SUVERIC CAUGHT IN HEAVY BLOW SUNDAY

Weir Liner Was Badly Battered Crossing Pacific—Much Snow Encountered

Caught in the strong southeast gale which was felt all along the Pacific coast on Sunday, the Bank liner, Suveric, Capt. Cowley, which arrived at the outer dock Tuesday morning, was badly battered by the heavy seas which were running, and was delayed in reaching port. She was nearly two days behind time, the stormy weather encountered in other parts of the Pacific also holding her back a great deal.

Immediately after leaving Yokohama the steamship was beset by dirty weather, the wind blowing from the northwest accompanied by heavy snow falls. Out of the seventeen days at sea the Suveric was in the midst of snow storms for ten days. At times the temperature dropped very low, and as the water came over her rails it froze on the decks. Capt. Cowley, who has crossed the Pacific ocean many times and has seen some pretty tough voyages, accredits this passage as being the worst he has ever experienced.

In mid-Pacific the Suveric was battered severely, and with the wind on her beam she rolled badly, constantly dipping her rails under and shipping large quantities of water, which flooded her decks. The officers say that the waves ran mountains high and that as they fell upon the ship they pounded her badly, although no damage was done. As she drove her nose into a gigantic comber her stern would raise and the propeller would commence racing.

The Sunday gale was, however, the worst encountered, for it blew at a velocity of 75 miles an hour. The sea was beat up into turbulent rage, the Weir liner laboring in the surface, and as the big waves boarded her swept her clean from stem to stern. When the vessel made fast at the William Head quarantine station last night the officers were thankful that the passage was over.

As cargo for Victoria the Suveric brought several hundred tons of freight consisting of rice, soy, matting, and other Japanese and Chinese merchandise. In all she had but 3,000 tons, including 160 bales of silk.

Fifteen Russians, travelling as steerage and bound for Seattle, arrived on the vessel to take up farming in the Northwest.

CHINA'S PARLIAMENT SOURCE OF DANGER

Count Okuma Says Japan Has No Idea of Trying to Gain Control

Tokio, Feb. 15.—China is menaced today, not by Japanese, but by its own parliament. This is the opinion expressed by Count Okuma, president of Waseda university and authority on foreign affairs affecting Japan.

"In the next four or five years China's parliament will prove a source of constant danger," he said. "It may overpower the Manchurian dynasty. Debates and discussions might inflame the nation to revolutionary acts. Japan has no idea of conquering China. Korea, with her small population, was difficult to control; Formosa, with 3,000,000 people, has not been regulated yet. China, with her hundreds of millions, would be impossible to control."

IGNORED WARNING.

Prince Rupert, Feb. 13.—The jury summoned to inquire into the cause of the death of Rada Mastovich, killed on the Water street grading, returned a verdict last night that deceased met his death through his own carelessness.

Dr. Eggert described the injuries sustained by deceased. His chest and abdomen were crushed. Death would be almost instantaneous from shock.

Rada Csepovich said he was at work on the rock overhanging the face of the cut. Mastovich was seated on a rack turning the drill and witness hammered the drill. Someone shouted from below that the dock was coming down. Witness jumped off but deceased sat still. They had been working two hours. He saw the rock topple over and fall on deceased. There were fourteen men at work in the cut.

J. D. Maslum, brother of the first witness, said he shouted the warning to the men on the rock when he saw it commence to slide. Deceased had time to get off like the other man, but he sat still and after the rock toppled over a little deceased clothes seemed to catch in the drill sticking two feet out of the rock. The rock somersaulted over a smaller rock carrying deceased with it, and he was crushed under it.

DUNCAN SCHOOL BOARD.

Duncan, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the school board it was resolved that the sum of $4,833 be submitted to council as the sum required by the school trustees for ordinary expenditure on schools for current year.

It was resolved that the board request the council to raise the sum of $7,500 for the purchase of a school site and the erection of a four-roomed public school for Duncan.

