

THEIR EXCELLENCE.

Lord and Lady Minto have been such frequent visitors to the West, and have been welcome guests of this city so often, that the leave taking Monday had much more of the personal note to it than is generally the case where the people bid their Governors good-bye.

Earl Grey, who succeeds Lord Minto as Governor-General, comes of a family which has rendered great service to the Empire for generations past, and the part the present holder of the title has played in national affairs is an earnest that in his hands the traditional public spirit of the house will find proper expression.

The men who marched in the procession through our streets Monday justified, by their appearance and bearing, the setting apart of one day in the year as Labor Day. This anniversary is not alone for the purpose of demonstrating the numbers of men who are organized for the objects they have in view, but is, if properly interpreted, for the traditional object of celebrating the strikes made in the cause of labor and the division in the character and intelligence of the individual toiler.

The celebration was in other respects a complete success. Visitors to Victoria saw the place at its best, and could not fail to be impressed with its scenic charms. The crowd was a good natured, but exceedingly well behaved one, and the absence of drunkenness was the greatest testimony to the sober character of the men who composed the throng.

TAXATION RAMPANT.

At the time the government's assessment act was brought into operation we predicted that the people would awake to a realization of the privileges attached in living under the British regime when the hour came to pay their taxes arrived.

The hour has at last come, and from Island, coast and interior comes a sustained roar of protest. Nor is the protest against the principle of taxation only, but it is alleged that the provincial assessors are discriminatory in the application of the bill.

The Revelstoke Herald also is vigorously attacking the system, and declares that the government may take all the consolation it can out of the Lillooet election for it will win very few when the people at large get an opportunity to deal with them.

TRADE WITH THE EAST.

Repeated attention has been called to the market which will be opened in the East for the products of this country and of the United States, at the termination of the war. One of the articles which is in greatest demand is flour, and this has been filled largely from Puget Sound because the Americans ship a cheap grade which meets Japanese needs.

A report by Consul General Bellows, recently issued, gives an insight into the manner in which this flour is used. He says that Japanese families generally are beginning to use wheat flour for various purposes. Nearly every household is now using it to make the little cakes and sweetmeats which they use with their tea several times a day in large quantities.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Advocates of state ownership of public utilities will watch with deep interest the results of the appointment of a government board in the United States to investigate the control of wireless telegraphy in that country.

The commissioners claim that an efficient system is necessary for the economical management of the fleet in time of peace and its efficient manœuvring in time of war. In certain cases only would the commissioners regard private stations as desirable, and even then they are to be licensed and carefully supervised.

The arguments adduced in support of public ownership of wireless telegraphy apply with equal force to the ownership of telephones, telegraphs, and railways. There is however a difference, inasmuch as the discoveries of Marconi have created a distinctly new utility, and one which can be regulated without disturbing any vested interest, or invading any field which has hitherto been occupied commercially, at least to any extent.

ANOTHER "VICERINE."

Some of the papers in New York are indulging in some good natured banter at the expense of Canadians, over the comment of a portion of the Ontario press on the rumored appointment of the Duke of Marlborough as Governor-General of Canada.

It was stated by these papers that the Duke would be unacceptable because of his American wife, the New York Post, which is representative of the more conservative United States press, regards this attitude as very silly, and says: "It is a genuine if grotesque expression of a kind of chauvinism greatly on the increase in Canada. We see in it a reason for seeking better diplomatic and commercial relations with a country that emphatically ought to be a good neighbor to us."

The Duke of Marlborough is a Canadian, and it may yet remain possible for a British Lord to import his American wife into the Dominion otherwise than in bond and labelled for re-exportation.

THE Y. M. C. A.

A recent issue of the Colonist contained an interesting extract from the files of that paper relative to the founding of a Y. M. C. A. in this city. From this extract it appears that the original Victoria Y. M. C. A. was organized in 1859 in the Supreme court room here, and that the most prominent men in the colony, including Governor Douglas, Col. Moody, Bishop Crige, Judge Cameron, Capt. Provost, H. N. A. P. Pennington and other were actively identified with launching the association.

It will thus be seen that it is forty-five years since the first association of this kind was started in the city, and reference is made to it at the present time for the purpose of showing how necessary such an institution was regarded in those days, and how important it is that it be maintained in these.

From a variety of causes the association has not in the past flourished in this city, and hence it has had no continuous existence. A year or more ago it was revived, and placed on a good footing, and since that time has done excellent work along social, athletic, educational and religious lines.

