

of Cameron Lumber Company Objected to By City Council

City is to register a vigorous protest with the Ottawa government proposed encroachments upon the Victoria arm, above the Ellice bridge, on the part of the lumber companies doing business in the vicinity. At Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee, a letter was received from the city pointing out that Thos. Gore had made a survey of the site for the extension of their yards and building grounds by the Cameron Lumber company, and found that the lines shown in the plans would encroach to a serious extent upon the navigation channel. Accompanying the letter was a map showing the proposed encroachments. It was the unanimous decision of the members of the committee that the lumber company was asked to make a survey of the site, and to forward the plan to the city government and make a formal agreement against the same being approved.

As decided to have prepared a showing the exact boundaries of the water lots owned by the city on the street and the extent to which neighboring owners encroach upon the city's water lots. A preliminary survey of these lots was granted to the city for engineering purposes. The plan will be made by G. Hargreaves, who has already made a survey of the lots. Complaint of G. H. McGregor, that Luney Bros., contractors, had dug up their property in North street, it was decided to notify Luney Bros. to repair the damage at once, and that should any accident they would be held liable for damages. The wishes of E. F. Lang to construct a permanent wharf on the west side of Wharf near the corner of Johnson, this to pay one-half the cost, this arrangement being made by the fact that the old plank was torn up when the new road was laid, the level of which is the floors of the buildings situated on the property.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

esse and La Patrie Favor Contribution By Canada.

real, Feb. 12.—Both La Presse and La Patrie have thrown in their lot for imperial defence participation by Dominion of Canada. La Patrie, following up its article of a few days ago, says that if a vote were taken on the principle of contribution by eight out of the nine provinces composing the confederation who can say what vote will be in the ninth? But let us suppose Quebec should vote against imperial defence, would her position be any different? Could she succeed in preventing other provinces from pronouncing in favor of the project? The Canadians are in a minority in the Dominion, and it is not vain appeals to reason that would give her the victory. Let those, in fact, who of resistance tell us what the would be. Would we relieve our allegiance to Great Britain, and would we ask the United States to govern the province of Quebec? Let us place England would not let and certainly the United States do not want us under similar conditions.

fact, all these propositions are. No doubt this is the view of Laurier, who is one of the most prominent figures in his government. The province of Quebec is a part of the Dominion, which is a British colony, and division amongst the people of a cannot but retard our growth and our prosperity. In fact, there position, other than beneath the of the British flag, where our government would be so rapid, and therefore have force enough to accept the present situation within the Empire and its responsibilities as well.

Press also advocates about the policy, and asks if the province could persist in its refusal to accept the other provinces would announce themselves either for a navy or for a direct contribution. Would it be to our advantage to ask La Presse, "to alienate sympathy of the other provinces to isolate ourselves even from English minority in the province which possesses all the capital and all the industries?"

LONG FOLLS OPPONENT.

ancouver, B. C., Feb. 12.—The scheduled 15-round contest at North Vancouver last night between Louie Long, a Canadian, and Rod Standen, of Vancouver, terminated rather suddenly in the fourth round, when Long, who was repeatedly fouled by Standen, was taken to his corner after putting his opponent to the floor in great agony by a series of blows to the groin. Referee Hewitt declared the fight off, and all bets were off. There were howls of derision from Long's backers. There was a man, as the bout did not go on, and the referee determined this point of the largest crowds that has attended a show in North Vancouver.

HUDSON'S BAY STORES.

London, Feb. 12.—Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company is now in London in connection with the reorganization of the shop of the company on the lines suggested by Mr. Birbridge, director of the stores.

SHOULD CITY PASS AGREEMENT?