POWDER AND PAINT BARRED.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—By an order that went into effect yesterday, girls between the ages of 14 and 16 years, employed in Kansas City's largest department stores are forbidden to paint or powder their faces or appear at the store with their hair done up in "puffs."

C. C. Peters, general manager of the store, said the order was made imperative by the tendency of a large number of the younger girls to overdress.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CHARTER MARKET

All Available Tramp Tonnage on Coast Practically Cleaned Up During Week

The feature of the week has been the heavy chartering of tramp steam tonnage on Australian account, says the San Francisco Commercial News. Five big steamers have been taken for this business at rates ranging from 3s 3d to 3s 6d on gross register. Two of them, the Damara and the Anerley, will load at Eureka and on the Sound, and the other three, the Tordenskjold, Earl of Forfar and Waddon on the Sound or British Columbia. The available tramp tonnage on the coast is now practically cleaned up and owners are holding out for firm rates on future business. Not much has been done in the sailing ship market during the past week. Two small vessels were taken for Grays Harbor to Callao, one at 42s 9d and the other at private terms. Eureka to Salina Cruz has been done at $6.00.

The coastwise market is quiet and rather weak.

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 32s 6d @ 33s 9d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 33s 9d @ 36s 3d; to Port Pirie, 35s @ 37s 6d; to Fremantle, 42s 6d; to China ports (steam), 2s 6d @ 3s on deadweight; direct nitrate port, 43s 9d @ 45s; Callao, 43s 9d @ 45s; Valparaiso for orders, 45s @ 47s 6d, with 2s 6d less to direct port; to South African ports, 57s 6d; to United Kingdom or Continent, 57s 6d @ 60s; Guaymas, $5.50 @ $5.75; Mazatlan, $5.75 @ $6.00; Santa Rosalia, $6.00; Salina Cruz, $6.00; Honolulu, $5.50.

NEW CITY HALL FOR CHILLIWACK

Contract Awarded to J. C. Robertson Will Be Completed by August

Chilliwack, Feb. 11.—Schemes for the construction of several new colonization roads connecting the numerous arable plateaus on the foothills surrounding the Chilliwack valley are being discussed by prominent residents of this district, and it is probable that during the coming summer work will be commenced on the building of highways connecting this city with agricultural lands that will almost double the area now tributary to this point, in addition to placing this city in closer touch with the rich mineral properties in the vicinity of Mount Baker.

One of the road building schemes, and one with a double purpose in that it would raise the dyke around the Chilliwack valley three feet above its present height and increase its width at the top to eighteen feet, thus providing an excellent automobile highway, is the plan to utilize the rock to be blown out by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company in the construction of its line from Popcum to Hope. The present width of the dyke is insufficient to permit of the free passage of vehicles, but if increased to a width of eighteen feet and macadamized with crushed rock, which it is claimed could be done at a low figure, in view of the present railroad construction, it could be converted into one of the best sight-seeing highways in the country, as it is perfectly level and skirts the Fraser river around two sides of the Chilliwack valley.

At the first business meeting of the recently re-elected township council a communication was received from the Surrey township council, requesting the passage of a by-law, to be uniform with that of all the townships of the Fraser valley, regulating the width of tires used for hauling heavy loads. The suggestion was acted upon and the by-law passed. The estimates of the school board, amounting to $8,500, were accepted. This amount includes $2,500 for the construction of a new school building on Fairfield Island. Messrs. William Walker, Joseph Watson and M. F. Gillanders were appointed fence viewers, and Messrs. Alf. Unsworth, Raine & Carmichael, David Karr, W. M. Wells, A. D. Wheeler and Joseph Thompson were appointed pound-keepers. Messrs. Joseph Scott, of Chilliwack, and Chas. Gill, of Camp Slough, were appointed police constables. The report of the finance committee, aggregating $1,229.50, was adopted.