The directors at a meeting held last night discussed the budget submitted by the secretary and treasurer, and drafted a plan whereby sufficient funds will be available for all purposes. Necessarily such an institution cannot be maintained on its membership fees, as these are placed at a mere nominal figure (\$5) so that no young man is excluded from participation in its benefits on account of poverty. Hence business houses and citizens have to be appealed to for a guarantee fund so that all departments may be conducted on an efficient scale.

LOCAL MAGAZINE ENGRAVING.

During the progress of the Made in Canada fair in this city last spring, the B. C. Photo Engraving Company, Victoria, which had a splendid collection of proofs of view, distributed among those who attended the fair a striking reproduction of a remarkable photograph of the Right Rev. Bishop Crige.

The photograph was by Skene Lowe, Victoria, and showed the venerable bishop playing the "cello," which has been his recreation for three seasons. The photograph itself was taken for the Cambridge University Musical Association, and is commemorating the foundation of that organization by Bishop Crige, a number of whom have now passed away.

The proof of a great demand, the admirers of Bishop Crige bestowing the office for this interesting souvenir, and it thus gained a wide circulation. Among those under whose notice it came were the publishers of the Canadian Magazine, of Toronto, who expressed a desire to have the cut for reproduction in that excellent journal. It appears this month in the "Canadian Celebrities" department, and is accompanied by a sketch of the bishop from the pen of John Nelson of the Times.

Perry, the hero of Bisher, who has made fame for British Columbia in quite another sphere, also receives attention in this month's issue of the Canadian. The leading feature of the September number is a symposium on the subject of reciprocity by a number of prominent men in the United States.

"The Fight for North America" is continued, and there is the usual interesting collection of short stories, poems and sketches, while a colored frontispiece, "Atlantic Surf, Near Halifax," is an artistic and topographical gem.

Says the Portland Oregonian: "Our Canadian neighbors, ever alive to the value of the fishing industry, are now building what will be the largest fish hatchery on the Pacific coast. It will be situated on Trout creek, near Harrison Hot Springs, and will have a capacity of 50,000,000 fry. This should be encouraging news for the Washingtonians, who are just at present bewailing the shrinkage of the sockeye pack to less than 100,000 cases. Of course the Canadians are not building this big hatchery for the direct purpose of supplying the Puget Sound canners with fish, but in due season the larger proportion of the fish thus hatched will swim into Puget Sound traps and seines. The Columbia river is in need of more hatcheries, but in proportion to the relative size of the maximum pack we are immeasurably in advance of the Puget Sound district, and it would seem the part of wisdom for the men interested in the perpetuity of the industry to get in and help the Canadians by building a few 50,000,000-fry hatcheries on this side of the line."

GERMANY'S DEFENDERS.

The Kaiser's Speech on the Army and Navy. Hamburg, Sept. 7.—Emperor William, in a speech thanking the burgomaster for the welcome accorded him on his arrival here yesterday, recalled his visit in October, 1899, and the speech he then made appealing for creation of a great army and navy.

The success of that appeal, he said, was to be seen in the flower of the German navy, which was now lying at anchor in the harbor of the city. The German people themselves, the Emperor said, were entitled to keep the fleet where it was needed, to protect their interests, and nobody would prevent it being entrusted to the people according to their will and pleasure.

Emperor William then referred in complimentary terms to the work of the army his grandfather trained in welding the Empire, and said that since the German people has been one and the Fatherland fully equipped, there has been peace. In order to emphasize the military character of the day, he said he had given orders that the regiments now garrisoned in Hanse towns should be in full battle dress, and that the names of those cities, and concluded by expressing the conviction that God would give him strength to preserve the German people in peace with the aid of his gallant regiments.

DUCK HUNTER WAS FATALLY INJURED BY THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN.

Toronto Builders Refuse to Increase Wages of Bricklayers' Laborers—Quebec Crops Damaged.

Brookville, Sept. 7.—A young man named Sheppard, twenty-one years old, living near Mallory town, is dead in the hospital here from terrible injuries sustained by the accidental discharge of his gun while duck shooting in a boat near his home.

Barrie, Sept. 7.—The will of John Joseph Long, of Collingwood, the well known lake steamship owner, has been probated. The estate is valued at nearly one million dollars.

REASONS FOR DECLINING.

Windsor, Sept. 7.—Mr. W. Cowan, M. P. for South Essex, and chief Liberal whip, regarding his refusal to accept re-nomination, says he cannot afford to neglect the practice of his profession by attending long sessions of the House.

FATALITY INJURED.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—Mrs. Margaret McGinn, aged fifty-seven, is dead from injuries received in jumping from a moving street car.

