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Vancouver, March 5. — Charles H. Chapman, recently a real estate agent at Tacoma, who told the court that he had been in his time president of a carbonoleum company, sawmill man and longshoreman, but had to admit that he had been in trouble at Portland and at Salt Lake City, was sentenced to two years by Judge McInnes this morning for uttering a document forged with the name of George Willoughby, on the Eugene Savings Company, Oregon. Chapman was in Vancouver under the name of Campbell, hiding his identity in order to escape a charge of serious assault upon his partner at Tacoma.

—The funeral of the late Florence O'Toole took place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Hanna parlors, where Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted an appropriate and impressive service. There was a large number of friends in attendance and many flowers were presented. The pallbearers were: J. Hillson, E. Lambert, N. Nelson, A. Hogg, J. Henwood and C. Shaw.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the by-laws of the said Company, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, 918 Government street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1910, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before the said meeting.

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PRINCE RUPERT BILL PASSED

SOCIALIST LEADER WANTS TO AMEND IT

Premier McBride Explains the Reservation of Water for G. T. P.

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 3.

One result of a busy afternoon in the House was the passage through committee stage of the Prince Rupert bill. The date of nomination for the first civic election was fixed for May 7th and polling for May 19th.

The bill passed its third reading at the night session.

The bill went through with little discussion. It was proposed by J. H. Hawthornthwaite to strike out the property qualification of $1,000 for mayor and $500 for aldermen. He objected to any property qualification for election to any office.

The attorney-general pointed out that in the interests of the uniformity of legislation which the member for Nanaimo himself the other evening had championed, there must be a property qualification for office in Prince Rupert as well as in other cities.

For a while it looked as if the member for Esquimalt had taken a fall out of the government, as a motion striking out the $100 proprietor class in the section dealing with the qualifications of voters was declared carried. Later the section was reconsidered and stands as it was originally.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite objected to giving the G. T. P. a right to forty miner's inches of water from Hays creek, for railway and steamship purposes. He feared that the citizens, who were to get a water supply from the creek until a permanent supply was obtained, would go short. He moved to reduce the company's reserve to ten miner's inches.

The attorney-general stated that the promise had been made by the government that the company should get forty miner's inches from this stream, and this promise was now being implemented.

The premier added that long before the company would get up to the limit of its quantity the people of Prince Rupert would have had to seek a more adequate and permanent supply.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment was lost.

William Manson (Skeena), proposed the adoption of a section dealing with the existence of incorporated public utility companies who claim to have the right to operate without first obtaining the consent of the lieutenant-governor-in-council. It was proposed in the section that these companies should not be permitted to enter the area comprised in the city or place any works thereon to carry on a public franchise without the consent of the lieutenant-governor-in-council, after 60 days' notice in writing served on the municipality.

The attorney-general said this was a drastic proposal and one the government could not accept. The companies referred to had been incorporated and probably had spent money on development. It would never do to have it go abroad that British Columbia gave charters one session and after a company had spent money, took it away next session. If any of these companies wished to extend works into the city of Prince Rupert they would have to have their undertakings approved of by the lieutenant-governor-in-council, when the city would have due notice and be given an opportunity to be heard.

The section was rejected and the bill reported.

At the evening sitting the bill passed its third reading.

Mechanic's Liens.

The attorney-general introduced a bill consolidating the Mechanics' Lien Act. A new section is put in to meet the cases of miners working in mines held under option, which Mr. Brewster has been endeavoring to have attended to for the last couple of years.

This section provides that any works or improvements upon premises held under option or working bond, which the grantee of the option is required or permitted to make, shall, for the purpose of creating a lien, be held to have been made at the instance of the owner of the premises and grantor of the option, and liens shall attach and be enforced against owner and grantor.

Labor Bills.

The Socialist leader had five bills on the order paper in the interest of labor—a workmen's compensation act, a bill providing for the sanitary inspection of logging, mining and other camps and the examination of their water supply; a general eight-hour day act, an act declaring that "underground" includes any glory-hole, and an act extending the application of the eight-hour day in smelters and refineries.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite stated that this stage of the session and in view of the railway bills requiring considerable time, he did not intend to go on with all his bills but he did want to press the two last-named. The extension of the eight-hour day in smelters was necessary, he said, in order to overcome the fact that there were some employees whom it was held not to apply to. He desired to amend the existing act by forbidding the employment for more than eight hours in twenty-four of any man engaged "in any work in the course of which he is brought in contact with either smoke, fumes, dust, or heat arising from smelting or refining operations." The other bill he wished to press was designed to apply all the regulations for the inspection of metalliferous mines to glory-holes or open workings, equally with underground workings.