C. Runnel, manager of the Vancouver Power Company, interviewed the city council in regard to the proposed extension of the city lighting system, and it was decided that by increasing the present number of incandescent lights from forty to eighty the streets could be adequately lighted. It was thought that the light could be more evenly distributed by the use of incandescent rather than arc lights. This increase provides for the lighting of the residential as well as the business district. The estimated cost of the power for the entire system is $1,500 per year. The tender of J. C. Robertson, a local contractor, of $17,060 for the construction of the proposed new city hall, was accepted and the contract awarded. The tenders ranged from $17,000 to $20,000. It is expected that work on the structure will commence in April, and that the building will be ready for occupancy about August 1.

The strongest animals exist entirely on vegetable food. It is the ferocity of the lion rather than his strength that makes him formidable. An elephant is a match for several lions, and is a vegetarian. The animals with most speed and endurance—the horse, the reindeer, the antelope and others—are also vegetarians.

SOUTHERN LINES NOW ENGAGE IN RATE WAR

North Pacific Announces Reduction in Fare Between 'Frisco and Los Angeles

Water transportation companies doing business between San Francisco and Los Angeles have plunged into a rate war that promises to send fares to a point that has not been reached since the memorable fight that started when the steamship St. Croix entered the field a year or more ago. Several days ago a big sign in the window of the North Pacific Steamship Company announced that that company will sell first-class transportation between the Golden Gate and Los Angeles for $8.85, including meals and berth; second-class is $5.35, including meals and berth.

The rate-cutting began Wednesday, when the San Francisco-Portland Steamship Company announced a reduction in rates between 'Frisco and Los Angeles to $6.85 first class, with an additional charge of $1 for a berth and a charge for meals. The price announced by the North Pacific is the lowest so far, but it is expected that this will be cut before the cruel war is settled.

The North Pacific Company operates the steel steamships Roanoke and Elder. The officials state that the cut was made to meet the competition offered by the advent of the Yale and the Harvard.

So far the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has made no cut, but it is expected that the new rates will be met, as such was the assertion made by President J. C. Ford, who recently was in San Francisco. The Pacific Coast Company will place in effect its summer schedule the last of this month, and it is believed that the cut will be announced then.

With the Pacific Coast Steamship Company in the fight there will be ten first-class vessels plying between here and Los Angeles in opposition to the Yale and Harvard. The company operating the latter vessels is expected to get into the fight, although so far the officials have declined to make any statement to that effect.

It is believed by steamship men that the rate-slashing will affect the steam schooners plying between the ports in question. If the latter class of vessels begins cutting there is no telling where the war will end, and so far as that is concerned, it is the opinion that there is a good chance that the first-class rates will be cut again before the difficulty is adjusted.

OUR LETTER BOX

ROADS AND ROADWORK BOTH.

To the Editor:—In a letter appearing in the Times of January 3, signed "Scotty o' Cape Scott," I, with others, take exception to the following paragraph: "We do not want the road job, but the road." By all means give us the road; but to work on the construction of the road is a boon to a good many pre-emptors, as it enables them to earn enough "siller" in the district to improve their holdings and tide over the winter. As one is allowed only two months out of the twelve in which to be absent from one's claim, it is obvious that a pre-emptor, without private means, would have a hard time to make both ends meet without the road work.

The prevailing opinion of the residents of the San Josef valley is that the road (in the light of past endeavors) will not be through to Sea Otter Cove for the next five years. What is urgently needed is a 6 ft. pack trail from the completed end of the road at Holberg to Sea Otter Cove. A trail 6 ft. wide, with the logs cut out and the soft places corduroyed, could be built within one season, and thus give the settlers the use of pack horses. The main road could then be completed at the government's own sweet will. If the force of men used on this work were split into three camps, one working from Holberg, one in the centre, and one at Sea Otter Cove working towards Holberg, a trail, as mentioned above, would be quickly completed and be a Godsend to those already here and those to follow.

SALMONBERRY.

The greatest pilgrimages to the Holy Land are undertaken by the Russians. It is calculated that between 20,000 and 30,000 Russians visit Palestine every year.

