

FARMER KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Body of Edward Baxter is Found at Burnaby by His Son-in-Law

New Westminster, May 4.—A gruesome discovery was made Monday night at Burnaby, when H. E. Gillard found the body of his father-in-law, Edward Baxter, crushed under a huge log, which Baxter set out to fell two weeks ago.

Baxter lived alone on a small farm which he was clearing. His daughter, Mrs. Gillard, was in the habit of visiting him about once a week, but for some reason two weeks elapsed between her last calls.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Nanaimo, May 4.—At the last meeting of the city council Ald. Forrester moved, seconded by Ald. McRae, that Fitzwilliam street be graded between Wallace street and Selby street.

In reply to Ald. Busby, Ald. Forrester stated the estimated cost of the work was \$300 according to plans by the city engineer, which showed the grade and also gave all information.

Ald. Leicester asked under whose supervision the proposed work was to be done, and Mayor Planta in reply stated that all work of that kind should be under the supervision of the city engineer.

Mayor Planta remarked that he did not think it out of place when passing the motion, to ask the railway company to give the station grounds a more prepossessing appearance.

At the present time they were a disgrace; there was not a worse station along the whole line and it was about time the attention of the company was drawn to the condition of the grounds, etc.

Mayor Planta considered the rock crusher a different proposition. It was a sign of industry and had no connection with the station grounds.

Ald. Shaw urged upon the street committee the advisability of going slow in the question of expenditures. The committee had expended \$2,900 up to date, and if the \$900 was spent it would leave the balance available for street work very small.

Mayor Planta remarked necessary work would have to be done even though the estimates were exceeded.

Ald. Shaw thought the council should devise some way of securing extra revenue for permanent work. Ald. Young also thought some plan should be devised for raising money for permanent works.

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On motion of Ald. Leicester, seconded by Ald. Busby, the fire limit amendment by-law was given the second reading, the council to go into committee on the by-law at the next regular meeting of the council.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Fernie, May 4.—Martin Kosek, who was incarcerated for wounding his brother last February, was summarily dealt with by Judge Wilson. Martin, through his solicitor, had pleaded guilty to do all in his power to help his brother, and has given him a certain sum at present, together with a small piece of land in the old country.

Chief Constable Sampson. After considerable discussion the motion to grade the street passed the council.

BUSH FIRES.

Princeton, May 4.—The unusual extreme heat and dry spell for this time of the year have been the primary causes for serious damage both by fire and water in Princeton district.

It was fully expected that very high water would result from the rapid rising temperature prevailing the past few days. Rivers and creeks have risen to the full height of their banks.

Dr. Chase's Ointment. Dr. Chase's Ointment is a guaranteed cure for every form of itching, bleeding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors for it. It is guaranteed to get your money back if not satisfied. 6c. at all drug stores or EDWARDS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Judgment of Supreme Court in Nanaimo's Chinatown Case. Ottawa, May 5.—In the Supreme court yesterday judgment was given in the case of Bing Kees vs. Plick Chong. The appellants purchased a tract of land in the suburbs of Nanaimo, B. C., known as Chinatown, where there were a number of Chinese residents occupying buildings erected on leased lots.

The appellants applied for an injunction to restrain him from removing the building, which he claimed as chattel property, while the appellants claimed that it had become a fixture and was part of the realty. On a view of the premises, Chief Justice Hunter decided that it was a fixture and granted an order for an injunction. This decision was reversed by the full court.

The appeal was dismissed with costs. McLeod v. Sawyer-Massey Co. was then heard. The parties are both agents of rights of one Bennett, a settler on C. P. R. land near Moose Jaw, Sask., for which the full payments had not been made nor conditions of sale performed.

The full court, by the judgment appealed from, reversed the decision of the chief justice and held that the company was prior in equity and entitled to preference in respect to obtaining title.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

Want to buy lots in all parts of the city. Give description, price and terms to W. M. Ward, Prince Rupert.

APPOINTS INSPECTOR FOR HOTELS ONLY

Vancouver License Board Takes Action to Secure Special Officer

Vancouver, May 4.—The license board having found that it has the power to appoint an officer to attend to hotel licenses only, has promptly taken steps to create such a position.