The premier, as minister of mines, will continue the debate at a later sitting, having given Mr. Hawthornthwaite an assurance, before the supply bill left committee, that ample opportunity would be given to discuss the bills.

The Companies' Act.

In committee on the bulky bill consolidating the Companies' Act a great number of minor changes were made, chiefly in phraseology and cross-references. The act comes into force on July 1st next. It was reported to the House as amended.

A. H. B. Macgowan (Vancouver), introduced a bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to dower. This is a subject Mr. Macgowan has brought up several times.

The resolutions adopted in committee of supply having been adopted as a matter of form by the House, the minister of finance introduced the supply bill, for a total of $9,099,231.20, and it was read a first time.

CHARGES MADE IN ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

Attorney-General Cross in Replying to R. B. Bennett, Welcomes Investigation

Edmonton, March 4.—A five-hour speech by R. B. Bennett in the legislature, every minute of which was full of sensation, culminated at midnight Wednesday in charges that President Clark, head of the Great Waterways Railway Company, had split up $300,000 with his colleagues on the sale of the bonds, and that he, Bennett, had been approached by financial interests seeking to influence his vote on this question. Mr. Bennett also charges that Attorney-General Cross had demanded $12,000 for the campaign fund from the Automatic Telephone Company as the price of a contract for an automatic system in Calgary. Ex-Minister of Telephones Cushing substantiated the report, and Mr. Bennett called for an investigation.

Hon. Mr. Cross denied the charge, and said he was willing to have an investigation.

Mr. Cushing, former minister of public works, opened his debate on the railway agreement. He said that whatever doubts he had had regarding resigning had been dispelled by the discussion in the House. He had never seen a copy of the specifications until after the cabinet had passed them, and he did not believe there were a dozen members who would say the contract was a good one. The government was guilty in not protecting the rights of the province, and the promoters have neither money nor financial standing.

Early in the year, continued Mr. Cushing, the Waterways engineers discussed the route with him, but they had never come back. They were told to stay away from the department.

Continuing, Mr. Cushing said: "The attorney-general read me out of the Liberal party. I have been accused of making a bluff, but I am ready to put up a guarantee of $500,000 that I can build the road at the figures I stated, $12,000 a mile."

Premier Rutherford, in replying, reviewed the address delivered by him several days ago, and introduced by a little new argument. He said he courted criticism of the bill. Last year the opposition was weak and this year it was not much stronger. The government had a first class engineer who would see that the specifications were lived up to. The premier said the time to complain would be when the road was completed, and not now.

BUILDS MONOPLANE.

San Francisco, Cal., March 4.—An attempt at flight in a monoplane weighing only 350 pounds, one of the lightest in the world, will be made on Sunday at Richmond, Contra Costa county, by Clifford O'Brien, a California inventor. The machine was constructed by O'Brien and J. W. Hudson, a mechanical engineer, who built the engines.

Though the machine is one-third the weight of the Farman bi-plane in which Paulhan, the French birdman, gave exhibition flights here recently, the engines develop two-thirds the power of the big Farman motors. The engine weighs but 80 pounds and supplies 36 h. p. It is a five-cylinder rotary motor.

RETURNING TO WORK.

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 4.—More men returned to work yesterday at the Bethlehem Steel Work, where a strike is in progress, than on any day since the violent outbreak of the foreign strikers last Friday. Picketing by the strikers is still in force, however, and the leaders of the strikers are not letting up in their efforts to keep the great plant crippled. The two companies of state police and the hundred deputies sworn in by the sheriff are still on duty, but they are not meeting with any trouble.

GIRL SHOT.

Pottsville, Pa., March 1.—Viola Curry, 19 years old, who was shot in the chest Wednesday night while attempting to save her father, Robert Curry, from an attack by Thomas Hurst, of Ashland, died yesterday in the state hospital at Fountain Springs. Hurst, who is a brother of "Tim" Hurst, the baseball umpire, fled after the shooting, and is still at large.

