONFERENCI

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DON'T FORGET MACCABEE DANCE, Thesday, March 27, Knights of Columbus Hall, Fort Street, Heaton's orchestra. Refreshments. Starting \$,30, review 11,30.

"AT HOME" on Wednesday, March 25, the Ladies Ald of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will give a social teafrom 3 to 6 p. m. at the home of the Production of the Soldiers' the work across the water. Full disturbed to the corder. The will be a silver free-will offering.

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The whole of the evening will be espated to wait on the gates will be appointed to wait on the gates and the usual routine business will appoint the usual routines with the usual routine will occupy the first deciries

The whole of the evening will be devoted to the one subject and dele-gates will be appointed to wait on the order. 718 Yates.

THE ORANGEMEN will hold a military five hundred in their Hall on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Members and friends fordially invited.

THE ORANGEMEN will hold a military in morning, the nature of their representations will be dependent upon the final issue of the discussion to-morning avening.

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CANGE WANTED—Must be in good condition and price reasonable. Phone 1469. Box 769. Times.

THEOSOPHICAL LECTURES—L. W. Rogers will speak at the Board Room of the Belmont House April 1, 2 and 2. His gubjects are: "More About Rein 156. In the Council chamber of the City Hall. Victorians will this evening have an opportunity of hearing C. A. Mc-marked the Laws of Destiny." Collection. m27.

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GENERAL MEETING OF RETRENCHMENT ASSN.

Children's Aid Society and Its Conduct Come in for Much Criticism

mbers of the Civic Retrenchment Association at a regular meeting of that body held in the board room of the Belmont House last night the many matters the organization had dealt with since the annual meeting. He read a number of pertinent questions which had been submitted to the aspirants for aldermanic honors prior to the municipal elections in January last, likewise to the two candidates for the mayoral chair. He regretted to inform the meeting that so far very little notice had been taken by the city fathers of their various recommendations.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

ACT IS INTRODUCED

Registration Will Commence at Once and Lists Close in

McKay Arbitration.

In reviewing the activities of the ex-In reviewing the activities of the exceutive he instanced the attendance of
the delegation to the City Council in
the matter of delinquent taxes and the
representations made relative to the
cancellation of initiative powers in respect of local improvements. A long
letter from the city solicitor on the
subject of the McKay arbitration was
also read to the meeting by the chairman. He averred that the objection to
the continuance of that arbitration
during the times of the depression, in
spite of the explanation in the way of
defence by the city solicitor, was a
sensible one for he did not know of
any contract which could not be altered by mutual consent. He was of
the opinion that the agitation of the
association in the past had had its
effect and its usefulness would continue.

The Children's Aid. J. Howard Chapman moved the fol-lowing resolution, which was second-ed by Colonel E. W. Jones and passed

"Whereas the City Council makes appropriations annually to various charitable institutions and that these appropriations amount in the aggregate to a large sum of money;

Whereas it appears from information given at the inquiry lately held by the City Council into the affairs of the Children's Aid Society that a large proportion of the work properly belonging to this society has been done by the day nursery, practically renby the day nursery, practically ren-dering the usefulness of the latter as a Creche of very little use, and result-ing in duplication of management and

"Therefor be it resolved that the City Council be asked to consider the ad-visability of instituting a strict super-vision over institutions of a charitable nature to which they donate civie visability of instituting a strict supervision over institutions of a charitable at the general meeting of the Civic flattene to which they donate civie funds for the sake of economy and to prevent overlapping, and the suggestion is made that it appoint one of its permanent officials, who shall be a member of the committee or board of management of any society to which the City Council gives any aid in the shape of a grant, who shall report to the council monthly on, the financial and general management of such society."

BEING SHOWN HERE

Retrenghment Association last night, Mr. Wilson went in for a retrospect commencing with the old systems of local improvements, and their attendant evils. From the birth of the local interview system, which he said had landed them all in a bad way, he proceeded to explain the methods adopted in Washington and Oregon, the efficacy of which he could testify from personal experience in both those states.

Petition Method Sensible.

There is a certain solemnity about

toilowing to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and the time it requires. Her report says there were ten cases in the court and that all were let out on suspended sentence." This, in Mr. Chapman's opinion, spoke for itself.

Comparative Costs.

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Comparative Costs. in the various institutions of a similar nature were made by the secretary in her report, in which the Protestant Orphan Home, the Day Nursery and the Children's Aid were cited, #12.13, #14 and \$14.55, respectively: "As far as the figures of the Children's Aid are concerned, they are misleading if not absolutely incorrect," observed Mr. Chapman. "If you take the one item of salaries alone and deduct the grant from the Government for a school teacher, and charge to the Day Nursery account half of the secretary's salary and commission, you will find that for salaries alone it costs the Victoria establishment \$11.27\$ per head per month as against \$1.62½ in the Vancouver establishment. The total cost per immate per month in the Victoria Home, according to the samual report submitted, incorrect, you will note that the secretary did not put in her report the ladies said she had the full information," persisted Mr. Chapman. Much Criticism.

He very strongly criticized the

un and deprecated the secretary's de-tuction of fifteen per cent. from sub-criptions collected before paying then year to the treasurer. The rental of premises, telephone, "offices in a social COURT OF REVISION CONTINUES TO-DAY over to the treasurer. The rental opremises, telephone, "offices in a sociachth," etc., all came in for unfavorable review by the speaker. Mr. Bone suggested that he scarcely considered the Vancouver comparison to be a fair one, inasmuch as the number of children to be cared for wer so much larger in the Vancouver institution, pointing out that a certain amount of overhead expenses were necessary no matter what the number of children.

Portion of Government Street Property, and Semi-Business District to Be Inspected

The Civic Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll was principally engaged this morning in routine applications for reduction of assessments. However, a few points developed as showing the general trend of sentiment. Judging from the action of the court, leaver assessments are considered

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Judging from the action of the court,
lower assessments are considered
proper in the poorer sections of Chiratown. The whole of Government Street
property, north of Pandora Avenue, as
well as the semi-business district, east
of Blanshard Avenue, is to have the
consideration of the court members, ina personal inspection.