ORDER SURPRISES REBEL SYMPATHIZERS

Insurgents Will Not Be Permitted to Cross the Mexican Border

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—Orders to arrest all insurgents, armed or unarmed, who attempt to cross the Mexican border, have been issued to commanders of the border patrol and commanders have been instructed to prevent further purchase of food supplies in the United States by revolutionists, according to a letter turned over to the Los Angeles revolutionary junta by General Simon Bertholdt of the rebel army. The letter purports to be the original sent to General Bertholdt by Captain C. S. Babcock, in command of the United States troops at Calexico, Cal.

Members of the junta here are much wrought up over the matter. They assert that the orders are in direct opposition to a ruling by the Supreme court of the United States that the United States has no right to interfere with border affairs beyond the enforcement of the neutrality agreement with Mexico and that Adjutant-General Ladd, who is credited with having issued the orders to Captain Babcock, has overstepped his authority. They are considering which is the better method of carrying a protest to Secretary of State Knox.

To Protect Workmen.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The war and state departments granted to the Mexican government permission to transport 200 Mexican troops from Chihuahua over the Southern Pacific railway through Arizona to Mexicali, Lower California, to protect contractors and workmen on a dam being constructed on the Colorado river.

FIRE RAGING IN TOWN IN QUEBEC

Fire Department Unable to Check Flames Which Are Spreading Rapidly

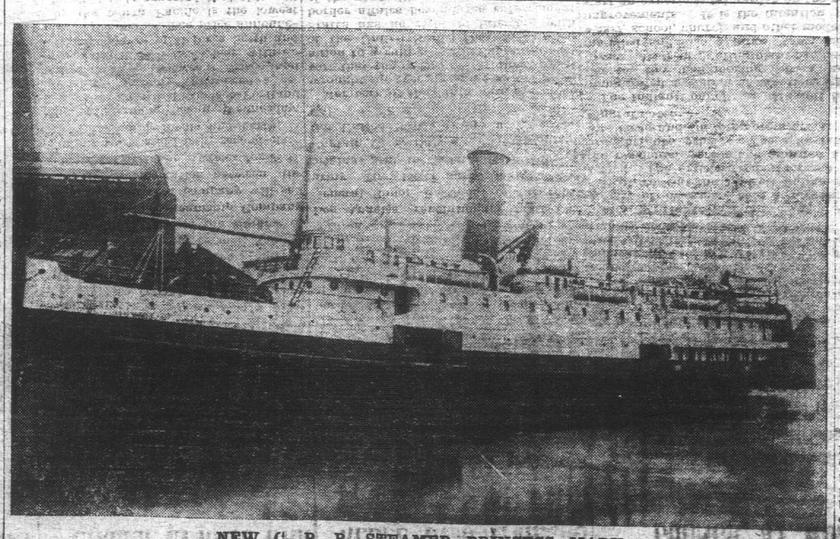
Farnham, Que., Feb. 15.—Fire broke out here this morning in Laurelle's block, and spreading with great rapidity, licked up Elm's hardware store, the Bank of Hochelaga, two tenement houses and the Christopher Columbia hall, and is still threatening the town. Fire fighters of the town are doing their best to stop the spread of the flames, but their efforts have not been very successful and the results may be disastrous. The loss is so far estimated at $30,000.

WILL REBUILD AT ONCE.

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the trustee board of the Mountain View Methodist church, to consider the circumstances relating to the fire which occurred on Wednesday evening, and which resulted in the total destruction of the edifice, which had been opened but a few weeks since, the origin of the fire was thoroughly gone into, but after careful consideration it was impossible to locate the cause, and the origin remains shrouded in mystery. The question of rebuilding was taken up, and it was unanimously decided to go ahead as soon as possible and rebuild the church.

The treasurer presented the financial statement, which shows the cost of the building, excluding the cost of site, and incidental expenses, to be $16,823. The property was insured for $7,000, having a loss of $9,823. It was estimated that the cost of rebuilding and clearing off the present mortgage would be at least $22,000.