Information was produced by Commissioner Findlay to show that under a charter amendment the license board has power to appoint its own inspectors. Acting on this, he moved an amendment to the bylaw to make the appointment of a license inspector solely under the control of the board.

Commissioner Findlay introduced a resolution to the effect that the names of the owners of any hotel premises be placed on the application for transferrals and be also submitted to the board when the property changed hands.

Not fully satisfied with this step, Commissioner Crehan asked that the chief of police be instructed to warn the Indians and interdicted persons to keep away from licensed premises. The other commissioners did not quite fall in with Mr. Crehan's proposals and this phase of the question was dropped.

MORE HINTS OF BRIBERY IN ILLINOIS

Sensation May Follow the Suit Brought Against Chicago and Western Indiana Railway

Chicago, May 5.—John C. Fetzter, Benjamin Thomas and Charles R. Kappes are preparing their defence against charges that they defrauded the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad of \$25,000.

Conspiracy and misapplication of funds also are charged against Fetzter and his associates.

In one of the most sensational bills filed in a Chicago court in years, Fetzter seeks to enjoin the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad from collecting the \$25,000 which he was ordered to pay by a court referee, following the investigation recently of graft charges made against himself and two associates by the Western Indiana, in connection with the road's real estate transactions.

With the bill Fetzter makes public a letter alleged to have been written by F. A. Delano, president of the Wabash railroad and director of the Western Indiana, which is full of mysterious hints as to securing "quiet" legislation of the railroad. It touches upon House bill No. 777, which created a stir in the legislature several years ago.

The referee in the Fetzter-Western Indiana case found that the railroad had paid out \$212,000 for legislation and "similar matters." The "similar matters," Fetzter insinuates, were legislative favors.

STEWART IS ONLY PLACE IN NORTH

All Eyes Turned Towards Vicinity Where Gold is Being Taken From Bowls of Earth

(From Thursday's Daily.) There is only one place in the north at the present time and that place is Stewart, according to the omens of the summer Vado, which arrived in this city yesterday afternoon.

The Vado reported that there was a good run of spring salmon on the Naas river, but nowhere else were there any fish being caught.

THROWN FROM HORSE.

Vancouver, May 4.—Thrown from her horse while riding on Bridge street yesterday, and dragged along for some distance by the frightened animal, Miss Helen Baker, of 355 Tenth avenue, had a narrow escape from serious injury.

At the corner of Bridge street and Dufferin, Miss Baker's horse shied and threw her. Her foot caught in the stirrup, and as the horse continued on up the hill she was dragged along behind over the rough road.

Fortunately a witness of the accident stopped the animal at the corner of Bridge and Sixth, and she was released from her perilous position. She was taken to the general hospital, where her injuries were found to consist of severe bruises.

RAISING THE MAINE.

Washington, D. C. May 4.—The senate yesterday passed the bill for the removal of the wreck of the battleship Maine, now in the harbor of Havana, and for the recovery of the bodies of the men drowned on the ill-fated vessel. The battleship has been under water for twelve years.

NEW RAILWAY IS PROPOSED IN NORTH

Line to Connect Prince Rupert and Simpson—River Steamers Are Busy

(Special Correspondence.) Prince Rupert, May 4.—Among the recent arrivals here was M. King of Victoria, on his way to Port Simpson in connection with the construction of the projected railway between Prince Rupert and Simpson.

The weather in Prince Rupert has been ideal and will compare favorably with any of the coast.

Among the heaviest owners of Prince Rupert, according to the provincial assessor, are Messrs. J. M. Muir, R. L. McIntosh, Donald McLeod, A. B. McKenzie, McCaffrey & Gibbons, G. R. Naden, F. D. Fattelle, P. J. Palmer, J. Ramsay, C. D. Rand, G. D. Scott, M. M. Stephens & Co., V. W. Smith, M. Thorsch & Sons (Vienna), J. W. Alder, J. H. Bacon, Messrs. Bell & Ord, F. Grandall, W. Dunholme, Geo. E. Gibson, W. W. Golling, J. Hampton, J. C. Irwin and W. M. Law.