Most of the time this morning was
occupied in hearing A. W. McMorran
on behalf of the B. C. Land and investment Agency. Ltd., embracing properties in different sections of the city.
Mr. McMorran secured a reduction on
the two inside lots forming part of the
three on which the Y. W. C. A. building is placed. Other land on Courtney
Street was also the subject of protest.
On the whole, however, reductions allowed were small, and some were laid
over for further consideration.

G. A. Porter appeared on behalf of
some appeals of R. Porter & Sons, particularly the corner property on Government Street and Elliott Street,
which is vacant, and pointed out that
a mortgage of \$5,000 held by one of the
banks on the property in connection
with a former owner had been regarded as of so little prospective value that
the bank had surrendered it. He said
the owners would not come to the Revision Court without cause. The mat-

name.

The date set for receiving applications prior to the Court of Revision is for the fifth Monday in April, and the Court will sit on the third Monday in June, that date being four weeks later than one at present set.

with a former owner had been regarded as of so little prospective value that the bank had surrendered it. He said the owners would not come to the Revision Court without cause. The matter will be taken under consideration.

C. Dubols Mason appeared to appeal an assessment on Richmond Avenue but without effect.

John Dean came back with a letter in regard to the property which was in dispute yesterday, advocating further in regard to the assessment on the lots facing Government Street, between Queen's Avenue and Princess Street, that the cffy had depreciated the property 25 per cent. by the lease to the mill companies facing on Rock Bay executed last year, as a prospective site for manufacturing and warehousing, by shutting off access to the Queen's Avenue street end, and also explaining that it would cost \$500 to bring Lot 2 up to grade. The Court received and filed the application.

WAR TROPHIES NOW BEING SHOWN HERE

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In support of his motion Mr. Chapman chose to deal with the subject matter under distinct heads. Taking the report of the secretary of the Children's Ald Society he was at a loss to reconcile some of the statements in that document. "She (the secretary) set intat document. When the service of the that the number of visits which have taken place since May last have inclusive. You will recollect that a short while ago a communication in the local press in which the secretary made known her pogition and defended ed her salary.

"She declared that the commission was allowed her by reason of her duties having become increased, necessitating her hours of work strytching from nine a, mu, until ten p. m. I want you to bear in mind that if you allow her a whole day to visit each child, sevently days are accounted for. Two hundred and forty-five days are involved in this particular period with which I am dealing, so that there are still 175 days left."

Passing on to the subject of the Juvenile Court, Mr. Chapman had the following to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and that the following to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and that the time it requires. Her report says there were ten cases in the court and that the commission of pressing on to the subject of the Juvenile Court, Mr. Chapman had the following to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and that the work case in the time it requires. Her report says there were ten cases in the court and that the following to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and that the work case hold, time it requires. Her report says there were ten cases in the court and that the contains the motion of the subject of the Juvenile Court, Mr. Chapman had the following to say: "The secretary has made a good deal of this work and that the mode of the conditions.

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Here is a case of "diggin-in" tools both French and German; hand-gren-ades of all kinds, the helmet of a Prusages of all kinds, the helmet of a Prussian guard cut down on the battle-field; a German rifle with three notches in the butt records that three good British or French boys gave up their lives detending their country; a bent clip in a cartridge shows how a little "harness" may sometimes turn as id-Mr. Bone mildly suggested that in spite of the conditions which existed at the present time there was no occasion to become frightened. He exharted the members of the Association to face the situation with a stiff upper lin.

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badge soldered into the handle. The little shovel is hammered out of a piece of shell, the handle being a cartridge and a little wooden lace bobbin. Other things in this case are a paper knife made from a piece of German shell and a cartridge, two 13-pound shells, two French field-caps, a German field-cap, two time-fuse caps, German and French cartridge cases, a German field-cap, two time-fuse caps, German nelmet-cover, a German sergeant's sword-knot, a bit of window-glass from the Cloth Hall at Ypres, part of the stained-glass window from the cathedral at the same place, some beautiful embroidery and French lace, and a little child's dress "with a history which cannot be told until I get home," Pte. Tribe wrote.

A whole caseful of Salonica trophies A whole caseful of Salonica trophies of are. Besides the widow there sur-

Tribe wrote.

A whole caseful of Salonica trophies was a native of England, and 38 years is shown. Pte. C. S. Wilson, of the 4th Canadian Hospital, Salonica, sent vive two children, the father, mother quite a collection of things. From and one brother, all living in Winnipeg. Mesopotamia is shown, among other things, an Arab bit which demonstrates the need of an S.P.C.A. organization in that part of the world.

Last night the Arion Club gave a ter of T. L. Briggs, of New Westmin ster, and sister of Harry Briggs of this ster, and sister of Harry Briggs of this

that part of the world.

Last night the Arion Club gave a very fine programme of favorite and "request" numbers. Mrs. Jesse Long-field contributed four very much appreciated solos, Mrs. A. J. Gibson acting as accompanist. To night there is to be a musical programme also, the numbers to be furnished by Mrs. Harry Briggs, Miss Mamie Fraser, Mrs. D. B. McConnan, Miss Lois Cassels and D. C. Hughes. Mrs. Nash has very kindly undertaken to arrange the programmes each night, but owing to the recital by Madame Jomelli at the Empress to-morrow night there will be no concert in connection with the exhibition, part of the prima donna's concert proceeds going to the same patriotic cause as the war trophies' exhibition.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Swinerton took place yesterday morning at 19 o'clock from the residence of her son, Mr. R. H. Swinerton, 1324 Parrison Street, Services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. L. C'a; and there was a large attendance. The pullbearers were Messrs. H. B. Robertson, G. H. Barnard, M.P., John Musgrave, J. P. Baccock, J. E. Wilson, B. Wilson, J. E. Jeffcott and H. P. O'Farrell.

Yesterday morning from the late residence, 491 Superior Street, the funeral of the late Thomas Barton took place. Venerable archidecacon Sweet officiated. There was a large attendance. from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

EXPERIENCES IN FRANCE

Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., Speaking at Empress To-night.