The trustees decided to hold a public meeting of the congregation, and the many friends who have so kindly sympathized with them, to arrange plans for the rebuilding. It was also decided to appeal for $14,000, the trustees believing that if this sum is raised they can finance the building.



NEW C. P. R. STEAMER PRINCESS MARY

Which arrived in port Wednesday from Paisley, Scotland, after an eighty-five days passage, to enter on the Victoria-Comox run.

MASSETT INDIAN COUNCIL AT WORK

System of Taxation Inaugurated—Many Improvements Are Now Under Way

(Special Correspondence.)

Massett, Feb. 6.—The new wharf at Naden Harbor whaling station will be finished in a week. Work on the new buildings is being rushed to completion.

The weather on Queen Charlotte islands has been very cold during the month of January. During the past few days a thaw set in and the snow is rapidly disappearing.

Mrs. W. Hogan and the Ladies' Aid society of Massett held a successful sale of work at the Massett Indian day school. The articles, manufactured by the residents, were much admired and brought good prices. The attendance was large and the promoters are to be congratulated.

The Indian Council of Massett has inaugurated a system of taxation, similar to the neighboring cities and towns. A street lighting plant has been installed and also a large town hall, wharf, school, church and other modern improvements. It is the intention to start an experimental garden on the reserve.

A new sawmill and general store will be erected on Massett inlet during the coming spring. The sawmill will be placed on Kumdis island, and the store will be constructed at Delkatla bay.

Several French and German preemptors have recently taken up locations on Kumdis island.

A. McConkey has been appointed to take charge of the Massett Indian day school. The new teacher recently arrived on Masset inlet and was formerly a successful farmer at Hall's Prairie.

Rev. Wm. Hogan united five couples in the bonds of matrimony during January. The last wedding, in which Captain Daniel Stanley and Miss Emma Spence were the principals, was marked by the firing of cannon and a procession, in which the uniformed council of the town of Massett and the Massett brass band took part. The bride, who was supported by six bridesmaids, was dressed in white silk, with a wreath of orange blossoms on her bridal veil. The marriage of Robert Davidson and Miss Florence Edenshaw was also attended by a large gathering of friends of the contracting parties. After the ceremony, a wedding dinner was held in the town hall, which was decorated for the occasion. The bride was beautifully gowned, and looked charming at the reception, held after the wedding ceremony. A third wedding during the month was that of William Bell and Alice Chapman. The ceremony took place in the Anglican church. The bride was accompanied by a bevy of young bridesmaids, all dressed in white, forming a picture of loveliness, beneath the Christmas decorations. The bride wore white silk, with veil and orange blossoms, and was the recipient of many costly and useful presents.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

New Westminster, Feb. 13.—The amount of money which the park committee has decided to spend on all the city parks during 1911 is $35,000 and a by-law for this amount will be presented to the council at the next regular meeting. This amount does not provide for a new grandstand at Queen's park, but fifteen acres at the upper end will be cleared and made suitable for picnics. Moody park will be levelled for baseball and lacrosse, but it is not the intention of the park committee to put on oval there at present. The park at Sapperton will also be improved and put in good condition.

OBJECTS TO "HELLO."

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15.—Because the word "hello" sounds too much like the name of the hot spot, members of the Second Reformed church of White Horse, N. J., at the solicitation of their pastor, Rev. H. M. Hitchcock, yesterday began a crusade against its use by telephone companies.

"Child, n'est-ce, he said, "soon learn that by putting the last letter of 'hello' first, it makes altogether a different meaning, and I have often heard youngsters make this reversal. Why should we have a word that should spell such a horrid place?"

Rev. Hitchcock wants the word "Lo" substituted for the cheery "hello."

More than 2,000 people earn a living in Paris by fortune-telling, and their total yearly earnings are estimated at $2,000,000.

GRANBY MAY SET RECORD THIS YEAR

Company Will Endeavor to Keep Eight Furnaces in Operation

Phoenix, Feb. 13.—Details of the operations of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company for the calendar year 1910 shows a production as follows: Copper, lbs., 20,018,043; silver, oz., 335,997; gold, oz., 44,130.