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TRACK-LAYING ON GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Work on Line From Prince Rupert Will Commence About April 1st

Vancouver, March 3. — Track-laying out of Prince Rupert will probably be started about April 1st, according to W. C. C. Mehan, general superintendent of the mountain division of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Mr. Mehan will make his permanent headquarters at Prince Rupert. Until a few weeks ago he filled the position of superintendent of the prairie division of the new transcontinental line. His headquarters were at Melville and his jurisdiction extended from Winnipeg to Wolfe creek, west of Edmonton. His new territory will extend from Wolfe creek to Prince Rupert, and, of course, will include the mountain divisions.

Mr. Mehan will organize the company's operating department and also direct the forthcoming track-laying operations. Mr. Mehan stated here that additional equipment for the coast section will reach here in a few days by Canadian Pasific railway, en route to Prince Rupert. The rolling stock will include five locomotives, eighty flat cars, five cabooses and a track-laying machine. Later when ballasting begins this will be augmented by 100 Hart ballast cars. D. J. Dempsey, who acted as assistant under Mr. Mehan in track-laying, on the prairies, will hold a similar position on the coast section. He will go north to-morrow night.

Mr. Mehan stated that he expected to have the line finished and in operation to a point 100 miles inland before the end of the summer. Operations may be delayed, owing to bridge construction.

The new superintendent received his early railway training on the Central Vermont railway, now a portion of the Grand Trunk system. Then he went to the Canada Atlantic as trainmaster, remaining in Ottawa for eight years. Later he was appointed superintendent of the Canadian lines of the Delaware & Hudson system, before going west as general superintendent of the prairie division of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

WILL DEVOTE WEALTH TO BENEFIT OF MANKIND

World-Wide Scheme is Now Being Perfected by J. D. Rockefeller

New York, March 4.—Behind the incorporation of the Rockefeller Foundation is hidden a great plan for a systematized charity.

Rockefeller's vast wealth is to be devoted to charity in the broadest sense, including every field of human endeavor, for many years to come.

It was learned to-day that the plan is on an even greater scale than was at first thought to be the case, and it will probably not only involve practically the entire Rockefeller fortune, but will present a definite life work for John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The younger Rockefeller is making preparations to retire from all corporations with which he is connected in order that he may give his entire time to the Foundation. It was with this view that he recently withdrew from the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company. He is now preparing to take up the active work of the Foundation as soon as congress approves the application for incorporation.

Rockefeller intimates that he will refuse at present to reveal the details of the great scheme and satisfies himself so far with stating that its object will be to promote the well-being and the civilization of the people of the whole world.

Fred Gates, who is taking an active part in the formation of the new corporation, said that the plan would not interfere with the general educational board which already has cost Rockefeller $53,000,000. It is estimated that the oil king's gifts up to the present time total $120,000,000.

MISSIONARY TELLS OF LIFE AT THIBET

Rev. Mr. Moyes Lectures at Cedar Hill—Good Templars Hold Social

Gordon Head, March 3.—On Friday evening the 25th ult., a large audience was entertained in St. Aiden's church, Cedar Hill, by Rev. Mr. Moyes, who spent a number of years as a missionary in Thibet. Mr. Moyes' lecture was very interesting and instructive and was illustrated by a large number of beautiful lantern slides.

Last Saturday was the 33rd anniversary of the International Order of Good Templars. To mark the anniversary a social was held in the Temperance hall. A short programme was rendered and cards and games pleasantly passed the evening. Dainty refreshments were served by the sisters of the lodge during the evening. The programme was as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Mabel Irvine; song, Miss Alice King; recitation, Robert Clark; song, Charlie King; song, Miss Marion Offerhaus.

WEDDED AT WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, March 4.—Harry L. Nicholson and Miss Ruby Pearl Morrison were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's father, 426 Eighth street, by Rev. J. S. Henderson. Miss Sadie L. Lougheed acted as bridesmaid while W. H. Hutcheson supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson will reside in this city.

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ARE TO ORDER STREET LAMPS

CITY COUNCIL TO CALL FOR TENDERS

Acting City Engineer Bryson Estimates Street Expenditure for the Year

Prior to regular business at Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee of the council the board was waited on by a deputation of property-owners on Douglas and Yates streets, who desired some information as to when the work of improving those thoroughfares would be undertaken. Capt. A. C. MacCallum was spokesman for those from Douglas street and Sylvester Bros. those on Yates street. It was explained to the committee that the last council had authorized the work of paving and the erection of rows of ornamental lamps, and they urged that it was desirable to have the work taken in hand at once.