Capt. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., will Society and in aid of the funds which they are using for such patriotic ends. Capt. Hayward is home on furlough to attend the sittings of the Legislature, and the fact that he has so recently been at the scene of the fighting should make his talk of arresting interest.

A musical programme has been arranged by Mrs. J. R. Green for the evening. Mrs. Macdonald Fahey and D. C. Hughes are to contribute solos.

residence, 491 Superior Street, the funeral of the late Thomas Barton took place, Venerable Archdeacon Sweet d. There was a large atter ance of friends of deceased. The fol-lowing acted as pallbearers: Messrs, A. T. Abbey, H. Ferguson, A. E. Starr, J. Heaney, F. Marling and R. Roc.

The funeral of Charles Gordon Stew-The Iuneral of Charles Gordon Stew-art McDonald, on-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Macdonald, of 1144 Pandora Avenue, took place yes-terday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands chapel, where Rev. J. G. Inkster officiated.

William John Ford, a resident of William John Ford, a resident of Victoria for the past 26 years, died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, aged 43. He was a native of Eldon, Ont., and leaves, besides his mother, Mrs. E. A. Ford, of Cedar Hill Road, four sisters and two brothers. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the Sands chapel, where Rev. A. Robinson is to officiate. The services will be private.

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cident: Was Some Nervous-

ness on Board

WILSON'S MIND NOT MADE UP AS YET

Has Not Determined Exact Voyage Virtually Without In-Course Before Houses of Congress

Washington, March 27.—President Wison was represented to-day as still having an open mind on exactly what steps he will recommend to Congress when it meets in special session next week, although the preponderance of official opinion is that he will ask for a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first passenger vessel carrying the first passenger vessel carryi

arrived yesterday. She carried Prior to a Cabinet meeting at which meagre number of passengers—thirty-

of the Fourth WILHELM REPORTED Texas Infantry, at Fort Worth.

TWO DESTROYERS ARE LOST BY BRITAIN

London, March 27.—Two British tor-pedo boat destroyers have been sunk, one by striking a mine and the other after a collision with a steamship, it exposure and overwork. It is doubtful, under the present circumstances, if he Admiralty statement reads:

"A British destroyer recently struck a mine in the Channel and sank. Four ported that the Kaiser is seriously ill."

officers and 17 men were saved.

"Another of these vessels sank to-day after a collision with a steamship. One man was lost. There were no other casualties."

STARS AND STRIPES INSTEAD.

Montreal, March 27.—It was learned to-day that the case against R. A. Mosher, of Halifax, charged with writing a libelous letter concerning R. P. Neill, of the International Brotherhood of Itaiway Employees, will come up for trial on Thursday, Mr. Mosher's bail of \$1,000 was not forfeited, as announced, yesterday. It appears that Mosher called at the wrong court room and in the meantime his case was called and the bail declared confiscated when he did not appear. Later the Kaiser Wilhelm and the German flags were taken from the walls of Turner Hall here to-day, according to Dr. E. T. Richter, president of the Deutsche which represents 2,500

The portrait and the German flags," said Dr. Richter, "are to be replaced in

ON ITALIAN FRONT.

Rome, March 27.—Two Austrian attacks were delivered on the Julian front late yesterday, in one of which some advanced Italian trenches were occupied in the sector of Hill 126, the war Office announced tit-day. The other attack in this region was repulse.

GERMANS ATTACKED NEAR BARANOWICHI

Russians Repulsed First Attack; Later Fell Back Toward East

Petrograd, March 27. — Attacks by German troops on the Russian line along the Schara, in the Baranowicht region, southwest of Vilna, were at first unsuccessful, the War Office announced to-day. A discharge of gas accompanying the second attack, however compelled the Russians to fall back. The statement reads:

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accompanying the second attack, however compelled the Russians to fall back. The statement reads:

"In the region of Postawy, south of Baranowichi, the German artillery displayed greater activity. In the region of Darevolubusy the enemy attacked but troops on the western bank of the Schara River. The first attack was repulsed, but a second, accompanied by a discharge of asphyxiating gases, obliged our troops to fall back in an easterly direction.

"Fnemy aeroplanes set fire to two of our captive balloons. Two enemy aeroplanes were hit by our fire and fell into our lines. The aviators were made prisoners.

"Roumanian front—There were scouting reconnaissances and rifle firing.
"Caucasus front—There were reciprocal firing and scouting reconnais-sances."

German Statement. GERMAN SUBMARINES

German Statement. German Statement.

Berlin, March 27.—German troops made an attack yesterday on Russian positions southeast of Baranowicht. The War Office announces that they captured Russian positions on the west bank of the Schara, capturing more than 300 Russians, four machine guns and seven mine throwers.

Russian attacks west of Lutsk and near Brzezany were repulsed.

The German Admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the Assure turis.

Shipping Losses of merchant vessels amounting to more than 220,000 tona thus far in March have resulted from war measures of the Central Powers, Admiral Baron Berestord said in the House of Lords today.

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Ottawa, March 27.-Two pr ortawa, in the Canadian army were announced yesterday by the Minister of Militia, Lieut. Col. Gwynn, mobilization officer at headquarters, has been made a brigadier-general, and Lieut. Col. J. W. Stewart, commander of the Rail-way Construction Corps on the west front, has been advanced to the same

TO BE SERIOUSLY ILL

London, March 27.—"According to news which has arrived here from Munich," says a German dispatch, "Kalser Wilhelm has been advised to take a complete rest, owing to the re-turn of his old throat trouble through exposure and overwork. It is doubtful, under the present circumstances, if he

BAIL NOT ESTREATED.

when he did not appear. Later mistake was explained and the ma adjusted.

TORONTO BREWERY CLOSES.