OAK BAY PROPOSAL
COMES UP TO-NIGHT

Interviews With Some of the
Leading Citizens on the
Situation

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The chief topic of conversation to-day amongst those who take an interest in municipal matters is the suggested agreement between the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay relative to a supply of water, and the fate which awaits that measure when it comes before the council this evening. It will be recalled that it was first introduced at last Monday's meeting of the Victoria city council, and that it was defeated on a tie vote. The same evening the agreement passed the Oak Bay council unanimously.
Mayor Morley and others at the council board who favored the measure considered it so vital to the welfare of Victoria in respect to its relations with the neighboring municipality in the matter of a water supply, that they have decided to reintroduce it in amended form at a special meeting to be held this evening. It is thought very probably that it will pass, inasmuch as Ald. Bannerman, who was absent at the last meeting, and who is understood to be favorable to it, will be present this evening.

C. P. R. TRYING TO BUY MINES

MOVEMENT TO SECURE
QUEEN CHARLOTTE FIELD

Recent Sale of Dunsmuir Interests Making Corporation Keen for Other Properties

There is a movement afoot to acquire the Queen Charlotte Island coal fields, and it is generally believed that the C. P. R. is behind it. For a long time it has been well known that there are very extensive coal beds beneath practically the whole of Graham Island. The seams are thick and it is thought they are not as badly broken as are some parts of Vancouver Island. The only thing that has delayed the development of the coal beds has been the fact that up to quite recently the market for coal has been fully supplied from the Vancouver Island mines.
To-day the situation is changed. Mackenzie and Mann moving to acquire the Queen Charlotte mines, from which the C. P. R. at present draw their supply, that corporation is intensely interested in securing a supply for themselves which they will be able to control for their own use. They do not look with favor on the Nanaimo mines, and the Pacific Coast mines are not yet fully developed. The C. P. R. is believed, having turned their attention to the Queen Charlottes. Whether the deal for these coal rights will go through it is impossible to say. Among those interested in the Queen Charlotte coal fields is Major Nicholles of this city. In a recent issue of the Prince Rupert Optimist says:
"The B. C. Mainland & Coast Development will sometime this month apply for a charter of the provincial government, which will give permission to operate in British Columbia. This company of whom Major Nicholles of Victoria, is one, and who are represented in town at the present time by John M. Walters Jr., composed of capital from across the line, seeks to become incorporated that they may build and operate a smelter in Prince Rupert, produce gas and sell it to the city and other cities. The company are satisfied that there is enough ore at the present time in sight to warrant them in starting work on their smelter. One company in Alaska alone last year kept six boats plying back and forth continuously to the Tacoma smelter. There is a prospect of producing mines in the Portland Canal in six months, the Queen Charlotte mines, the Skeena valley. The company holds coal fields on Graham Island, which has proved to produce excellent coking coal and which they are prepared to develop immediately. A spur line is now planned from the mines to the water, near Skidgate. Beside coal the company owns other mineralized properties, which they will proceed to develop along with their smelter."

CHARGED WITH ARSON. Five Prisoners Are Accused of Burning School.

Abilene, Wash., Feb. 22.—George Averill, 22; Walter Bray, 18; Walter Kraft, 15; Jim Raymond, 16, and Earl M. Henry, 18, of Centalla, are in the court hall to-day, awaiting trial on the charge of the burning of the west side school building, destroyed by fire last Wednesday.
The quintet and a sixth boy, Martin Craig, were originally arrested for stealing chickens. Craig has pleaded guilty to the charge. The other five are now charged with arson in the second degree.

