

**DR. NEWCOMBE STATES
RESULT OF JOURNEY**

Collects Interesting Relics of
Early Indian Life for Pro-
vincial Museum

Dr. Newcombe is always interesting when he speaks on the subject of which he is the leading authority in this province, and although he gave what he described as a rambling talk to the members of the Natural History Society at their meeting on Monday, he contrived to explain fairly fully the result of his missions for the government during the past summer on the West Coast, and the principal results on the Mainland, together with an account of an expedition to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

He brought with him a few of the specimens collected on the trips, some found in an old mound near the Digby Island Quarantine Station, in the vicinity of Prince Rupert. These relics, together with the series of lantern slides gave an excellent impression of the work done by the doctor in his recent trips. The skulls produced were of the Indians, and were polished in a peculiar manner to give their special effect.

In the course of his address he explained the symbolism of the many totem poles, and the fact that almost every Indian village had a sacred animal or bird, like the eagle or bear. The carving and etchings frequently repeated the familiar design of the thunder bird, the lightning snake, and the whale. The blanket designs repeated the arrow head type, and showed generally the poverty of inventive knowledge possessed by the aborigines. Most of the blankets were made from the hair of dogs, from a peculiar white haired breed, illustrated in the engravings accompanying the travels of the eighteenth century explorers. The designs of the blankets were of the same type as those of the Indians, and were made from the hair of dogs, from a peculiar white haired breed, illustrated in the engravings accompanying the travels of the eighteenth century explorers.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo. He said he had seen a number of the old Indian graves, and also the well known examples south of Nanaimo.

AMATEUR DRAMATICS.

First Public Appearance of V. A. D. G. Next Month.

The Victoria Amateur Dramatic Club is getting into readiness for its coming season, and at a well attended meeting held Monday afternoon at the Balmoral hotel, at which his honor the Lieutenant-governor was in the chair as honorary president of the club, it was decided to produce a musical play about the middle of December. The piece chosen on the advice of H. Sheppard, the club's honorary producer, is "A Pantomime Rehearsal," in the production of which he will be assisted by Major Taylor, who has had much experience in that line as stage manager of the Simla A. D. C. The club has two other plays in hand as well, one of which has already been put into preliminary rehearsal and the other has just been cast.

At present the club has some 180 members, the acting membership being limited to 50. The following gentlemen have been elected as additional vice-presidents of the club: Mr. Justice Martin, Hon. D. M. Roberts, Rev. E. J. Gray, D. D., founder of the Greek theatre in England, and G. H. Barnard, M. P.

His Honor, in acknowledging a vote of thanks for his presence, expressed his keen interest in the club and its work, and his hope that its first public appearance next month would be as successful artistically and financially as its private performances in the Alexandra Club last spring.

OAK BAY BUILDING.

Value of Permits Issued Quadruples Since Year Ago.

The amount of building which has gone on in Oak Bay of recent months is eloquently testified to in the statement of building permits issued in the present year as compared with the previous one. Since the first of 1911, the value of buildings for which permits have been issued is \$465,772, which is a very large amount when compared with the figures for the corresponding period of 1910, during which the value of buildings authorized was \$101,295.

Permits which have been issued within the last few days include: W. Hargreaves, 7-roomed house, Olympic avenue, \$2,500; Goodwin & Co., 6-roomed dwelling, Monterey avenue, N., \$3,000; Wightman & Tupper, 4-roomed dwelling, Willow road, \$1,800; E. Codding, 6-roomed dwelling, Foul Bay road, \$2,500; Dr. Stanley, 7-roomed dwelling, Wilnot place, \$3,400; Mrs. G. W. Booth, 7-roomed dwelling, Wilnot place, \$3,400; Mrs. G. W. Booth, 7-roomed dwelling, Wilnot place, \$3,400.

**INTRODUCTION OF
BRITISH SONGSTERS**

Excellent Plan of Natural History Society Advanced by
J. R. Anderson's Visit

The effort which the provincial government expects to make in connection with the populating of the B. C. woods with the song birds of Great Britain and the eastern provinces will be assisted materially by the plans of the Natural History Society.