Montreal, March 27.-It was learned

Brigadier-Gen. Gwynn is an English man who for many years resided at Grenfell. Sask. He organized and com-manded the 16th Light Horse, the first

manded the 16th Light Horse, the first mounted militia unit in Saskatchewan. Brigadier-Gen. Stewart is the well-known railway builder, a member of the firm of Foley, We.ch & Stewart. He has been engaged for some years in building the Prefile Great Eastern Railway in British Columbia. Brigadier-General Stewart-railsed and commanded the 2nd Railway Construction. Battalion. Since then he has been placed in charge of all the railway con placed in charge of all the railway con-struction on the west front, and has under his command 23,000 men, of whom about half are Canadians.

GERMAN PLOTTERS HELD AT CHICAGO

Chicago, March 27.—Kurt Ernche and Paul Zell, said to have been traced from San Francisco to Chicago in connection with an investigation of war plots, were arrested here last night at the Union Depot.

Hinton G Clabugh, head of the local burgay of investigation.

NEW YORK STOCKS SUBJECT TO RAIDS

Asturias, British, Torpedoed by German Submarine; Eleven Were Killed

RESULT OF CRIME

The German Admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the As-

formed with the object of Prance a world centre in intellectual questions, gave a luncheon to-day in honor of a number of foreign savants who are now in Paris. The guests in cluded representatives from Russia Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Brazil, Portuga and the United States. Wallace G.

ATTEMPT MADE AGAINST MASSACHUSETTS ARSENAL

Watertown, Mass. March 27.—An attempt by three men to enter the Watertown Arsenal reservation by burrowing under a fence early to-day was reported by a patroiman who said he fired five shots at the men after two of them had fired at him. While the officer was pursuing two of the intruders, the other ran through the case held into the arsenal grounds. the officer was pursuing two of the in-truders, the other ran through the fence hole into the arsenal grounds, the Government in any capacity in from which be later escaped. His com-panions were not captured.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Three persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Stephens Hotel and ten other buildings at Creston, Wirt County, early to-day. The loss is estimated at \$750,000.

Absorbed on Declines; Rails Sold Off With the Rest

(By Wise & Co.)

New York, March 27.—The stock market opened with but little change over night and during the early part of the

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Washington, March 27.—Newton D. Baker, "present occupation, Secretary of War," formally enrolled himself to day as an alumnus of Johns Hopkins University who is ready to place his

Cleveland, Ohio, March 27:- Two me were killed and a third was wounded in a pistol duel in a street here this morning. Eight or nine men particimorning. Eight or nine men partici-pated in the battle, which is believed to have resulted from a gambling-quarrel,

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TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET Winnipeg: March 27.-Wheat closed 31c.

Montreat, March 27.—To-day's trading showed further contraction of business on the local market and prices were almost stationary. There was no news to affect prices meterially. It is known now that the new war loan is a complete success and that the large subscriptions will be heavily scaled down, thereby releasing for lavestment elsewhere a considerable portion of th funds set aside to cover the loan applications. This will tend to create a demand for investment issues which may result in renewed activity in Canadian security prices.

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THE LEMIEUX ACT **ENDORSED IN STATES**

Washington, March 27.-Legislation for compulsory investigation of indus-trial disputes affecting railroads was advocated to-day before the Newlands joint committee by Julius Krutschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board. He denied the declaration of President Gompers, head of the Amer-ican Federation of Labor, before the committee lost winter that the Can-adian disputes set had proved a failure. He said investigation showed Canadian officials and railroad heads unanimous in approving the Canadian law and that it had prevented 90 per cent. of strikes threatened during its

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WELCH RULINGS:

Contractors Undertook to Interpret and Alter the Contract

SURFACING TWICE PAID UNDER SEPARATE HEADS

For Piles Costing 61/2c a Foot Welch Gets 35c; Same for Driving

Not only did Patrick Welch, the

March 27.

Not only did Patrick Welch, the nominal contractor for the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway line, give interpretations of what his own contract meant, but his business partier, the man who had an equal interest with him in the contract—in defiance of the law—John W Stewart, President of the P. G. E. Ry. Co., undertook to vary the contract. One detail in which the president-director-contractor altered the contract tract to which he was a party at both ends was in relation to surfacing and ballasting. The contract distinctly provided prices for surfacing where done with material got from the side of the roadbed and where the material had to be brought from elsewhere. Welch interpreted this to give him double payment—first at the price for hauling material to the place where required and then at the side surfacing price for placing it on the roadbed. This practice was objected to by W. price for placing it on the roadbed.
This practice was objected to by Mr.
Tate, who gave a clear legal interpretation of the specifications, and it was questioned by Chief Engineer Gamble, of the Department. Thereupon Stew-art altered the contract to suit Welch's —and his own—interests.

Price of Piles.

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Piles were paid for at 25c a lineal foot, although Chief Engineer Callaghan swore in another place that they cost the contractor 6½c and that 7c a foot would be too much. On, top of that very excessive price another 25c a foot was paid for driving each pile into place. This same extravagance, and payment contrary to the specifications, extended to piling put into false work of timber structures.

Amended Contract.

matter of the ballast and su

And the ballast and surfacing was taken up by S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the Railway Department. The figures for these were contained in the original contract of September 23, 1912. By a letter of John W. Stewart, written to John Callaghan on November 20, 1915, the contract was lovember 20, 1915, the contract was varied. Stewart writes regarding sur-facing and ballasting that "in order that there will be no misunderstandthat there will be no misunderstand-ing or inconsistency I have decided to amend the contract to surfacing (a), \$700; surfacing (b), \$700; balasting, 50c-a cuble yard." This was marked as a cuble yard." This was marked as a cubic yard." This was marked as accepted and signed by Welch, con-

"No, I did not know that. I never knew anything about the arrangements between Welch and Stewart till I heard it in this room."

Mr. Taylor brought up the matter of a protest from Mr. Tait that the contractor was being paid twice for surgicing in the estimates. In this connection, which is the connection of the contractor of the connection of the conne ng should include all work of trackand surfacing with ma-taken from side ditches er places, and all other or other places, and all other work incidental to preparing the track time 50c. a cubic yard for train haul, as if it had been taken from elsewhere.