Capt. MacCallum submitted a number of tenders which had been received for pillars for the lighting system. The prices quoted were as follows: Victoria Machinery Depot, $69 each; Marine Iron Works, $58.80; E. A. Earl & Co., London, $47.78 without globes or wiring, or $58.45 complete; Hutchinson Bros., $73.50; Pindlay, Durham & Brodie, $72.50; wiring and globes not included, $93 complete; Hayward & Dodds, $78, with globes of larger sizes, $86 and $88.

The figures are based on the production of but sixty lights. After some discussion, on motion of Mayor Morley, it was decided to call for tenders for 200 pillars and lamp attachments, his worship pointing out that inasmuch as other of the leading thoroughfares of the city would be similarly improved it would be better to place a larger order than would serve immediate requirements. Then again, by ordering in large quantities it would be possible perhaps to get a lower quotation. It was decided that the bids be confined to local firms.

Acting City Engineer Bryson submitted his estimate of the sum required for street maintenance for the present year—$87,500. Last year the amount appropriated was $60,000, but not all of that sum was used for the purpose for which it was voted. The report was laid over for further consideration. The estimates for the year for all departments are now in and will be presented to the City Council on Monday evening.

Ald. Ross urged the opening up of the crossing over the old Esquimalt road, but objected to it being done on the local improvement plan. After some discussion it was decided to get further information on the matter which will be helpful to the committee.

SAVINGS BANK BILL.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The Cummins amendment to the postal savings bank bill was defeated in the Senate today by a vote of 40 to 18. The amendment sought to prevent the removal of money from the banks for the purchase of government bonds except in the event of war. An amendment offered by Senator Borah, providing that these funds of the banks should not be invested in state bonds or other securities paying less than 2½ per cent. interest, was carried. Under this amendment it will be impossible to invest in the two per cent. government bonds. The vote on the Borah amendment was 44 ayes to 11 noes.

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REMEDY FAILS TO REMOVE EVIL

LIEN GRANTED ON HOLE IN GROUND LITTLE USE

House Discusses Protection of Workers—Railway Bills Through

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 4.

This afternoon the House discussed the Mechanic's Lien Act, especially as regards the safeguarding of the wages of miners on works held under option. This section is being added to the act to give effect to the proposals of legislation which the member for Alberni has been making for two years. In addition the act is being consolidated generally.

Mr. Brewster's proposition was, that to avoid the great loss to miners on options caused by the option-holders skipping out, the holder should be compelled to deposit in a bank sufficient funds to pay wages due to the next pay day. The attorney-general's section gives a lien as against both the option-holder and the owner of the property.

It was pointed out by the member for Alberni that the attorney-general had not seized the situation, else he would not be trying in this way to protect these men. The facts were that individuals or companies from the States and elsewhere took options on mineral prospects, put on a gang of men while they were trying to sell stock or dispose of the mine, and skipped out when the ore pinched out, leaving the men unpaid. All there was to put a lien on was a hole in the ground and a few tools or a portable forge. If there was any tangible property to place a lien on there would never have been trouble on Texada island or elsewhere and no need for the legislation he had been pressing for, as the Act already provided for the placing of a lien on something that the work of the men had produced.

Hon. Mr. Bowser admitted that there was a great deal to be said in favor of Mr. Brewster's view, but he did not see how more could be done to protect these workers than was proposed here. To insist that a man should not come in unless he had a certain definite amount of credit in the bank would discourage development and keep out men who might come in and work mineral propositions. To go as far as Mr. Brewster desired would be treating miners as men without brains, who had to be protected instead of looking after themselves.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite said that a weekly pay-day was the remedy. He and the member for the Island (A. E. McPhillips) had a verbal set-to over a statement by the latter that miners who went on working on an option where they saw the investing public was only been fooled were dishonest. Mr. Hawthornthwaite declared that most miners did not know what was in the ground, nor did they care. If they did they would probably be earning large sums as prospectors.

The bill was reported from committee and stands for further stages.

An act to amend the Woodman's Lien for Wages Act was read a second time. This is simply adding to the act several sections which properly belong there but which have been in the Mechanic's Lien Act.

The Railway Bills.

The first business taken up in the afternoon was the consideration in committee of the bill ratifying the agreement with the C. N. R. This went through without change and with little or no discussion.

Parker Williams proposed to add to the section empowering the company to let contracts for construction a proviso that a minimum wage of $2.50 be paid.

The premier declined to adopt the amendment, and assured the House that the government proposed to see that nothing was left undone to secure to workers on the new line a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.