When it was known that J. A. Anderson was about to visit the old country, the society asked him to make inquiries and arrange for the introduction of song birds at an early date through Whiteley's, the Universal Providers, of Westbourne Grove.

At the meeting of the society held on Monday, the first since Mr. Anderson returned to the city, he was able to report to the members that he had made tentative arrangements with this great firm, and that the birds would be sent out in March next.

He explained that the idea in delay was that while the climatic conditions approximated at Vancouver Island to those of the southern counties of England, the birds would better assimilate to their new surroundings in the spring and for that reason the society's agents would collect the birds in the intervening months, and have them ready for shipment in March.

He had found the opinion about thrushes divided, but could discover no positive opinion of their harmful nature to the orchardist and farmer. Blackbirds were distinctly injurious, while the acedid thrush would contain a number of attractive songsters, which were of distinct benefit.

He hoped they would not make the same mistake which was made on a previous occasion, of introducing British birds at a season of the year when the conditions out here were not suitable.

The agent-general, Hon. J. H. Turner, is assisting materially in this attractive scheme, and has given a donation to the funds.

The society passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Anderson, and left further action to the bird committee.

OPERATE LINERS TO FRISCO.

Union Steamship Co. Plan New Line From Sydney, N. S. W., and Wellington, N. Z.

Melbourne, Nov. 7.—The Union Steamship Company, which maintains a regular service with Victoria and Vancouver, has decided to extend its service in December by putting on a line of vessels running between San Francisco, Wellington and Sydney. A subsidy will be paid by the New Zealand government and the company has made application to the Commonwealth government to assist.

QUEEN'S CORONATION GIFT.

London, Nov. 7.—Her Majesty the Queen is devoting her coronation gift from the Maries of the Empire to establishing a holiday home for working girls in connection with the London Girls Club Union.

**TAKES LIST WHILE
COALING AT COMOX**

Bessie Dollar, Now Lying in
Roads, Awaiting Instructions
—Bound for Manila

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

While the big British steamship Bessie Dollar, Capt. Goss, was loading bunker coal at Comox for her trip from the Sound to the Orient, she took a heavy list and her skipper decided to bring his vessel to this port and have her examined. Late yesterday afternoon the freighter, lumber laden, dropped anchor in the Royal Roads and Capt. Goss and the local agents are now awaiting instructions from Seattle as to what is to be done with her.

The Dollar steamship had completed loading her cargo of lumber and piling at Seattle and Tacoma and was at the docks taking on her fuel supply. While the coal was being poured into her holds she took a sudden list. Capt. Goss immediately attempted to ascertain the cause of the trouble but was unsuccessful, and brought the vessel here under a slow list. She has nearly 4,000,000 feet of lumber aboard, which is consigned to Manila.

When the Bessie Dollar was clearing from Seattle for Comox she ran across the bar in the harbor, striking her stern deep into the mud and had to await the rising of the tide before she floated off. After she freed herself an examination of the vessel's hull was made, but failed to reveal any damage. It is thought by shipping men here that the stranding of the steamship had something to do with the list she took while at Comox.

It is expected that Capt. Dowell, of the Dollar Steamship Company at Seattle, will be in town this afternoon to examine the vessel. Whether the Bessie Dollar will be delayed here or not, the agents are at present unable to say.

**SIBERIAN MERCHANTS
AFTER SOUND WHEAT**

Inquiries Received by Puget
Sound Shippers From
Vladivostok

Seattle, Nov. 7.—Puget Sound flour millers have just received inquiries for flour from Vladivostok merchants who have not purchased breadstuffs in America since the outbreak of the Russian war. The fresh inquiries for Washington flour are due to a crop failure in Siberia and the almost frantic efforts of native dealers to obtain stocks of breadstuffs for the Russian war.

The inquiries from the far east state that efforts are being made to have the Russian government lift the import duty which has kept American flour out of that market.