According to Specifications.

Mr. Taylor—"Is it not a fact that you, contrary to the protest of Mr. Tate, paid \$700 a mile for surfacing the material was taken from the side and over the same area also allow.

Cost a Lot to Get Plant.

Mr. Callaghan went on to testify that it would cost a lot to get pile-driving plant in to some bridges, and from bridge to bridge, on account of lack of roads to get plant in over.

Counsel immediately called the attention of witness to the fort that side and over the same area also allow-ed train haul at fifty cents a cubic "Certainly."

"Then you should not have allowed the whole \$700 a mile for the side surracing where the material at the side was not sufficient, and the contractor had to haul other material?"

"Oh, yes, that is according to the specifications."

"Oh, yes, that is according to the specifications."

Why pay for side surfacing if there was not enough material on the side for the purpose?

You haul material from other places where you have not enough at hand, and you get paid train haul for doing that. Then when you have got the material to the place you are paid \$700 a mile for surfacing with it. It is always done that way in all railway work.

"Stick to facts," said Mr. Taylor. "Take a thirty-foot pile; at the prices paid welf that would cost \$221 in place. Do you think that a moderate charge over the whole length of the color pile driving."

"You paid for the pile-driving in the false-work for timber structures at 70c a lineal foot also?"

"Certainly."

"Although the work was wasted. When the false-work was removed. If

track and in addition 201,970 cubic ards of train haul, which, at 22,000 ands to the mile, would surface 91.5 files of trackage, thus giving a total ackage of 216 miles, while the communy only had 128.45 miles of track id. He asked for an explanation.

Mr. Callaghan's reply was that sur-pecing and ballasting were two dif-terent matters of expense.

Mr. Taylor read from the correspondence between Mr. Thomas and Mr. Callaghan on this matter, leading up to the letter from Mr. Stewart of November 20, 1915, ahready quoted, varying the contract. In one of Mr. Thomas's letters occurred the peculiar phrase:

difference to the company so far as the cost is concerned, the president will authorize the switching in the contract of 'surfacing (train haul)' to 'ballasting.'"

"I suppose Mr. Thomas can explain what he understood there," Mr. Taylor commented. "It did not matter what it cost the P.G.E., since it was really the cost the P.G.E., since it was really the Government that was paying, so long as it satisfied Foley, Welch & Stewart. How did you understand it, Mr. Callaghan?

The witness, who was making a profile sketch of the roadbed for Mr. Hanes, did not profess to have any understanding of it.

.Key to Public Chest. "The size of it was that you had th "The size of it was that you had the key to the public chest, by your certificate, after Foley and Siewart got through with fixing the prices in the contract," remarked Mr. Taylor.

The chairman asked for further information as to Mr. Stewart's interpretation of the contract in this regard.

"He altered it, that is how he interpreted it," said Mr. Taylor.

Rules on Own Contract. Late in 1913 Mr. Tate sent to F. C Gamble, chief engineer of the Depart-ment of Railways, in confidence, the prices at. which the contract had been let to Welch. In December Mr. Gamble asked for information on several points, one being as to whether ballast-ing was included in surfacing (train haul). Mr. Tate wrote Welch and E. F. White, for Welch, replied on February 10, 1912, that the latter defined side surfacing as surfacing from the sid of the track, and the cubic yard price for surfacing (train haul) including material hauled and being in addition

Piles and Pile-Driving

accepted and signed by Welch, contractor.

A Farce.

Mr. Taylor—"Just as a digression, that letter is an absolute farce, as John W. Stewart had ah interest in the contract and was simply making a new contract for himself, with himself. Did you know that at the time?"

"No, I did not know that. I never knew anything about the arranger for tight for the contractors with the contractors price was 70c a lineal foot.

Mr. Callaghan considered this was a fair average price, that it was all right, taking the road from Vancouver to Fort George.

"Six or seven cents a foot; perhaps eight or nine cents."

piles at 35c a foot?

"Yes, quite à lot."
"What de you say about pile-driving at 35c a lineal foot, or 76c a foot
for the pile in place?"
"Take some on the north shore there, instances, which had aroused air. For the pile in piace?

Tate's protest, where the contractor had been allowed the full \$700 a mile, I doubt whether there was much as if material for surfacing had been chance—I don't think there was much n it driving piles at 70c a for

time 50c, a cubic yard for train haul, as if it had been taken from elsewhere. Mr. Callaghan stated that these were "What we got was hard. Along by C. P. R. specifications they had copied, Lonsdale avenue it was very hard and he had been working by them for driving." Cost a Lot to Get Plant.

Counsel immediately called the attention of witness to the fact that there was always a construction road built atongside the grade of a railway line as the first thing. To, this witness said the road might not be continuous; a man might have to take his plant away from the road, "Let us get away from 'rights' and stick to facts," said Mr. Taylor. "Take

Mrc Taylor—"Tou do not know what prices the contractor paid for piles?"

"No, I do not."

"Did you ever know?"

"I think not."

"I will read you some evidence of yours in an arbitration, and we will see if that will refresh your memory."

"I am being asked about Fort George, where I don't know the prices, but I know it in Yancouver, because I had to go to the contractors to get the information."

Cost 64c a Foot.

EXCESSIVE RATES

Welch Got Over \$100,000 in One*Case; Engineer Gets
Querulous

Mr. Callaghan's reply the ferent matters of expense.

To this Mr. Thomas replied on November 5, 1915, stating that he had taken the matter up with Mr. Tate informed him that while the engineer and contractor appeared to consider surfacing and train haul as cumulative items they were actually distinct; the one dealt with surfacing where the material was taken from the side, payable at 1700 a mile, and the other dealt with surfacing where the material was taken from the side, payable at 1700 a mile, and the other dealt with surfacing where the material was taken from the side, payable at 1700 a mile, and the other dealt with surfacing where the material was taken from the side, payable at 1700 a mile, and the other dealt with surfacing where the material payable at 50c a cubic yard, which included the surfacing as well as the haulage off the different sections of the specifications Mr. Tate wrote: "The language in each case is perfectly explicit."