Assuming an average price of 12.8 cents per pound received for its copper and 53.488 cents per ounce for silver (the accepted averages) Granby's gross income from these two sources may be estimated at $2,752,591. In addition the gold yield of 44,120 ounces at $20 per ounce would swell the gross income to $3,635,191.

Estimating the cost for the calendar year at 10½ cents, an operating profit of slightly more than two cents a pound resulted, equivalent to $460,392. The company paid a dividend of $1 on 148,000 shares in December.

With eight furnaces in blast, which the company will endeavor to operate as continuously as possible, a record amount of copper should be produced during 1911, as the convertor, with its enlargements completed, has a capacity of 40,000,000 pounds of copper a year. It is difficult, however, to figure on the continuous operation of the entire battery at the smeltery, as one or the other of the eight furnaces has to be blown out nearly every month to replace wear and tear.

KETTLE VALLEY LINE.

Merritt, Feb. 13. — It is understood that Macdonald, Gzowski & Co., of Vancouver, have secured the contract for the second thirty-mile section of the Kettle Valley railroad. Ten miles of steel have already been laid, and, with the advent of more satisfactory weather, operations have been resumed and work will be rushed to an early completion on the first section.

ELECTRIC METER RENT ABOLISHED

Reduction of 25 Cents in Charges at Kelowna—Regulation of Pool Rooms

Kelowna, Feb. 14.—At the last meeting of the council the mayor submitted drafts of two bylaws for consideration. One related to striking the charge of meter rent off the electric light accounts, thus giving a reduction of 25 cents per month to each customer, and the other to the regulation of the hours during which pool rooms and billiard halls shall be open for business.

Both bylaws received their first reading, and in order to permit of the January accounts for light being sent out with the reduction in effect, pending passage of the bylaw, it was moved by Ald. Leckie and Copeland, and carried, that in view of the fact that the electric light plant is now on a paying basis, the meter rent heretofore collected at the rate of 25 cents per month be cancelled from January 1, 1911.

The other bylaw requires that pool rooms and billiard halls shall close all day on Sundays and from 11 p. m. until 7 a. m. during the remaining part of the week. No slot machine, dice throwing or other game of chance will be permitted. Youths under the age of 18 years are debarred from remaining in any such billiard or pool room, whether for the purpose of playing any lawful game or to watch such game or to consort with players or others who may be in such room. It is also provided that the view from the sidewalk of the interior of billiard rooms must not be obstructed by blinds, paint, screens or other devices during the hours open to the public.

The mayor said it had been the custom in past years to give the fire brigade an annual grant, but the boys had made a request this year that the council, in lieu of a grant, take out accident insurance on behalf of 20 active members of the brigade.

On motion of Ald. Jones and Copeland, a tender insuring 20 members of the brigade at an annual lump premium of $286 was accepted. Each of the 20 active members of the brigade will thus be insured for a capital sum of $1,000 in case of death by accident, and will receive $10 per week indemnity in the event of disablement by sickness or accident.

AIRSHIPS AS TARGETS.

U. S. Battleships Will Practice Shooting at Aerial Craft.

Washington, D. C., Feb 14.—For the first time in history, battleships will practice shooting at aerial targets with the spring manoeuvres in Hampton Roads. According to the plans announced by Secretary Meyer, miniature balloons to represent hostile airships in time of war, will be released, and guns from the decks of the vessels will be trained on them at various altitudes to determine at just what height warship guns are effective against an aerial attack.

LIGHT FOR MERRITT.

Merritt, Feb. 13.—Merritt's electric lighting system is now a reality. The installation of the plant has been completed and lights were turned on the other night for the first time. A capacity of 1,150 lights represents the present equipment but provision has been made for extension as soon as conditions justify this.

The music sung in St. Peter's, Rome, is entirely in manuscript. No vocalist or musician is permitted to have his part in his hand, except while he is actually performing it.