A BANK FOR WORK ESTATE

BRANCH TO OPEN
HERE THIS SUMMER

Canadian Bank of Commerce
Inaugurate Policy of District
Banking Institutions

The inevitable extension of Victoria's retail section into sub-retail districts, and the business expansion in the last year, has been recognized and acted upon by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city by the purchase of a site for a northern city branch in the Work Estate.
This is the first extension of the kind of the financial institutions of the city, and will doubtless be followed by development in other directions by this and other banks.
The corner purchased by Managers Gillespie and Crawford is situated on the southwest corner of Bay and Douglas streets, on the old Finlayson estate. The bank will open for business just as quickly as they can get a building erected, which will probably be by midsummer. In the meantime they may take temporary quarters to take care of the business offering.
Speaking this morning of the proposed extension, both gentlemen expressed the opinion that the establishment of such a branch would be a great convenience to the residents of a large and growing district, hitherto unserved by such an institution. In the meantime it will be useful in the main for checking and deposit purposes, but the rapid growth of this and other suburbs is bringing the day very close when it will fill the more comprehensive duties of general banking. In taking the step they have, they state they are merely following the modern trend of business which goes after the trade instead of waiting for it to come. In the city of Toronto, which is one of the most important of the centres of bank of commerce operations, branches are in some places, the Crawford states, only a few blocks apart.
This extension will probably be followed by other extensions, if, as is anticipated, it justifies itself by results.
The move has a significance out of proportion to the monetary consideration involved, as it is the first recognition by the banking institutions of a development which always follows in the city of Toronto, which is approaching the 50,000 mark in population.
The two lots, which have frontage of 120 feet on Douglas and over 100 on Bay, were bought for \$18,000. Gillespie and Hart being responsible for the sale.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The Greek army is still holding Athens to-day against the hostile navy, according to advices received here from the Greek capital.
The army men are reported to have seized ammunition intended for the torpedo boat destroyers of the fleet, rendering the vessels practically useless.
Col. Zorbas, whom the army men want proclaimed military dictator, is mobilizing additional soldiers in Athens. In view of his activity it is feared the vessels will shell the Grecian ports left unprotected by the removal of the garrison to the capital.
The exact situation is difficult to learn because of the strict censorship of news that has been established. It is certain from dispatches to commercial organizations in this city, however, that the situation is critical.
The trouble that threatens Greece with civil warfare is the result of long-standing differences between the army and navy factions, which had recent expression in the seizure of a Greek port by Col. Tzypalios, who was later exiled. Tzypalios yesterday violated his agreement to remain away from the country for two years, and appeared in Athens.

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(Times Leased Wire.)
Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17.—The entire northwest is in the grip of a cold wave to-day. Minnesota and the Dakotas are blizzard swept, and communication is difficult.
Storm Unabated.
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The heaviest snow fall of the season was recorded to-day throughout the southwest. A blizzard which has raged for 28 hours continues with unabated fury this morning.
Traffic Delayed.
Denver, Col., Feb. 17.—Train service in the inter-mountain district was delayed slightly to-day, according to railroad officials here who denied, however, that the cold wave had completely paralyzed traffic. The officials also stated that a report that the Northern Pacific trains were stalled on their way to the coast is true.
Swept By Blizzard.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Snow to the depth of eight inches has fallen here to-day and registers the heaviest fall of the winter. A blizzard is sweeping Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, according to reports received here.

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Berlin, Feb. 17.—Emperor William is confined to his bed with an attack of influenza, according to an announcement from the palace to-day. The Royal physicians state that his condition is not serious and that he will be out in a few days.
Meanwhile attendants on the Kaiser are keeping from him any information concerning the Socialist disturbances throughout Germany that may tend to alarm him or aggravate the danger of his condition.

