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ctor Holt has communicated easury department officials con- his observations and it is be- hat a revenue cutter will soon o make a careful patrol of the

ELIGHTED WITH CITY.

Sakatain Was Charmed With toria on His Recent Visit.

n Sakatani, who visited Vic- ome days ago on his way to , was given an opportunity by panese residents of this city to art of Victoria. He was taken tally-ho drive to the Gorge where he had the opportunity g the Japanese gardens there. h they were not then fully ed for the season. Baron was delighted with the s the party crossed the Gorge and he caught sight of the ul view which opens out either om that point of vantage he the carriage and clapped his with delight. ether Baron Sakatani thought a was a charming city.

AVALRY FOR KAMLOOPS.

loops, May 9.—The Canada Ga- ontains the following: adian Mounted Rifles—The head- rs of A and B independent ons will be at Kamloops and , respectively." announcement caused some com- in local military circles, it be- ought by some that the R. M. R. go out of business to make way new order of things. Prices of and cost of keeping same have rominent topics of conversation the past few days, as well as the on of accommodating the new shment at the drill hall. matter was considered by the rs of the local company R. M. d resulted in an unanimous ex- on of opinion in favor of letting s stand. It was said that Kam- an accommodate both a mounted n unmounted detachment and here are many who would join the no never think of taking part in her. In short, the R. M. R. wish- emain the R. M. R. and to be al- to continue without check that sing improvement which has so marked of late.

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BROTHERS LOST ON WEST COAST

DESERTED BOAT, MUTE EVIDENCE OF TRAGEDY

Harvey and Horace Waters Disappear on Way Up Tahasas River.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Another tragedy of the West Coast would appear to be unfolded by a dispatch received from Clayoquot this morning. It involves the almost certain loss of two brothers named Harvey and Horace Waters, who five weeks ago set out from Victoria on a prospecting trip up the Tahasas river.

The Indians in the neighborhood of Nootka report that for the last month the boat owned by the brothers Waters has been lying deserted at the mouth of the Tahasas river. It is loaded with a full cargo of supplies, a tent, and other equipment, which the men had brought with them to last during their prospecting trip. But the brothers are nowhere to be found. Surmise has it that they wandered through the thickly wooded country and in some manner got lost. For four weeks past no trace has been found of either and during all that time the Indians in the vicinity say the boat has been lying at the water's edge deserted.

This news of what is evidently another tragedy was brought from Nootka to Clayoquot by the steamer Tees. A special dispatch to the Times states that there are no white men in the vicinity to organize a search.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Vancouver, May 14.—Rev. John Robson, of Nanaimo, has been elected president, and Rev. A. E. Roberts, of Victoria, secretary, at the Methodist conference.

"MRS. RUTH" WILL STUMP WEST FOR BRYAN

Woman Suffrage Campaign if "W. J." Receives Democratic Nomination.

Chicago, May 14.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Omaha, Neb., says: In case W. J. Bryan receives the Democratic nomination, his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt will take the stump in Colorado, Wyoming and several other western states in her father's interests.

This information was given out in Omaha yesterday by Mayor Dahlman, who has just returned from Denver, where he has been with other Democratic committeemen completing arrangements for the convention. Mrs. Leavitt will confine her efforts to women, and will only stump those states which have women suffrage laws.

AMENDMENTS TO MEDICAL ACT.

Doctors of Saskatchewan Want Changes Made—Delegation Waits on Attorney-General.

Regina, May 14.—The medical men of western Canada waited on Attorney-General Turgeon yesterday to lay before him representations regarding amendments to the Medical Act.

The act was passed last session, and has not been brought into force yet. It provides for a medical council of seven, one being elected from each of the several medical electoral districts. Dr. Lafferty, of Calgary, is here endeavoring to have this changed, and the vote made general throughout the province for all members of the council. He also wants the power of appointing two members given to the executive council, but it is understood that all members of the medical profession in the House are opposed to these changes. It was in connection with these proposals that the delegation waited on the attorney-general yesterday.

The proposal of a private bill to declare Wilfrid Tessier, of Tessier, Sask., a member of the college of physicians and surgeons of the province is also being opposed by important factions of the medical men, and they are urging upon the government the necessity of having Mr. Tessier pass his examination if he would become a medical man.