C. H. Dickie arrived from the south on his way to the mines in which he is interested. All necessary work on the ground and an aerial tramway constructed from the property to the dump.

A large number of workmen have left Prince Rupert for Skeena river points. Eight workmen returned to Prince Rupert recently from the railway camps and cashed cheques for labor aggregating \$11,000.

WILL CLIMB MOUNT MCKINLEY.

Seattle, Wash., May 5.—What is probably the best equipped and most scientifically competent party which has ever attempted the ascent of Mount McKinley, will leave for Alaska to-night, when Prof. Hirschfeld Parker's party sails on the steamer Porland.

The primary object of the Parker party will not be the disproving of Dr. Cook's claimed ascent of the mountain, but the deciding of the question whether Mount McKinley really is the highest peak in North America or not and what the exact altitude at the summit is.

CULPABLE HOMICIDE CHARGE.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clarke, of Island Brook, were arrested yesterday and brought here for trial, charged with culpable homicide in connection with the death of Mrs. Clarke's father, William Morgan, who had been staying with them.

President Taft discussed the Panama canal during his visit here, declaring that he was satisfied with the progress being made. He did not indicate when he thought the canal would be opened.

The people, he said, have confidence in the army and therefore they have confidence in the army engineers in charge of the canal construction.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

New Westminster, May 5.—Harry Halliburton, a C. P. R. brakeman, met with an accident in the yards here which resulted in his death at the Royal Columbian hospital yesterday morning.

Halliburton was assisting in switching operations in the yard near Thirtieth street. In some way he fell beneath the wheels of a moving car, which passed over his right leg, mangleing the limb. His arm was also broken in several places.

Ladysmith, May 4.—The death occurred Monday night of Joseph Lewis, one of the best known residents of this city and of Wellington, where he resided for some time. The deceased was 61 years of age and had been in the country for the past 38 years.

Kamloops Hospital. Kamloops, May 5.—The new wing for the nursing staff of the Royal Inland hospital has just reached completion, and the hospital is being temporarily quartered there.

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FORM PROVINCIAL LABOR FEDERATION

Organization Completed at Gathering in Vancouver—Meeting in Victoria in January

Vancouver, May 4.—The British Columbia Provincial Federation of Labor has been formally launched in this city. Twenty delegates were present, representing the trades and labor councils of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

The following officers were elected: J. Watters, president; R. S. Storey, first vice-president; S. Thompson, second vice-president; J. Reid, third vice-president; A. J. Aiken, treasurer.

Delegates in attendance were as follows: J. H. Ley, C. Stewart, C. E. Robb, R. A. Sitt, (New Westminster); C. B. Christian, R. E. Menteth (New Westminster); W. Dodd (New Westminster); A. Conrod, J. Sully, J. C. Aiken, T. Morgan, W. Curmook, J. W. Wiersa (Victoria); J. H. Vevey, A. Robb, J. Wright, C. Chesney, J. Reid, R. P. Pettipiece, J. Thompson, G. Worth, G. T. Bull, R. Letroble, J. Dunagan, G. Stone, V. Midgeley, Alex. Dunbar, B. C. Sanson.

PRESIDENT TAFT PLEADS FOR JUSTICE

Says Administration is Entitled to Fair Consideration Before Being Condemned

St. Louis, Mo., May 5.—Justice and a square deal for the present administration," was the plea by President Taft in an address before the Businessmen's League here yesterday.

Though Taft did not specify the justice to whom he referred, it is believed that the justification was in reference to the appointment of Justice Lurton, the first man whom Taft named for the bench.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Large Attendance at Opening Session Yesterday in Metropolitan Methodist Church

(From Thursday's Daily.) There was large attendance of members at the opening session of the nineteenth annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, British Columbia branch, in the Metropolitan Methodist church, yesterday afternoon.

Following devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. F. Betts, of Vancouver, the roll of officers and delegates was called and the members of the nominating committee named.

An address of welcome to the visiting delegates was read by Mrs. Pendray, to which Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, of Vancouver, replied.

Mrs. W. J. Sippell, New Westminster, read her report for the past year as corresponding secretary. The chief item was an increase of five new auxiliaries.