REFUSED INCREASE.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—The Builders' Exchange has refused to accede to the request of the bricklayers to make the wages of laborers twenty-seven cents, and that therefore no object is to be gained by holding another conference.

CROPS DAMAGED.

Quebec, Sept. 7.—Recent heavy rains, especially in districts east of Quebec, have done incalculable damage to oats, barley and potato crops.

JUMPED FROM TRAIN.

Fort William, Sept. 7.—After having handed his money to a woman for safe keeping, harvest hand, supposed to be James Walker, of Nova Scotia, jumped through the window of a coach attached to the Imperial Limited two miles west of Schreiber. A search party has failed to find him.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—The body of T. A. Patterson, who has been missing from since he was last seen on the surface of the lake yesterday. The young man evidently met death by accidentally falling from his boat.

RECEIVED DEATH.

Montreal, Sept. 7.—A private dispatch from Murray Bay says Robert Shaw, a resident of that town, died there yesterday. The United States, died there today.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Windsor, Sept. 7.—A. B. Clarke, C. C. and county crown attorney, will succeed Mr. C. Cowan as Liberal candidate for South Essex at the general elections for the House of Commons.

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WRESTLING MATCH.

Campbell Defeated George Gray at the Terminal City.

Vancouver, Sept. 6.—Campbell of Australia, won the wrestling match with George Gray, of Ladysmith, here last night. It was a good match, both worked hard throughout. Gray seemed to be on the aggressive most of the time during the first fall, but Campbell was working steadily. Campbell won the fall in 23 minutes, with a half Nelson and a croch hold, and both were tired. Gray won the second fall with an outside arm catch in fifteen minutes, and his win was very prompt. The Gray was all in and Campbell, working fast on the aggressive, won the third fall and the match in 22 minutes.

SIX THOUSAND CASUALTIES.

Uruguayan Government Forces, Led by War Minister, Routed After Three Days' Battle.

New York, Sept. 7.—A special cable to the Herald from Buenos Ayres, dated September 6th, says: "Two thousand men were killed and 4,000 wounded in a battle lasting three days between the Uruguayan government forces and the revolutionists.

General Vazquez, minister of war, who led the government troops, was defeated, and retreated, abandoning arms and munitions. While General Vazquez recently reported to the government that he had won an important victory over the revolutionists, it appears from later news received from the field that his own forces were routed.

DR. TELFORD HAS BEEN ACQUITTED.

JUDGMENT IN THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

The Decision of Judge Bole Was Received With Applause by Those in Court.

Vancouver, Sept. 6.—Dr. Robt. Telford, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Bowell was acquitted this morning by Judge Bole. A big crowd in court cheered loudly when the decision was announced.

In his decision Judge Bole held that the evidence adduced was almost entirely circumstantial, and that it was not inconsistent with the prisoner's innocence. He pointed out that much of the evidence was expert testimony which, he said, consisted largely of matters of opinion, and that all testimony founded on opinion is weak, uncertain, and should be weighed with great caution.

His Honor concluded: "Applying these rules to the present case for the purpose of enabling the court, in its capacity as a jury, to finally determine the degree of weight to which each and every circumstance of the evidence given is entitled, can it be said that the court, as the jury, would be justified in finding the prisoner guilty? I think the answer must be in the negative. The accused is therefore acquitted."

FAVORS FREE TRADE.

Text of Resolution Which Has Been Adopted by the Trades Union Congress.

Leeds, Eng., Sept. 7.—The Trades Union Congress at today's session adopted by an almost unanimous vote the following resolutions: "That in the opinion of this congress any departure from the principles of free trade would be detrimental to the interests of the working classes, on whom the burdens of protection would press most heavily and injuriously to the prosperity of the nation as a whole; that protective duties, by increasing the cost of the people's necessities are unjust in practice and economically unsound, subsidizing capital at the expense of labor, and that a system of preference or retaliation by creating cause for disputes with other countries would be a hindrance to international love and peace."

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The will of the late Marcus Smith, engineer, who figured in the building of the C. P. R., leaves \$79,000, of which \$7,200 is personal.

At Monday's cabinet meeting an order was passed appointing P. E. Ryan secretary of the railway commission. The appointment dates from September 1st. The salary is \$2,500.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Rev. F. Burt Paulson in Church and Passed Away After Being Removed to Rectory.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—The Rev. Frederick Burt was worshipping in All Saints' church at Hamilton, yesterday, he suddenly fainted away, and was removed to the rectory adjoining, where he died. Rev. Mr. Burt was a retired clergyman of the Church of England, and was on the superannuation list of the diocese of Toronto.

THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS DEAD.

VICTIMS OF SWORD, HUNGER AND EXPOSURE.

Many of the Wounded Are Without Food—Another Massacre is Daily Expected.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The American consul reported to the state department that he has visited Bitlis and is now in Mesh. The consul states that the district of Sasun is tranquil and pacified, and the strategic points are guarded by infantry detachments and permanent barracks have been erected. The survivors of the massacre are in a destitute condition but are attempting to rebuild their burned villages with a little government aid.

The consular corps at Bitlis estimates the number massacred and dead from exposure and hunger, etc., at 3,000. In the Mesh district the insurgents have adopted a guerrilla form of warfare, ambuscading troops and bodies of Kurds. They demand certain reforms which concern chiefly matters of local administration and economy, questions not involving the integrity of the empire.

A number of villages have been plundered and burned, and many persons killed and maimed, and another massacre is daily expected by the Armenian population, which is in destitute circumstances. About 15,000 have lost everything and are starving, many being ill and wounded.

Small contributions toward their relief have been received through the American board of commissioners for foreign missions at Bitlis, but much more is urgently needed, the conditions being similar to those in Macedonia last year.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

J. J. Schmidt and Warren Ayers Arraigned Before the Magistrate.

From Tuesday Daily. Jacob J. Schmidt and his son-in-law, Warren Ayers, were formally introduced to Magistrate Hall in the police court this morning. They are charged with stealing furniture from the Imperial hotel, of which Schmidt was proprietor. The two accused returned to Victoria from Tacoma with Detective Purdie on Sunday morning. It was thought at first that they would fight extradition, and D. Esocowitz, the owner of the Imperial building, went to Tacoma with the wherewithal to contest the case. Schmidt and Ayers, however, decided to come back and "face the music," and their appearance in the police court this morning. The charge was not read to them, an adjournment until this afternoon being ordered on the application of Messrs. Geo. Powell and Courtney, who have been retained to look after the prisoners' interests.

THE RAILWAY OFFICIALS.

Grand Truck Pacific Party Has Gone to Tuck's Inlet and the Upper Skeena.

Port Simpson, B. C., Sept. 3.—The Grand Truck Pacific party arrived yesterday on the Quadra, Capt. Hackett. In the evening the party embarked on the steamer Mount Royal for Tuck's Inlet and the upper Skeena. The Quadra will remain here till further notice from the railway officials.

ST. LEGER SWEEP.

A Nanaimo Man Won Nearly a Thousand Dollars.

Keen interest was manifested in the St. Leger sweepstakes and a large number of Victorians were on the alert on Wednesday for news of the result of the great Doncaster event. Pretty Polly was the favorite, and justified the expectations by winning the race by a large margin. There were twenty-seven hundred tickets sold, very few of which were disposed of in Nanaimo and Ladysmith, where the winners of the first and second prizes live.

DAWSON NEWS.

Sawmill Destroyed By Fire—Estimated at \$75,000—The Gold Output.

Dawson, Sept. 6.—The Klondike sawmill, owned by the North American Trading & Transportation Co., was completely destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$75,000, with no insurance. The Klondike's output this year will be close to \$10,000,000.

EXPECTED TO BE RESCUED.

Princess Louise of Cobourg Tells Her Plans for the Future.

Yvonne, Sept. 6.—A lawyer, who is in the confidence of Lieut. Count Matschke Kogelvitche, and who has just returned from visiting the Princess Louise of Cobourg, declines to reveal the whereabouts of the Princess. He gives a statement which he says she made to him, according to which, throughout her imprisonment she expected to be rescued by the Countess. The Princess said: "Now, happily, I am free and shall use my liberty so that I can remain free. My next important move will be to take legal steps to have my guardianship put aside. I shall ask the Austrian court to grant me a new medical examination and I can bring 50 witnesses to prove my sanity. Having established that, I shall retire to live quietly. I am not thinking of divorce or re-marriage and the reports of such intentions are canards spread for the purpose of injuring me."

PLEWBE'S SUCCESSOR.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—5.30 p.m.—The Associated Press learns on high authority that Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky has been selected to succeed the late J. Von Plewbe as minister of the interior.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Victorian Visits Well-Known California Mining Town.

"John Berryman and wife arrived here last evening from Victoria, British Columbia, where they have made their home for a number of years." "They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Johns, of Auburn street, Mrs. Berryman, of Mrs. Johns being cousin to John Berryman, of Auburn street, being a cousin.