PRINCE HONORS SIR THOMAS.

Invites C. P. R. President to Marlborough House to Discuss Canadian Affairs.

Montreal, May 14.—A London cable says: The Prince of Wales has specially invited Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to Marlborough House on Sunday for a long talk on Canadian affairs, in which the Prince is keenly interested. Lady Belbourne Taite, of Montreal, Lady MacMillan, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. E. G. Prior, of Victoria, B. C., will be presented at the Queen's drawing room to-day.

HON. R. ROGERS IS REJECTED.

Manitoba Minister Must Go to New Political Field to Seek Election.

Winnipeg, May 14.—The conservatives of Lisgar have rejected the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, in favor of Mr. Sharpe, a lawyer of Manitou, who opposed T. Greenway at the last election. The convention will be held in Morden on Monday.

Hon. R. Rogers will now try to get a nomination in Provencher, where Dr. Molloy, Liberal, will beat him if he runs.

TRAFFIC IN TORONTO.

Toronto, May 14.—Toronto's share of the street railway receipts for April was forty-one thousand dollars. The percentage has more than doubled in four years' time.

ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HIS LIFE

PRISONER CAUGHT BEFORE HE SUCCEEDED

He Was Using Bandages as a Means of Hanging Himself.

Andrew J. Peers, until this morning a patient in the Jubilee hospital, attempted to hang himself in the city police station this forenoon, but owing to the alarm being given by some of his fellow prisoners he was prevented from accomplishing his purpose.

Peers was a patient at the Jubilee hospital but this morning was discharged as well enough to go home. Instead of doing so, however, he went down to the Willows hotel, where he had a few drinks and became obnoxious with the result that the police were called and Peers was brought to the city police station. He had not been there long before he tried to hang himself, by means of a string consisting of a number of pieces of bandage which he had tied together. He secured the string about his neck and climbed the door of his cell to tie the other end around the hot water pipe in the cell. He was observed doing this by other prisoners who gave the alarm to Jailer Allen, who was on duty. Mr. Allen lost no time in taking the string from about the man's neck and appropriating it to the miscellaneous collection of such things of which the station boasts. Care will be taken that Peers does not repeat his attempt.

ZINC ORES FOR U. S. SMELTERS.

Duty Usually Collected on Boundary Line May Be Cancelled.

Nelson, May 13.—It is stated unofficially to-night that the duty on sulphide of zinc ores going into the United States from Canada will no longer be collected at the boundary line between the two countries. This is very welcome news to the Slocan mine operators, and incidentally means much for the whole Slocan district.

A large amount of zinc ores lying on mine dumps will be shipped to American smelters, and the money realized will come back here for further mining development.

ONTARIO NOMINEES.

Toronto, May 14.—The following nominations have taken place in Ontario: Toronto South, seat "A," Hon. J. P. Foy; seat "B," G. H. Gooderham (Cons.); Toronto North, seat "A," W. K. McNaught; seat "B," ex-Mayor John Shaw (Cons.); West Lambton, Robert I. Towers (Lib.); Brockville, W. S. Hull (Lib.); Centre Huron, W. Proudfoot (Lib.); North Waterloo, Daniel Ratz (Lib.); West Hastings, W. J. Johnson (Cons.).

FORAKER'S NEGRO BILL.

Washington, May 14.—In the Senate yesterday Senator Foraker abandoned his effort to secure consideration at this session of his bill reinstating the negroes who were disbanded from service on account of the Brownsville riot, and moved to make the bill a special order for December 16th.

LIBERAL WIN IN BYE-ELECTION.

London, May 14.—Robert Harcourt, Liberal, son of the late Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, by his second wife, who was the daughter of Hon. J. D. Motley, the historian, has been elected to the House of Commons in the district of Montrose, in place of John Morley, recently elevated to the peerage.

IRONBOUND CORPSE.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 14.—The heavily weighted body of a man was taken from the water near a coal wharf here yesterday. Around the waist had been fastened about 75 pounds of pig iron, and across the chest was a heavy iron bar. Apparently the man's death occurred several months ago, as the body was in such a condition that identification was impossible.

DEATH OF C. N. R. OFFICIAL.