Not only are the merchants at various cities and towns along the Siberian coast trying to get flour in the United States, but are also trying to make arrangements, as was done before the war, to obtain flour in southern Russia and have it shipped by sea. Harbin flour millers are endeavoring to furnish a small amount of flour over and above the local requirements.

The supply of wheat in Siberia is so short that the price of wheat has already advanced to one half rouble per bushel, or about \$1 per thirty-six pounds.

DETECTIVE QUARTERS.

New Offices Being Prepared in the
Market Building.

The cupboard adjoining the city jail that has for many years housed the detective force of the city, is to be closed, and the detective force moved to the market building, where new quarters are practically prepared.

The detective force of the police department numbers seven men, and the office they have been occupying is not more than eight feet wide and twelve feet long. When all the detectives are together in the office there is even for lost or stolen goods, and the seeker after information has to either wait till a detective goes outside before he can enter or else be interviewed on the sidewalk.

The new quarters at the market building are the most up-to-date offices of the police department, and when the transfer of the records is made from the old room to the new offices the detectives will be housed in much superior accommodation to that that the chief of police occupies at present.

DIES SUDDENLY.

New York, Nov. 7.—Joseph Warrington for more than 50 years prominent in the Masonic lodge here, dropped dead of heart disease in the Masonic temple to-day. He had just left a meeting of the Palestine commandery. He was 90 years old.

OPPOSE EXTRAVAGANT GIFTS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 7.—The Baptists' Ministerial Union of Los Angeles has started a movement to symbolize Christianity by taking of love letters by the exchanges of extravagant gifts. It is planned to present a resolution to the Los Angeles ministers that the members of the large organization will approve and advocate it from their pulpits.

PROPOSE ARBITRATION.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Nine hundred employees of Hart, Chaffin & Marx, discharged over a dispute over working conditions, began plans to-day for arbitration of the differences. The move came as an echo to the great garment strike of a year ago when thirty-five thousand workers were involved.

Heather will last longer out than almost any other flower. The stem transmits very little water to the flower.

**HERRING FISHERIES
AND THE JAPANESE**

Reason for Driving the Whites
Out of Industry in Vancouver
Island Waters

The morning paper editorially

makes some surprising statements in its issue of Thursday in connection with the herring industry in the neighborhood of Nanaimo. It says that the success of the Japanese has been due to the education in modern methods at Yarmouth, and other centres of the industry in Great Britain. Of Japanese who have gone back to learn the latest methods, and that the industry is now on a satisfactory basis.

As far as is known the old country fishermen who came out to introduce new methods from Yarmouth and elsewhere, found that with gill nets they had no chance against the Japanese using seine nets, and practically went out of business in consequence. The industry is now in the hands of the Japanese almost exclusively, although the whites have a "good business" at Nanaimo Bay. Whereas in the season of 1909-10 there were 22 licenses, and last season about double that number yet the extra number of fishermen had only a somewhat larger catch than the men engaged in the same industry had the previous season with half the number of licenses.

As it is stated to be a matter of fact the Japanese are finding it difficult to meet their financial obligations to the stockholders. There can be no doubt that they have overreached the herring grounds through using seine nets, and taking everything out of the water they can get. Another explanation is found in the gradual diminution of whales in Vancouver Island waters which have enabled the herring to further extend their range, and consequently made it more difficult for them to be caught in close to shore.

Herring are essential as bait for the halibut fisheries, and the boats in that trade have been crippled considerably in consequence this season, but it is largely due to the fact that the Japs have been sending the fish direct to the Orient for consumption instead of selling them by just throwing them into tanks, salting them, and shipping them off in boxes to the Far East, that this shortage has been created, so far as the local situation is concerned.

**FAMILY REUNION FIND
NOT NECESSITY HERE**

Board of Trade Council Decides Not to Deal With Proposals—G. T. P. Hotel

It is not the opinion of the members of the council of the board of trade, as expressed at this meeting on Tuesday that there is any necessity, so far as Victoria is concerned, for assistance to newly-arrived immigrants that they may bring out their families. This scheme was referred to in these columns some days ago, and is briefly that citizens should establish a guarantee fund out of which advances might be made to workmen for this purpose.