"This is the first time that Mr. Berryman has visited Grass Valley since 1870. He remembers the date distinctly, as the narrow gauge railroad came into Grass Valley the year he was here. He sees a great improvement in the town, and would never know the place as the Grass Valley that he visited nearly 30 years ago. The years have dealt lightly with Mr. Berryman, and the climate in Victoria seems to have made him young and better looking than ever. It was the gentleman's intention to stay some time in San Francisco, but the climate there did not suit him, so he decided to visit the old mining town in Grass Valley, meeting old friends of 70 and making new acquaintances. Mr. Berryman thinks this as pretty a place as there is in the United States, and he says that the fame of this little mountain town is known for its mines and its hospitality in many cities in British Columbia. The gentleman has been troubled with rheumatism for some time, but he is improving now and hopes to be all right again soon. It is hoped and believed that Mr. Berryman will carry back with him the same pleasant thoughts of the town and its people that he now entertains."

HAVE ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

PILOTS MAKE CLAIM REGARDING BALANCES.

Affidavit Filed With the Minister of Marine and Fisheries—\$5,000 Involved.

An article appearing in a local newspaper with regard to an investigation into the affairs of the pilot board of this port, has created an impression that the gentlemen composing that body have been charged with some offence. The board consists of Capt. Wm. Grant, Joshua Kingham, A. B. Cassin, and Capt. J. G. Cox. It is, perhaps, needless to say that the probity of none of these gentlemen is impugned. The charge, which it is understood has been laid with the minister, has reference to matters alleged to have taken place prior to the appointment of these gentlemen, and a letter has been signed by all the pilots and addressed to some of the visiting members, in which they make this very plain.

The investigation which the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has been asked, and which it is stated, he has decided to hold, has to do with the secretary of the board, E. Crow Baker. An affidavit has been filed with the minister by one of the pilots, in which he alleges that Baker, from 1893 to 1899, inclusive, of \$1,301.31. Under the system in force the secretary of the pilot board, who receives a salary, retains all the balances due him before 1893 to 1899, inclusive, of \$1,301.31. At the end of the year any balance over and above his salary is divided among the pilots themselves.

The affidavit of the pilot in question is to the effect that he received notice of the balances due him, and that he was asked, on August 11th, 1900, he was asked to sign, and did actually sign, receipts for these moneys, notwithstanding that he had received no portion of them. It is also understood that the same complaint is made by all the pilots, and that the sum involved will exceed \$5,000.

THE PARADE.

The parade was generally the largest ever seen in this city. It was notable chiefly for its character. It typified in the growth and organization in this port a tribute to the many most important industries committees and managers received and carried it out in attendance is approximated and it is estimated that the visiting members numbered in the thousands.

Starting from the city procession extended down along Wharf street and Yates street before reaching the parade ground. Large contingents from N. Smith, Vancouver and New were in attendance, and were black with people. The line of march was down to Johnson, to Wharf street, to Fort, to Yates, to Broad, to View, where the procession alighted after 12 o'clock.

THE FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS.

The fire fighting apparatus and shoring, looked impressive. A dash of speed were a number of many of the apparatus, including the procession followed by makers and Iron Shipyard, No. 191, had a large flat wagon, decorated and bunting, the pro with frames showing Mechanics busy hammer work were seen, and a beautiful looking Clyde. Another very attractive All the articles which in the course of their day here on exhibition, including wash room cot, tub was among the beautiful looking Clyde. Another very attractive All the articles which in the course of their day here on exhibition, including wash room cot, tub was among the beautiful looking Clyde.

HOW LABOR DAY WAS HONORED.

ANNUAL FESTIVITIES UNQUALIFIED.

Splendid Parade, Luncheon Sports—Mass Meeting.

(From Tuesday Daily) Victoria yesterday had another Labor Day, as the most successful in the history of the city. In attendance, the weather, in fact, the festivities equalled similar character which in holiday some years ago, and actively contributed to the success of the celebration. Of course the parade, morning was the parade, dressed by thousands of streets and occupied every foot of the ground. There was a large number of floats, and the ingenious floats produced which aroused the warmest feelings and the greatest following the parade was the luncheon in Victoria, which gathered around ample many enticing things provided by the various committees. The crowd then flocked to the grounds where a number of athletic sports were held. In this there were a good account of games, all, whether visitors or a mass meeting was held in the evening and a dress was delivered. The evening was a successful dance in the hall. Many visitors from other cities were in attendance.

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