The bill was reported.

The Kettle River Valley bill was put through committee, reported and read a third time.

L. W. Shatford (Similkameen), suggested that the company should be called upon to build fifty miles this year instead of twenty-five.

The premier stated that he had had a conversation with Mr. Warren, president of the company, and was assured that the matter spoken of by Mr. Shatford, as well as others, would be substantially lived up to. The premier acknowledged assistance in regard to this bill from members for Similkameen and Grand Forks and others.

H. C. Brewster called the attention of the premier to the fact that he was running counter to his colleague, the attorney-general. Last night, Mr. Brewster had found fault with him for wanting the C. N. R. compelled to build a certain number of miles per year, saying the proper way was to require the expenditure of the equivalent cost of so many miles. Now the premier tells the House that the Kettle River Valley Company must build so many miles each year.

Not a Repair Shop.

The attorney-general, moving the second reading of a bill to validate By-law No. 204 of the city of Nelson, told the House a little secret of the executive council chamber. When the matter was before council, he said, the president (Hon. Carter-Cotton) very aptly remarked that some people seemed to look upon the legislature as a sort of repair shop for municipal mistakes and defects in by-laws. The government proposed to make this positive statement as to the future, that they did not intend to bring down any more legislation to validate by-laws in which mistakes had been made by the municipal councils. Private bills would have to be introduced and the fees paid.

Hon. Mr. Taylor secured second reading for an act respecting the construction of sewers in unorganized districts. This, he explained to the House, was found necessary owing to conditions which existed in Esquimalt, Merritt and some other places. It was practically a re-enactment of the Dyking, Draining and Irrigating Act of 1894.

Repurchasing Land Grants.

The premier explained the design of the act to authorize the repurchase by the crown of railway subsidy lands in moving the second reading of the bill. Some years ago, he said, land grants of approximately 5,150,958 acres had been made to the Columbia & Western and the British Columbia Southern companies. In the years since thousands of acres had been alienated by these companies from these grants, but several million acres remained unalienated. In connection with the administration of the crown lands in the districts where these were situated many complex questions arose as between the government, the pre-emptor, who was there first, and the railway company. In the Similkameen, Osoyoos and Kootenay districts there were questions of title outstanding, involving scores, that promised a great deal of trouble before they were adjusted. The then chief commissioner had made an arrangement with the C. P. R. to purchase at 25c. an acre and provision was made in 1899 for legislation, but the defeat of the government of the day ended negotiations. These would be resumed and it was to empower this the act was introduced. No purchases would be effective until approved by the legislature.

Parker Williams said he had often wondered what the railways would do with the lands they had not disposed of when these became taxable. Evidently the government was to help them out. Was it intended to buy back the whole of the land grant?

Premier McBride replied that there was no intention of repurchasing any particular lands. The government, when empowered, if it thought fit to reopen negotiations for any particular lands, would take steps to fix a fair value and endeavor to arrive at an understanding with the company.

The bill was given its second reading.

Third Readings.

Bills read a third time to-day were: An act to amend the Midway & Vernon Aid Act of 1902, this being the grant which is being turned over to the Kettle River Valley.

An act providing for the inspection of premises, works, wires and appliances generating, transmitting or supplying electrical energy.

An act extending the provisions of the Fire Inquiry Act to fires in standing or cut timber.

An act to amend the Supreme Court Act by providing for two civil assize sitting at Cranbrook each year, and repealing a section dealing with the now defunct full court.

An act to amend the County Court Act by providing for the summoning of talesmen when the jury panel summoned is short.

An act repealing the Commercial Travellers' Licenses Act, the provisions of which are included in the new liquor license act.

The Supply Bill.

Hon. Price Ellison moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Bush Fire Act, as to the setting out of fire, and took occasion to give some particulars of the work of the fire rangers last year, which was very successful. Ontario spends $140,000 a year for fire protection, he said, although receiving but half the revenue of British Columbia. The government was looking forward to the time when the license holders would pay a share of the cost of protection of their timber. It was understood this would be recommended by the timber commission, as the timber men were perfectly willing to bear their proportion.

The House rose at 6.30 till Monday morning.

WESTERN SLOPE IS AGAIN IN PORT

Men Refuse to Go to Sea, Claiming Schooner is Not Seaworthy

Sealing schooner Western Slope is once more back in Victoria harbor after several futile attempts to get out to sea. For several weeks she lay at Sooke harbor during which time the officers were kept busy running into town to fetch new men to replace those who deserted. Now the men say they will not go to sea, complaining that the schooner is not seaworthy.