Winnipeg, May 14.—George S. Mackinnon, assistant mechanical superintendent of the Canadian Northern, died here yesterday.

"FIRST SOD" AT PRINCE RUPERT

ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION NOW IN FULL SWING

Good Progress in Clearing Right of Way—Spectacular Scene by Night.

Prince Rupert, B. C., May 10.—On Thursday morning the "first sod" was turned on the Pacific coast end of the G. T. P., when Ross & Carlson's men set off several blasts, clearing away the tangle of roots and stumps covering the big rock bluff just south of the wharf, preparatory to drilling the big cut through this rock, which will be the heaviest on this section. There is practically no soil on this section, nothing but a coating of decayed vegetable matter, and the balance solid rock. Already several holes have been drilled to a depth of sixteen feet, and when these have been charged and fired, tons of rock will be displaced. Ross & Carlson have been delayed in their work by the non-arrival of construction material, such as dump cars, trucks and steel rails, which were shipped from Kenora on completion of the work there, and should have arrived here some time ago.

Good progress has been made along the route from here to Aberdeen in clearing the right-of-way, and making ready for the rock men. Craig Bros. have nearly five miles cleared, following the coast line, and beyond that point considerable clearing has been done by Contractors McHugh, Bostrom and Augus Stewart, on their sections. At points all along the coast, as far as Aberdeen, the contractors have huge fires, burning the fallen trees and refuse, and the scene at night is a picturesque one, plainly indicating that a great change is taking place in this quiet north land.

Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart are erecting a powder magazine across the harbor, 200 feet long by 30 feet wide. A landing wharf about 100 feet long will be required to reach the magazine, and the Pacific Stevedoring Company have the contract of building it.

Contractors on the sections already sublet, now have all their camp buildings completed, and just as soon as trunks and rails arrive, rapid progress will be made.

J. W. Stewart is expected to arrive here about May 20th, when no doubt more contracts will be let, as several contracting firm are now here awaiting his arrival, and by June 1st all contracts for the first hundred miles will be alloted, and everything in full swing.

JAPAN REFUSED TO CHANGE HER STAND

Is Determined to Have No Railroad Competition in Manchuria.

Pekin, May 14.—The Japanese government has refused to take under consideration the modification proposed by China to her original opposition to the construction of the Hain-Min-Tun-Fakuman railroad, but especially the proposal that she fix the distance which she would permit the existing line to be paralleled. This would mean competition, and involve Japan in further outlay of capital.

The proposal of paralleling the Japanese line to Fakuman was advanced for purposes of reconciliation, but the warring British and Japanese interests had it made public for political effect.

GOVERNOR OF LANAO DEAD.

Allan Gard Went to Philippines in 1901 as School Teacher.

Manila, May 14.—Allan Gard, governor of Lanao, died here yesterday. He underwent a series of operations, from which he gradually sank and never rallied.

School Teacher Once.

Washington, D. C., May 13.—Allen Gard, governor of Lanao, whose death was reported to-day, went to the Philippine islands in 1901 as a school teacher, having been nominated by Yale university. His father, Wm. E. Gard, is in business at 71 Wall street, New York.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Deputation Asking Franchise For Six Waits on Premier Hazen of New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., May 14.—A deputation of women waited on Premier Hazen yesterday asking that the franchise be given to women. The premier promised consideration during recess, and an announcement of the policy of the government at the next session of the legislature.

WRECKED STEAMER AFLOAT.

Quebec, May 14.—The government steamer Montcalm was successfully floated yesterday afternoon by the Messrs. Davies, whose divers succeeded at low tide in blocking all the holes in the steamer. The steamer was moved back so as to prevent the bow sinking again.

New Sawmill for Alberni Canal

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, May 14.—Dr. A. P. Proctor has sold 24 timber limits on Mint lake and Mint river, in the Clayoquot district of Vancouver Island, to a Pennsylvania syndicate for $75,000.

The new owners will build a mill immediately on Alberni canal, above the town.

BITS OF GOLD AS VITAL CLUES

DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED IN GUINESS MYSTERY

Many Unsolved Problems Await Elucidation in Awful Laporte Tragedy.