So far as the council could learn, there is no special demand here for such a fund, and the board of trade is laid on the table for further consideration in the event of anything to the contrary transpiring later.

A letter was received from C. M. Hays in regard to the proposed site which the company has purchased on Government street. Pending further information which the council desires it was laid on the table.

Some questions arising from the working of the assessment act which, in the opinion of the council, create hardships if strictly acted upon, J. J. Shalloose, vice-president of the board, was deputized to take the matter up with the tax commission at its final meeting here on Friday.

President H. G. Wilson was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members.

**FIGHTING AGAIN IN
PROGRESS AT HANKOW**

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 7.—Fighting has broken out again at Hankow, according to a dispatch received here to-day by the Chinese Free Press. A large body of revolutionary troops is said to have arrived from Hunan to aid the republican army which has been in conflict with the imperialists.

The imperial command is said not to have been reinforced by soldiers from the north as the loyalists at Hankow had hoped. This is thought to be due to the policy of Yuan Shi Kai, the new premier, who asked the government to suspend hostilities against the rebels.

GIRL DRINKS POISON.

Baker, Ore., Nov. 7.—Miss Myrtle Miller, 15 years old, swallowed carbolic acid at her home yesterday in the presence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller, and her sweetheart, Earl Wagon. She died in a few moments. The couple were to have been married Sunday, but the wedding had been postponed.

SIX MINERS ENTOMBED.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 7.—Six miners were entombed in the Needmore mine near charges, Mo., this afternoon. Unless they are released within five hours they will be drowned. The men are at a depth of 130 feet.

CHOLERA AT MESSINA.

Messina, Nov. 7.—Reports from this city show sixteen cases and two deaths from cholera.

**NEWINGTON SENT TO
REPLACE LIGHTSHIP**

Vessel Will Be Moored at
Sandheads To-morrow
Afternoon

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

To replace the Sandheads lightship, which on Sunday morning broke adrift and was brought to an anchorage at Sandheads by her crew, the steamer Newington, Capt. Barnes, of the Marine and Fisheries department, left port this afternoon. She took new cables and anchors with which to moor the lightship once again over the treacherous bar, and it is expected, providing the weather is not too heavy, that the ship will be back in her position by to-morrow afternoon.

In the report received here yesterday from Vancouver, it was stated that the lightship, while being blown helplessly before the gale, crashed into the old Sandheads lighthouse and demolished it. This, however, is incorrect, as several weeks ago the marine department had the familiar landmark torn down. After the vessel had broken her cables the crew hoisted sail and brought their ship successfully into Steveston.

When the Newington returns from replacing the lightship, she is to be dispatched to the west coast of the island with stores and supplies for the lighthouses and life-saving stations. For several days past she has been loading at the government dock, and was to have sailed to-day for Nootka, but owing to the lightship breaking away her departure has been delayed.

The steamer Quadra, Capt. Hackett, was reported yesterday as being at Prince Rupert. She is bound for Langara island with material for the new first order lighthouse, which is to be constructed there.

**CALMS AND FOGS
DELAY MARIECHEN**

Russian Barque Makes Passage From Valparaiso in
70 Days

Dead calms prevailing for weeks at a stretch during the run up the coast, and dense fogs experienced while trying to beat into the Strait of San Juan de Fuca were responsible for the slow passage of the Russian barque Mariechen, Capt. Cornquest, which reached the Royal Roads on Sunday morning from Valparaiso, and which was Monday towed to Vancouver to land lumber at the Hastings mill for the United Kingdom.

It required exactly 70 days for the well-known sailor to complete the passage, and Capt. Cornquest stated that he could have rounded the distance more quickly. After the ship had cleared from the Chilean port she encountered a favorable breeze, but it soon dropped, and for nearly two weeks the vessel, with all sails set, remained practically motionless. It was seldom that the barque logged a good day's run, generally making about 150 miles.