Peculiar Phrase.

Mr. Taylor read from the correspondence between Mr. Thomas and Mr. Slip of Tongue.

Sip of Tongue.

Slip of Tongue. Mr. Taylor commented on the fact that the witness had said "the com-pany is buying;" evidently Pat Welch and the P. G. E. Railway Co, were one and the same thing in the mind of the

Mr. Callaghan explained this as

Clearing Right-of-Way. Clearing Right-Or-way.

The witness referred back to questions that had been asked him last week concerning clearing, and the suggestion that if there was one tree to the acre the contractor would get \$150 for clearing. He cited the instance of Residency 23, where on an area of 176 acres the clearing allowed was 17 acres, to make the cent.

or ten per cent.

With the production of Welch's contracts with station men and further correspondence Mr. Taylor's examination of the chief engineer concluded.

Big Profit. G. S. Hanes (North Vancouver) questioned Mr. Callaghan as to amounts paid to station-men in specific cases. In one the station-men were paid for removal of hard clay, and, even in spite of the high price they had to pay Welch for supplies, it cost 50c. to 55c. a yard to the contractor, Welch, to have this taken out. In charging this up to the Government, through the company, ten per cent, was returned as solid rock, at \$1.45 a yard, so that Welch received \$6c. a yard over and above what he paid his station-men on that projortion.

Only Example. cases. In one the station-men wer

Only Example. Mr. Callaghan having cited what wa dene on the G. T. P. in a specific case Mr Taylor asked why the witness and his counsel so often cited this road, where construction had been most ex-travagant. Mr. Callaghan said he

p to that time. Mr. Taylor—"Is that why you refer

"Do you mean to say that because thing was done on the G. T. P. it has to be done by you?"

"It's got to be done.

was by instruction of J. W. Stewart that he classified a certain percentage of clay as solid rock when there was really no solid rock to be moved, this affecting chiefly the line from Horse Summit to Fort George. committee sits again to-night.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Little Done in House Except Debate on Civil Service Bill.

Legislative Press Gallery,

There was little done in the House his afternoon outside the debate or

second reading for bill for the protec second reading for the first the protection of the sheep industry, which he explained. The Minister of Public Works got his Highway Act amendments through committee, and other bills on the order paper were allowed

On Wednesday the Premier will in-troduce the equal guardianship bill and the Minister of Agriculture will bring

the Minister of Agriculture will bring in a bill amending the Egg Marks Act. The Leader of the Opposition presented another petition from Vancouver citizens and the Ratepayers' Central Association, against the proposed amendment to the city charter giving the city power to pay the costs of the School Board inquiry. This was read and referred to the private bills committee, which is to hear the parties ommittee, which is to hear the parties

committee, which is to hear the parties objecting this week.

Mr. Farris has given notice of a motion instructing the committee to divide the bill in two, dealing with the provision objected to in a separate bill. Dr. Rose is asking for the names of the returning officers at the by-elections and the amounts they were paid. Mr. Bowser is looking for some more John T. Scott documents which he claims are in the possession of the Government and the Attorney-General. Rev. S. J. Thompson read prayers to-day.

Legislative Press Galler, March 26.

Further instances developed to-nigh

wall to hold an embankment or a side-hill the work was paid for on a grading price, running from 32 cents a cubic yard for common excavation to \$1.15 for solid rock. Where the work done was to hold or divert a stream, being "wet" excavation, the price was \$3 a yard.

Pat Welch—who "gets everything." according to the rhyme—in one place was allowed for the former class of work at the latter price, which meanis that instead of \$12,800 he got \$120,000. In other similar cases Chief Engineer Callaghan had to admit that out of work to the extent of \$156,000 only \$6,000 was charged at the true classification.

Interim Report.

At the outset of the evening's sitting the committee ordered, on motion of H. C. I all, that an interim report be made to the House of the first week's proceedings and evidence before the committee. In this there are 418 type-written pages of the testimony of the two witnesses called so far, D'Arcy-Tate, K.C., vice-president and general counsei of the P.G.E. Ry. Co., and John Callaghan, chief engineer of the company.

Mr. Taylor got from witness still an other set of specifications, "revise March 1, 1914," which dealt with grad tion pits for bridges and trestle work the ordinary "grading" specifications called for \$1.45 per cubic yard for solid rock, 55 cents for loose rock, 55 cents for cemented material or hard pan, and \$2 cents for common excavation.

Mr. Oliver's Charge,

Mr. Taylor-"Mr. Oliver drew attention to the fact that you had allowed excavation at the "wet" rate to a farge extent on work which was chargeable at the ordinary rates as

"That was not what he spoke about."
"He informed you did he not, that
there had been a great quantity of
crib-work excavation to hold side-hills
paid for at \$3 a yard instead of 32

"It would not be 32c.; it would be

Accusation Correct. he correct in that charge he made?"
"He was correct to a certain extent.
There was a considerable quantity that
should not have been allowed."

"Forty or fifty thousand yards."

Mr. Maclean—"Allowed to whom?"
"To everyone who had an estimate or
that part of the work."

Immense Difference. Mr. Taylor—"To Welch, anyway. If it was allowed to Welch at \$3 a yard on, say, 40,000 yards, that would come to \$120,000. If that were dirt, at \$2c, a yard, it would be \$12,800. That is so, is it not?"
"Yes, I intend to take the Govern—"Yes, I intend to take the Govern—"

Mr. Taylor—"I suggest to you that you paid the station-men on the grading rate and not on the 33 rate that Welch was paid out of Government moneys?"

Station Men's Rate.

"The assessor of Victoria is a very estimable gentleman, but where he got his ideas from for such increases in so short a space of time I do not know."

H. N. Merriman, of May 5, 1913, September 16, 1913, and August 22, 1914; from Callaghan to C. R. Crysdale, of October 14, 1914, and February 3, 1915; from Callaghan to Stoner, of February 17, 1215; from Thomas to Callaghan, of Sentember 2, 1915.