A gratifying financial statement was contained in the report of the treasurer, Miss Nixon, Vancouver, which was next read. It showed that a total sum of \$4,652.33 had been raised, being an increase of \$806.44 over the previous year.

In the absence of Mrs. David Spencer the memorial and consecration service was conducted by Mrs. Corvadele Watson, New Westminster. The session closed with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by Rev. A. Henderson, of Centennial Methodist church.

Last night the delegates were received by Mrs. David Spencer at "Lan Derwyn," Moss street. A large number were present.

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E. D. Taylor, K. C., the crown counsel, produced a scarf-pin and comb, blood-stained, worn by the dead woman. In giving the jury a brief outline of the crown's case, he stated that the alleged crime had been committed early on the night of March 22nd just outside of the humble home on Eighth avenue, Prince Rupert, which consisted merely of a kitchen and a bedroom.

Two neighbors heard the children scream and three men carried the wounded woman to Nelson's, the nearest neighbor, where she died on the following morning from wounds in the head, evidently made by a club. After her removal Lofstedt had asked where his wife was, and whether she had died, and had the crown counsel added, admitted being the cause of her death.

Only once were the children turned towards their father for the purpose of identification. Half an hour apart they told their story, each unseem and unheard by the other. They agreed in effect as they half whispered to the jury that they were swinging in the garden at the time. Their mother was washing the dishes, when suddenly she ran out on the porch, followed by the father in such a state as to frighten them. They saw the father shove the mother off the porch, and the little boy said he saw his father jump on the mother lying on the ground and throw her from place to place. Later they heard the neighbors say their father had killed their mother.

ENGINERS SCALDED.

Broken Valve Allowing Steam to Escape Into Engine Room Injures Men on Duty.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Two engineers, Chief Pettitew and Fourth Falconer, of the steamer Princess Royal, were badly scalded yesterday as the steamer was entering Vancouver harbor, the accident being taken to a broken valve. Both men were taken to the hospital, where it was found that Falconer was injured much more than the other. The Royal brought south the body of F. C. Collings, a resident of White Horse, who died on the way south.

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Advertisement for Fit-Reform \$25 suit, featuring a large illustration of a man in a suit and the text 'If A Man Wants A \$25 SUIT'. The ad emphasizes quality, style, and exclusiveness, and mentions 'Fit-Reform' as a brand name. It also includes contact information for Allen & Co., 1201 Government Street, Victoria.

ENJOYABLE DINNER AT EMPRESS TUESDAY NIGHT

Officers and Directors of Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company Tell of Growth

In the course of a speech at a dinner given in the Empress Tuesday by the officers and directors of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, T. T. Langlois, the president, stated that it was the company's intention to increase its capitalization to \$1,000,000.

Mr. Langlois traced the growth of the company from its incorporation in 1890 to the present day. After the purchase of the stock by the officers and directors of the B. C. Permanent Loan Company and others connected with that concern in 1894, the growth of its business was rapid.

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VICTORIA DISTRICT METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Meeting Being Held Today—Women's Missionary Society Also in Session

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the Victoria district of the Methodist church assembled this morning in the Victoria West Methodist church. There were present Rev. John Robson, chairman of the district, presiding; Rev. J. Woods, A. N. Miller, A. Henderson, W. Dickinson, C. M. Tate, T. Keyworth, H. Hobbins, H. S. Hastings, B. Wilkinson and S. Cook.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the B. C. branch of the Women's Missionary Society in connection with the Methodist church opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Methodist church. The preceding half-hour was given to devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. F. Betts, Vancouver.

This evening Mrs. David Spencer will give a reception to delegates and members of the local branch at her home "Lan Derwyn," Moss street.

Vertical column of small advertisements on the right side of the page, including 'The W PROFESSIONAL', 'ARCHITECT', 'DENTISTS', 'LAND SURV', 'LEGAL', 'MUSICAL', 'TURKISH', 'UNDERT', 'LODGE', 'COLUMBIA LODGE', 'J. E. PAINT', 'FORM LAND', 'WOOD 97', and 'WOOD ST.'.