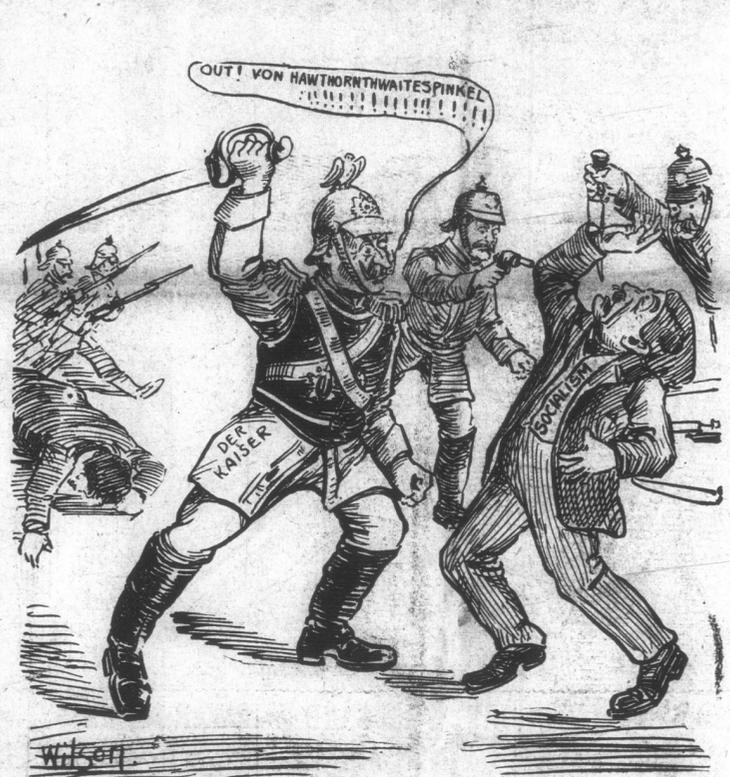
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Grand Canyon, Ariz., Feb. 17.—Edward Payson Weston, who is walking from the Pacific coast to New York City, left here this morning for Williams, Arizona, where he is due on Saturday. He spent the day here yesterday.

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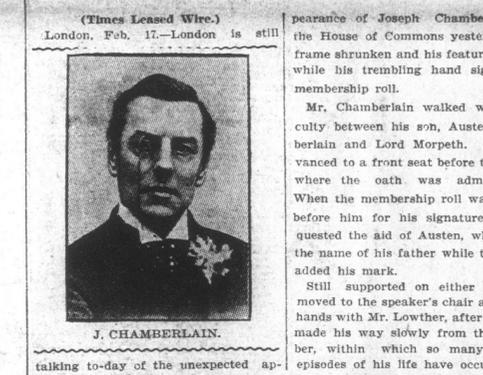
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London, Feb. 17.—Under the heading "Canada cannot wait," the Daily Mail devotes an editorial to the German-Canadian treaty which elsewhere it observes is a blow to British trade, and says there is good reason to believe that the Dominion government waited to see the issue of the struggle for tariff reform in England before taking the step for the removal of the surtax. It will be bad news for Yorkshire and Lancashire, but so long as the people of this country refuse to make tariff agreements with states of the Empire they cannot complain, concludes the Mail.
The Standard, referring to the possibility of further negotiations between Canada and Germany, relies on the sagacity of Canadian statesmen to see that tariff reform cannot be delayed much longer. It adds that it would create an uneasy feeling in London financial circles if the Dominion were to complain now that Germany has abandoned her rather high-handed methods.
The Standard's Berlin correspondent is likely to affect Canadian imports from Britain considerably. Germany will increase Canadian and German commercial travellers will sell goods under cost until an inroad has been made on the trade with Britain. Germany hopes in the course of time even to be able to persuade Canada to discontinue her preferential treatment with Britain. A vast scheme will be developed to woo Canada by devoting German capital towards the development of mines and industries in the Dominion and by inducing German immigration to Canada, where representatives of the German race already number nearly half a million. A severe blow is likely in the near future to be dealt to British shipping trade with Canada, as large German shipping companies are maturing plans for a regular line of fast steamships to carry emigrants and goods to Canada and thus break the monopoly now held by British. Canadian exports to Germany are likely also to show a large increase.
German View.
Berlin, Feb. 17.—The liveliest satisfaction is expressed here over the German-Canadian agreement. The Berliner Tageblatt says the new agreement, which is surely the beginning of an extraordinary rejuvenation of mutual trade relations, deserves to be greeted most warmly.
Aids to Peace.
Toronto, Feb. 17.—Interviewed on the announcement of the removal of the German surtax, W. R. Brock, of the wholesale drygoods firm of W. R. Brock & Co., said: "I think such agreements between countries as this completed with Germany, are a greater guarantee of peace than all the money spent upon armaments."
Mr. Brock deprecated the constant talk of Germany being about on the verge of war with Great Britain. It is business and not war that the German is looking for, said Mr. Brock, and these business treaties are the best