Not Possible Elsewhere

"Chairman Farris--"Could that error ave occurred on the Grand Trunk Pa-

engineers resident on the work all time."

"And if the Government had super-vised the work properly this would have been avoided?"

"If,it had kept engineers out on the work it is hardly likely that would have hanneed."

Small Proper Classification.

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Mr. Callaghan now swore that only \$6,000 of this was on a proper classification, so that approximately \$150,500 was on an improper crib classification. A statement of March 16, 1917, which Mr. Callaghan had prepared for his counsel, was produced in which he mentioned a number of matters in which there had been over-payment and pointed out that against this he could have allowed a lot of other things, including considerable over-break, winding up by stating that there were no variations allowed from the specifications except moderately and with intelligence, Mr. Callaghan admitted to counsel that the proper way to discuss an error was to correct it.

Mr. Taylor—"You mention over-break here. Is not twenty per cent. over-break on the proper slope a lib-

eral allowance?"

"I presume twenty-five per cent.
would be."

would be."
"Do you say that on this road the over-break was not running overeightly per cent."
"In some places."
"No. I say that on the average over

"Yes."
"One whole revision of elegifortisms."
"The whole time the over-break was running eighty per cent.; is that not so?"
"Oh, no, not at all."
"Will you say if did not average between sixty and eighty per cent.?"
"Oh, no, it did not. Some places it averaged more owing to the way the rock was lying."
"You had to check this over-break and you revised the classification?"
"Yes."
"One whole revision of elegifortic

"One whole revision of classification was made for the purpose of checking over-break?"

"That was one of the things." some further questioning the wit-querulously remarked: "On a of sixteen million dollars a matter of a couple of hundred th

SEVERELY CRITICIZES

Members of Civic Retrenchment Association Take Exception to Present Methods

Mr. Taylor—"To Welch, anyway. If it was allowed to Welch at \$3 a yard on, say, 40,000 yards, that would come to \$120,000. If that were dirt, at \$2c. a yard, it would be \$12,800. That is so, say, the would be \$12,800. That is so, is it not?"
"Yes. I intend to take the Government engineer along to see that."
"Why do you want to drag the Government engineer in if you admit the mistake?"

To the assessments, be it recolved, that the sassessments, be it resolved that the sassessment of the members of the city upon a basis of population, and that the City Council be respectfully requested to have a civic census taken immediately for the purpose of arriving at a basis of assessment."

Resolution Explicit.

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"I want him to be satisfied. There are other errors that work the other that are other errors in allowing crib-work excavation that should have gone at the grading rates at "wet" excavation rates was due to errors in cross sections by an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation by an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation by an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates are grading rates at "wet" excavation sy an engineer who was the grading rates are grading rates are grading rates are grading the above resolution at the general meeting of the Civic Retrenchment Association last night W. Jackson was of the opinion that the terms of the motion were sufficiently explicit in themselves and required no bottering up from him. He said it was only necessary to expect that if he owned a lot in Esquimalt, Victoria and Seattle that the scale of taxation would be altogether different, in view of divergent values and so forth.

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gone at the grading rates at "wet" excavation rates was due to errors in cross-sections by an engineer who was not kept long on the work. Counsel pointed out that his explanation at an interview with the Minister of Railways, when the talking was yery loud, was quite different from this. Witness did not think there was much difference.

Mr. Oddy Perplexed.

B. S. Oddy, in seconding the resolution, declared that the assessments of the City of Victoria were abourd. In citing a case of a few years ago, in which some property of his was jumped from an assessment of nine thousand dollars to eighteen thousand in twelve months, and the following year to twenty-four thousand dollars, he said:

"That was done on all grading work.
That was suggested by sub-contractors that a classification be made for them."
Chairman Farris—"Hew did the Government engineer come to pass it?"
"At this place it was impossible to have that kind of excavation for cribwork and we had to give him that classification or he would lose money."
More Documents.

Mr. Taylor proposed to prove the contract of the contract of the court of the past. He made the remark without fear of contraction or he would lose money."

Again the City of Victoria was always more or less of a farce, often more," was ex-Alderman Bannerman's verdict on the ex-rections of that court in the past. He made the remark without fear of contraction. There was no need, said he, to change the Court of Revision in the City of victoria was always more or less of a farce, often more," was ex-Alderman Bannerman's verdict on the ex-rections of that court in the past. He made the remark without fear of contraction. There was no need, said he, to change the Court of Revision in the City. material to the place you are paid alineal foot also?"

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Although the work was removed. If the also-work was removed. If no false-work should be paid for them no pile-driving on false-work should be paid for the normal form the paid for?"

Mr. Taylor emphasized that the contract clearly and plainly called for surfacing at 1700 a mile, surfacing train haul at 50c a cubic yard, and train haul for bridge fills, including necessary trestles and filling, 50c a cubic yard. On October 15, 1915, it. D. Thomas, Secretary of the P. G.

Resolution of Condolence—A resolution of condolence with the family of the late G. C. Gerow, who was a countract of the late G. C. Gerow, who was a countr

Landsberg. "The Court of Revision will aiways back up the city assessor and pay more attention to him than the person appealing."

Mr. Bannerman: "But the Court has the power to correct the value placed on property by the assessor."

Mr. Landsberg: "They never do it."

H. Levy: "It is not within the capability of any one man to take on the assessorship of a city like Victoria, and in my opinion the job should be done by at least three or even fivemen."

SAYS DENTAL ACT FAILS TO MEET NEED

Revision to Come Before Legislature Discussed by Dr.

Dr. A. R. Baker, of Vanc isited the city last week, discussed the

will come before the Rouse at its present session.

"The amendments which are suggested for the Act," said Dr. Baker, "are distinctly in the public interests and are designed to make the dental legislation of the province of a sufficiently elastic nature to meet the public demands, at the same time fully safeguarding the public against incompetent practitioners. Such provision is very important in British Columbia, where the development stage still exists and the demands of the case are varying from time to time, and the present Act utterly fails to meet the needs of the case. Why, just think of the situation to-day. In this whole province there are only 129 dentists listed as practicing and, outside of Vancouver and Victoria, these men are practicing at only 25 points. Such a condition of affairs is certainly not fair to the public.