About two months after the vessel had left Valparaiso she was off the coast of the Strait, but owing to the heavy mists which hung over the waters it was impossible for the skipper to bring his ship in. As a result the Mariechen was forced to remain in the Strait, and after shooting three times at the Chilean coast, she was towed to the Roads, having been ordered there from the southern port for orders. She came north in ballast.

The passage of the Mariechen, which has been in the Roads several times during the past, is one of the longest for several years. Capt. Cornquest expects to sail for the United Kingdom with his lumber cargo in about six weeks' time. The Mariechen is a large ship, and will have about 2,000,000 feet of British Columbia lumber in her holds when ready to clear on her long voyage.

LOGGER SHOTS HIMSELF.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 7.—Celestin Broudenhe, a logger, who had been drinking heavily, ran amuck with a rifle yesterday in a West Main street hotel, and after shooting three times fruitlessly at the clerk, Fred Bauman, and sending a bullet into the leg of Rudolph Schultze, a logger, turned the weapon toward his own breast and shot himself through the heart, causing instant death. Broudenhe was a Frenchman, 30 years of age.

ON WAY TO OTTAWA.

Dawson, Y. T., Nov. 7.—Dr. Alfred Thompson, recently elected member of parliament, is now en route to Ottawa via Seattle. He will press the case of the Dawson board of trade for a reduction of rates on the route. The postponement of the case was secured for the purpose of submitting Dawson's evidence. Col. J. H. Conrad will submit his evidence in the middle of November.

GIRL DRINKS POISON.

Baker, Ore., Nov. 7.—Miss Myrtle Miller, 15 years old, swallowed carbolic acid at her home yesterday in the presence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller, and her sweetheart, Earl Wagon. She died in a few moments. The couple were to have been married Sunday, but the wedding had been postponed.

SIX MINERS ENTOMBED.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 7.—Six miners were entombed in the Needmore mine near charges, Mo., this afternoon. Unless they are released within five hours they will be drowned. The men are at a depth of 130 feet.

CHOLERA AT MESSINA.

Messina, Nov. 7.—Reports from this city show sixteen cases and two deaths from cholera.

SAANICH COUNCIL.

The Saanich council held a special meeting last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This was made necessary by the overflow of business from their statutory meeting of the previous Saturday.

The indications of a marked advance in municipal development was everywhere to be seen. Subdivision plans, petitions under the Local Improvement Act, for road improvements and water supply were more numerous than usual, the granting of which necessitated the framing of by-laws giving effect to the prayer of the petitioners and causing the council overtime work.

The infringement of the Highway By-law by the discharge of firearms on the roadside was forcibly brought to the council's notice by several deputations and written complaints. The council decided to appoint three special constables in each ward under Chief of Police Little to patrol the roads on Sunday with means at their disposal speedy enough to overhaul automobiles, the inmates of which are chief offenders. Several cases have been reported where hunters on being requested to leave premises have refused and retaliated by ordering the owners off.

The B.C.E.R. asked the council to show its appreciation of the new Saanich railway by exempting them from taxes for a period of years. This brought forth an expression of opinion from all the council members, who showed that while they appreciated the enterprise of the company they had no disposition to over-tax them, but would consider them on equal basis with other taxpayers.

The Good Roads Association of B. C., by W. J. Kerr, the president, invited the council to send a representative to their annual meeting in New Westminster. The object of the meeting is educational and Reeve Nicholson was chosen to represent the municipality.

The municipal treasurer reported that the taxes this year were paid with more alacrity than formerly. In 1910, 14 per cent. failed to take advantage of the one-sixth rebate, which was reduced this year to 11 per cent.

A. A. McDermid, city solicitor of Victoria, informed the council that their sewerage system would pass through a portion of the Saanich territory, and suggested a conference to fix a satisfactory charge on residents of this municipality who took advantage of the sewer connection. Next Saturday was appointed as the time to consider the matter.

Local Improvement By-law No. 10, providing water pipes on Mount Tolmie road from Fifth street to the University school, was read a third time.