When the complaint was made Capt. Lump put her on the beach and examined her hull, finding her perfectly sound, but this did not satisfy the men.

An effort was made to get to sea at the beginning of the present week, but the wind blowing up the straits drove her back and after lying in Sooke until yesterday the men then decided that they would not go. They have had a good time hunting ducks for several weeks, and have spent their advance notes. If they do not go the charterers of the boat will be out that much as well as the stores that have been consumed.

Before the Western Slope left this port she was thoroughly overhauled, inspected and insured, and was looked upon as a perfectly safe craft. The chief difficulty seems to have been the rather cramped quarters for the men.

It is not known whether she will go out again or not. Mate Collinson, who is an experienced hunter, had previously signed on the schooner Pescawha, but disagreeing with the owners of that boat backed out after having received his advance.

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RAILWAY LOSSES EXCEED TWO MILLIONS

Disaster at Wellington and Destruction of Limited Swell Winter's Record

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—Culminating in the disaster at Wellington the past ten days, through weather conditions, has cost the various railway companies in wreck, loss of equipment, destruction to their roadbed and loss of traffic, a total of $2,500,000, according to official estimates.

The Great Northern is the heaviest loser. Its line through the Cascades has been tied up since a week ago Wednesday. Its line to Vancouver has been closed twice by slides. The Northern Pacific has been blocked for periods up to two days by snow and on the route to Portland by a rock slide at Castle Rock.

The loss of equipment and damage to right-of-way of the Great Northern through the avalanche at Wellington is placed by an official at $1,500,000, of which the equipment, consisting of fourteen coaches, baggage cars, mail and express cars and the engines of two trains, Nos. 25, the Spokane passenger, and the Fast Mail, No. 27, a rotary plough and two motors, four motors swept down in their shed, O'Neill's private car and engine, is valued at approximately $900,000.

The value of the Oriental Limited, which met disaster at Milan, is placed by officials at $160,000.

The rock slide at Castle Rock cost the Northern Pacific about $52,000 to clean up and in delayed trains.

The Milwaukee is a heavy sufferer through loss of business, its line having been tied up for four days through snow.

Bridges Swept Away.

Ogden, Utah, March 5.—The main line of the Southern Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco will not be open for through traffic for another week at least, according to advices received by railroad officials here from engineers in Nevada. The worst trouble on the lines is between Palisade and Battle Mountain, Nevada. Several bridges are out and the tracks are washed away in many places.

As a result trains to and from the coast will be detoured indefinitely over the Oregon Short Line tracks by the way of Portland, Ore.

LOUIS JAMES DIED TO-DAY AT HELENA

Well Known Actor Played in Victoria Only Two Weeks Ago

Spokane, March 5.—News comes today of the death at Helena, Montana, this morning of Louis James, the famous Shakespearean actor. Mr. James was taken ill two days ago while in a snow-bound car at Cascade. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of his death.

On February 19th Louis James played at the Victoria theatre in Henry VIII. as Wolsey. He was a great favorite in the West, where for many years he had been periodically appearing. In the early days he played in company with Frederick Warde and Catherine Kitto. Later he toured with Mojeska, and finally separating from Warde headed his own company.

Louis James was over 60 years of age, and had made for himself an enviable reputation as an interpreter of Shakespeare. He has repeatedly appeared in Victoria.

ELECTRIC LINE HAS BEEN CARRYING MANY

For the two months of the present year, January and February, there has been a twenty per cent. increase in the passenger traffic of the B. C. Electric Company.

For the two months there were carried 774,475 passengers, while for the same two months last year the number who paid fares amounted to 649,859, being an increase of 124,616.

The comparative figures for the two months for this and for last year are as follows:

Month.	1910.	1909.
January	415,150	329,080
February	359,325	320,779
Total	774,475	649,859

CRETAN DIFFICULTY.

Rome, March 5.—Crown Prince Constantine of Greece arrived here yesterday in the strictest incognito and asked for an audience with King Victor Emmanuel. He wished to admit to his majesty the situation in Greece and to request the assistance of Italy's influence in the solution of the Cretan question, upon which may depend the peace of Greece and the stability of the monarchy.

Fined for causing an obstruction with his barrow a costermonger at Willesden, Eng., police court said that the only thing he could do for a living now was to die.