DATES FOR FAIR AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Exhibition October 3 to 7—Loss of Over $8,000 Last Year

New Westminster, Feb. 14.—October 3 till 7, inclusive, are the dates chosen at the annual meeting of the directors of the R. A. and I society for the exhibition. The constitution was amended and adopted. One of the most important of the amendments was the decision to publish the financial statement each year in the local papers, besides mailing a copy to each director. The reports of the revising committees were received and adopted. There were few changes in the prize list, but there was a considerable increase in the prizes for horses.

The most important discussion was over the procedure to complete the horse show building. It was suggested that the city complete and allow the R. A. and I society to use it during exhibition week, and any revenue derived therefrom to revert to the city. It would require about $10,000 to complete it.

Mayor Lee was not prepared to make any statement as to whether the city would do this or not, but if a deputation approached the council it was not unlikely that some arrangement could be made to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Trapp reported that while in Victoria the provincial government promised to help them wipe out the present deficit.

The auditor's report and a complete financial statement up till December 31, 1910, were presented. The total loss over the last exhibition was $8,154.46. The balance sheet for 1910 showed the total receipts to be $46,814.92, while the total disbursements were $46,699.16, leaving a balance of $115.76. The receipts include all grants, subscriptions, admissions and a loan from the bank of $12,500. The 1910 exhibition report is as follows:

Receipts—Total, per balance sheet $46,814.92; less loan from bank, $12,500 total, $34,314.92.

Disbursements—Total, per balance sheet, $46,699.16; less overdraft (on exhibition, $3,394.30; overpaid account on horse show building, $883.34; total $42,469.38. Total loss 1910 exhibition $8,154.46.

Manager W. H. Keary reported that the Clydesdale Horse association of Great Britain and Ireland had presented two gold medals for competition.

KAMLOOPS BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS

Resolution Passed Regarding Trade Agreement With United States

Kamloops, Feb. 13.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the board of trade: President, Dr. M. S. Wade, re-elected; vice-president, R. A. Bethune; secretary-treasurer, J. F. Smith, re-elected. Council, Messrs. Robinson, Milton, Dr. Ewing, Gill, Harper, Skey, Murray, Simpson, McDonald, Burton, Phillips and L. Brown. Auditor, S. C. Burton.

The president read to the meeting a note from N. Murray asking that the reciprocity tariff be discussed by the board.

Mayor Robinson said this was a very important question. It was debatable and care should be taken to regard it from a standpoint clear of political bias. He thought, however, that it had a bearing in this province on the fruit and lumber industries. He suggested that the action taken by the board in April last, when a resolution was passed protesting against the removal of the duty on fruit, be reaffirmed. He believed it would have been better if the tariff had not been interfered with at all under present conditions of trade, and he thought the result would be unsatisfactory for a time at least. He moved that the government be asked to give careful attention to the effect of the tariff on the fruit and lumber industries before passing the reciprocity agreement.

This was seconded by D. J. McDonald and carried without discussion. On motion the president appointed a committee to draw up and wire the resolution to Ottawa.

TROUBLE IN ECUADOR.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 14.—Serious trouble is expected in Ecuador as a result of the threatened attempt of General Flavio Alfaro, the defeated army candidate in the recent election, to have the fall meeting of congress annul the election of Don Emilio Estrada. Alfaro is the nephew of President Eloy Alfaro, who to-day is waverring in his support of Estrada.

Should General Alfaro succeed in creating sufficient discord, ex-President Leonidas Plaza and his followers will seek to take advantage of the situation. Alfaro charges that Estrada resorted to illegal means in winning the election.

QUAIL FOR PROVINCE

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—An interesting experiment is being tried by the provincial game warden. Thirty brace or of quail of the hardy white-point variety are being sent to Mr. Abbott's ranch in the bunch grass cattle country at Nicola. If they thrive more will be dispatched. Some time ago a bevy of Canadian quail were freed at Ashcroft, but they migrated to distant parts. The birds that are now going to Nicola are regarded as a more suitable species.