**ONTARIO LIBERAL
PARTY'S PLATFORM**

New Leader in Manifesto Outlines Number of Proposed Reforms

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Newton W. Rowell, the new leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, last night issued a manifesto enunciating the platform upon which he will appeal the electors in the approaching provincial elections. He promises these reforms:

"The creation of a department of colonization and immigration, with a cabinet minister at its head, to promote settlement and development of northern Ontario; encouraging of mining by reducing prospectors' and recording fees and providing for increased facilities for mining titles and securing an 8-hour day for miners; securing of a suitable port in Ontario territory on the Hudson bay for ocean-going steamers; appointment of a royal commission to investigate the decline in the rural population and to suggest remedial legislation; amendment of the assessment act to permit municipalities to partially or wholly exempt improvements from taxation; taxation of railway properties to their full value; more liberal grants to primary and technical education; increased powers for the Ontario railway commission; prohibition of campaign contributions from corporations; compulsory publication of all campaign contributions and the appointment of a public prosecutor, in election trials as in England."

Mr. Rowell pledges to pay no more than the principle of public ownership and operation of all public utilities, especially water powers, and to the acquisition and operation of the telephone lines.

ELISE BRADFORD FOUNDERS.

Local Gasoline Schooner Sinks on Way From Gabriola Island to Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Nov. 7.—The gasoline schooner Elsie Bradford, of Victoria, owned by Capt. Bradford, foundered Saturday evening in the vicinity of Entrance Island lighthouse. The schooner, in charge of Capt. Bradford and three of a crew, was towing a scow of gravel from Gabriola to this port. The scow sprung a leak, and when settling, stove in the schooner, which soon filled and sank, taking the scow to the bottom with her. Capt. Bradford and crew escaped from the foundered schooner in a skiff.

FUEL FAMINE INEVITABLE.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The government of Saskatchewan has notified the department of labor that after a careful study of the fuel supply situation in the province they find a coal shortage of 200,000 tons as a result of the strike. Supplies of coal are being rushed up from the south, but in spite of all relief efforts, a fuel famine seems inevitable.

DR. COOK RETURNING HOME.

Southampton, Eng., Nov. 7.—Dr. Frederick Cook, explorer, was a passenger on the German Lloyd steamship George Washington, sailing from here for New York. Dr. Cook came aboard ostensibly for the purpose of making a lecturing tour, but after speaking at Copenhagen, where he met with a bad reception, he abandoned his original plans.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS
IN STILL WATER**

Period of Calm After the Recent Storms—Engineer By-law Up on Friday

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

That everything comes in waves is an accepted physiological dogma, and if it was in need of any further proof the placid condition of things at the city hall of Victoria, where for the past few weeks fireworks have been the order of the day, would surely suffice. Where formerly the very walls were accused of breathing with suspicion and intrigue, and each and every official on guard against the "good intentions" of his neighbor, there now prevails an atmosphere of calm and solemn silence, which if it were not known to be but the reaction from the storm, might be mistaken for lethargy. After all the threats and counter threats, suspensions and reinstatements, vetoes and reaffirmations, the council is still there breathing hostility to the mayor throughout the day, would surely suffice. Where formerly the very walls were accused of breathing with suspicion and intrigue, and each and every official on guard against the "good intentions" of his neighbor, there now prevails an atmosphere of calm and solemn silence, which if it were not known to be but the reaction from the storm, might be mistaken for lethargy. After all the threats and counter threats, suspensions and reinstatements, vetoes and reaffirmations, the council is still there breathing hostility to the mayor throughout the day, would surely suffice.

Although there is a meeting of the city council scheduled for to-morrow night, up till noon to-day the hall board boasted only one resolution, that in the name of Ald. Bishop, calling upon the mayor to produce the cost-of-living report for the preparation of which a committee was appointed some time ago. As was indicated in the Times yesterday the committee appointed by the council failed to undertake the work for the consideration offered, but that work has been practically accomplished by several ladies to whom the mayor delegated the task when the original appointees failed to come up to the scratch. Whether the report will be ready for submission at to-morrow night's meeting is for the mayor and the committee to determine. From the tenor of the resolution calling for its production it would appear that its reception