Laporte, Ind., May 14.—The possible determination that the globules of metal found by the mining operations on the Guiness farm yesterday were bits of gold used by a dentist for fillings in or crowns on the woman's teeth is likely to be a development of importance in the case to-day. The specimens were turned over to a local jeweler last night, and it is expected that he will report on them soon. The mystery has reached a stage where the determination of such facts is of major importance. The discovery of additional bodies is a remote possibility, and the identification of any of the seven cadavers remaining unmarked is even more distantly to be expected.

Yesterday's developments did little to elucidate any of the unsolved problems. The attorneys for the defence are said to be looking for David Havens, who is reported to have aided in uncovering the bodies of the persons whom Lamphere is accused of murdering. According to the information current here, they claim that Havens was declared an undesirable citizen by Sheriff Smutzer, and ordered away from Laporte shortly after the fire. The attorneys also claim that Havens has declared that when the bodies were found in the cellar of the Guiness home on April 28th, they were lying on the floor and there was no debris under them. They assert that testimony to this effect at the trial will do much to clear their client of the charges against him, arguing that the circumstances show that the bodies had been placed in the cellar previous to the beginning of the fire which destroyed the farm house.

EASILY FINEST ON PACIFIC

CAPTAIN TROUP TELLS OF NEW PRINCESS

Vessel Nearly Complete in Scotch Shipbuilding Yards —Accommodates 1,500.

Vancouver, May 14.—Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the coast service of the C. P. R., returned from England to-day and left on the steamer Princess Royal for Victoria this afternoon.

Speaking of the company's new flyer, the Princess Charlotte, being built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company, of Glasgow, Captain Troup said: "I found work on her construction far more advanced than I had expected. If it were necessary we could have her in commission within six weeks." Under the contract, Capt. Troup added, October is her month for sailing, and he did not think it would be necessary to make any change in the date. She will be running during the latter part of the year between Vancouver and Seattle direct, or to the American port via Victoria, as the company may desire. The vessel, he declared, was all that had been said of her and more.

"She will be far ahead in her appointments, accommodations and speed to any of her type on the Pacific coast," said the captain, with obvious pride. She has three funnels and berths for upwards of fifteen hundred people.

Regarding the transfer to the Pacific of some of the Atlantic liners, Capt. Troup had nothing to say.

SEVEN VICTIMS IN TORNADO TRAIL

LOUISIANA TOWN IS RAZED TO GROUND

Full Toll of Destruction Not Yet Received From Storm-swept Area.

Shreveport, La., May 14.—Seven people are known to be dead and many others are injured as the result of a tornado which swept across northwest Louisiana last night. The little town of Gilliam, 25 miles north of Shreveport, was destroyed, and the town of Belinger, on the east side of the river in Bossier parish, was badly wrecked.

Communication with the greater portion of the storm-swept section is interrupted, and it is believed that the later reports will increase the number of dead and injured. It is said that the work of destruction at Gilliam was complete, only two houses remaining intact. The town had a population of about 200.

The dead in Gilliam are said to be Mrs. J. T. Gariner and three negroes. Arthur Vaughan is said to be badly injured.

At Belinger the dead are Mrs. Mitchell Davis and two negroes, Mrs. Davis' mother is reported to be dying from injuries received. It was reported that Oil City, in this parish, was wiped out by the tornado, but this rumor is probably untrue, although great damage is thought to have occurred in view of the wrecking of a great many oil well derricks.

WINNIPEG'S BIG ASSESSMENT.

Winnipeg, May 14.—The real property assessment of Winnipeg is over one hundred millions of dollars. Last year it was ninety-four millions. The business tax assessment will fall below ten million dollars as compared with twelve and one-third millions in 1907. The decrease was caused by a reduction in the rents and many stores being vacant.

WAS WINNIPEG OLD-TIMER.

Winnipeg, May 14.—Mrs. A. G. Bannatyne, relict of a well-known oldtimer, to whom she was married at Fort Garry in 1851, died to-day.

HARBOTTLE WILL SURRENDER.

Edmonton, May 14.—Capt. Harbottle, defaulting collector of inland revenue, has decided to return and give himself up to the authorities. His friends will make his shortage good.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF BANK OF ENGLAND

Fluctuation in Circulation, Deposits and Reserve—Discount Rate Unchanged.