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"How do we aim to meet the case? Well, first of all we would have the certificates of the Dominion Dental Council recognized in the province. This Council is composed of representatives from various provinces and is the highest dental organization in Canada. Its certificates are accepted in Nova Scotla, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Surely, a man practicing under such a certificate in Toronto, Winnipeg or other large Canadian cities should be allowed to practice in British Colum-

allowed to practice in British Columbia, and it is proposed to recognize such a claim. "Then, to meet emergency demands as the examinations for provincial den-tal licenses are held only semi-annually, it is proposed to grant temporary permits for a maximum period of six months to graduates of dental colleges which are approved by the Provincial Council. The holders of these permits Council. The holders of these permits are restricted to practice only in the office and under the supervision of a registered dentist. Such a plan fully protects the public and yet makes the Act elastic in scope and capable of meeting varying demands. "Another point covered by the amendments provides for the reorganization of the Provincial Dental Council on a more representative basis. At

gation of the Provincial Dental Council on a more representative basis. At present this Council hold office for five-year terms on the vote of the registered dentists of the province. It is proposed that hereafter the term of office shall be one year, and that the Government shall appoint two registered dentists to serve on the body, the other three being elected by the dentists. This is a proposal which readers will at once see is 'o the public advantage. It gives the people, through the Government, some voice in the control of the dental field, and yet properly safeguards the legislation as far as professional competency is concerned.

professional competency is concerned.

"Other points covered by the amendments are the prohibiting of 'fake' or fraudulent advertising, concerning which the present Act makes no mention, but a regulation concerning which is advisable and on the greation vent the measure being treated as 'joke,' as is too often said of the presen

uded Dr. Baker, "Is to maintain the vailing in British Columbia, and yet

Vacant Let Cultivation.—Harrowing is still being held back by wet weather, and it is possible there may be some delays in completing cultivation of the lots. Some of the persons interested have become rather impatient at the delays that have occurred, but which are inevitable on account of the sea-

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SAANICH FARMERS FORM LOCAL UNION

Election of Officers Results in Placing Fred Turgoose in Chair

A meeting of the farmers of the Saanich Peninsula, which was well represented from the Royal Oak (south) to Deep Bay (north) was held on Saturday evening, March 24, in the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton for the purpose of putting into shape a local organization to act jointly with the United Farmers of British Colmbia, for bettering the interests of the farmers locally and also to act provincially for the general welfare of the farmers locally and also to act provincially for the general welfare of the farmers locally and the period of the farmers locally and also to act provincially for the general welfare of the farmers locally and so to do the farmers locally and the Dominion of the Dominion

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Stewart Williams

Malcolm, M. Dean and Alex, McDonald.

The President (Mr. Fred Turgoose) then
took the chair and thanked the members
for their confidence. He suggested the
purchasing of seeds in general for forage
crops from Canadian grown seeds, cereals
free from weed seeds and badly shrivelled
grain, corn for ensilage, the purchasing
of soil fertilizing ingredients rather than
compound brands, etc., also the purchasing of foodstuffs in bulk. The secretary

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was instructed to get full details of the

was instructed to get full details of these matters and prepare a business schedule for an early directors' meeting.

A. Manroe, of North Saanich, voiced with very strong emphasis the general opinion of the district, how unfair was the treatment the users of the telephone service are suffering at the hands of this corporation. After nearly every owner, of a telephone present at the meeting had expressed their dissatisfaction of the service, a resolution was unanimously passed demanding reduced rates and an improved service, whilst a committee was appointed to press this matter to an issue. After a rew detailed arrangements had been agreed upon the meeting stood adjourned to the call of the chair.

FINALLY DISPOSE OF HOME CONTRIBUTION

Children's Aid Home Society Grant Settled at Last; Weight of Food

"I may say at once that the amount will not nearly cover the expenditure on the home this year, it is anticipat-ed," observed Alderman Andros in City ing the situation of the Children's Aid Society. The secretary asked, as a result of

the meeting, the renewal of the vote for \$4,000 towards the Society. Alderman Andros went on to add

44,000 towards the Society.
Alderman Andros went on to add that the Council had to look the question squarely in the face, and recognize that additional money must be for the applicants waiting admission.

The Council agreed to the vote for

The Council agreed to the vote for the sum asked, and to assume the deficit, estimated at \$515.29.

That a by-law should be introduced in order to regulate all classes of weighing of foodstuffs was the suggestion made by the Fair Weights Officer (A. G. Robertson) to the Council to the council of the counc

Association,
Alderman Cameron thought in view of the Dominion regulations it would be desirable to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor first, a course which was adopted.

to better advantage in other depart-ments were authorized by the Council. The chairman of the pound committee, Alderman Dilworth, asked for another

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Reception Voile—An exceedingly stylish material with novel designs and choice color effects; 39 ins. wide. Per yard

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Voile Superbe—This is a very fine grade of French voile, with a woven stripe of silk effect; white ground with stripes of pale pink, pale blue, mauve, apple and gold; 36 ins. wide. Per yd. 75¢

In addition to the above we have a large display of Crepes, Muslins, Seersuckers, Ginghams, Piques and Reps at popular prices.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 8 P.M.

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The Soldiers' Vote

Come and Hear All About the Impersonations, Repeaters, and Fake Ballots

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 8 P.M.

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- 1. The Delegation will wait on the Government on Thursday at 11 a.m.
- 2. The Delegates will register in Metropolitan Church on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m.
- 3. The sessions of the Convention will be held during the following hours: Wednesday, 3.30 to 5.30 and 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 5.30, 8 to 10 p.m.
- 4. All business sessions of the Convention will be held in the Methodist Church. The Wednesday Mass Meeting will be held in the Congregational Church.

His Worship, THE MAYOR, A. E. TODD, ESQ., will give an address of welcome to the delegates at the Mass Meeting on Wednesday night.

Sessions of the Convention . Public