London, May 14.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 3 per cent.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserves, decrease, £188,000; circulation decrease, £272,000; bullion decrease, £440,118; other securities decrease, £622,000; other deposits decrease, £925,000; public deposits increase, £381,000; notes reserve decrease £58,000; government securities increase, £260,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liability this week is 51.12 per cent. Last week it was 50.92 per cent.

PENNY TELEGRAPHIC RATE.

Britain's Great Postal Reformer Makes Important Announcement.

London, May 14.—Addressing a trade conference in London last night, John Henniker Heaton, M. P., "the Father of the imperial penny postage," in advocating a penny telegraphic rate between Great Britain and the continent of Europe, said that it was common knowledge that penny postage with the United States would shortly be adopted.

VICTORIA DAY AT G. T. P. END.

Arrangements Made to Properly Celebrate Festival in North.

Prince Rupert, B. C., May 10.—A meeting of prominent citizens was held on Monday night, and all arrangements made to properly celebrate Victoria Day. There will be land sports, boat races, log-chopping contests, packing races, etc. and a grand display of fireworks at night. By a unanimous vote, Captain Parry, D. G. S. Egeria, Captain Musgrave, hydrographic survey; Chief Engineer Van Arsdol, and Harbor Engineer Bacon were elected honorary members of the general committee.

JOHN DILLON REMANDED.

Montreal, May 14.—John Dillon, the book agent, who shot and killed Constable Shea and wounded Chief Detective Carpenter and Constable Foucault on April 6th, yesterday pleaded not guilty to three charges, one of murder and two of attempted murder, and was remanded for trial at the next session of the Court of King's Bench.

MANITOBA DEBENTURES TAKEN.

Montreal, May 14.—A London cable says Parr's bank has closed the list of £306,500 province of Manitoba 4 per cent. debentures at 99. The loan went very well, the whole issue being taken up by the public.

Preparations are being made for the issue of £2,350,000 5 per cent. bonds of the Central Railway of Canada, probably at 96, with the object of building a railway from Montreal to Midland.

KESTREL SEIZES U. S. FISHBOAT

STR. THOMAS CUTTING MAY BE CONFISCATED

Captured Off Vancouver Island for Alleged Fishing Within Three Mile Limit.

Vancouver, May 14.—The Dominion government fishery protection cruiser Kestrel, Captain Newcombe, won a bloodless fight over the Seattle Halibut steamer Francis Cutting, at the northern end of Vancouver Island on Tuesday afternoon. It is alleged that the big Seattle fishboat was fishing within the three mile limit. The Kestrel went alongside the Cutting and notified the latter's captain that he was under seizure. The Kestrel ran a line on board the fishboat, but the latter kept under her own steam to Vancouver, where both boats arrived at noon.

Captain Newcombe wired to Ottawa this afternoon before formally confiscating the American boat.

The Cutting has a crew of 25 men and now has 47,000 pounds of halibut aboard. She is owned by the Seattle Fish and Cold Storage Company.

The vessel seized is a fine one and if confiscated will prove an excellent addition to the government tugboat fleet.

GANS FIGHTING TO-NIGHT.

Colored Champion to Meet Unholz For World's Lightweight Title.

San Francisco, Cal., May 14.—Joe Gans will go into the ring at the Coliseum to-night in all probability a 10 to 8 favorite over Rudolph Unholz, the fighting Boer. Last night the price dropped from 2 to 1 to 3½ to 1, and the Gans' supporters will still take the money offered by the followers of the short ender.

Gans did not work yesterday, but was down to 133 pounds in the afternoon, so that the ringside weighing-in should be a mere formality for the two boys. The men who are to fight for the lightweight championship of the world are to weigh-in stripped at 133 pounds ringside.

VIOLATED CONTRACT.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 14—A jury in the Dauphin county court yesterday gave a verdict of $34,814.60 in favor of the Cox Coal Company of this city against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as damages for violation of a contract in failing to build sidings in Cambria county. An appeal will be taken if a new trial is refused. Under the Elkins law the plaintiffs are entitled to three times the amount of the finding so that the sum due the Cox Co. is $104,443.80. The suit was for $300,000.

ROOSEVELT AND WHITE PLAGUE.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—President Roosevelt has accepted the presidency of the International conference on tuberculosis, which will be held in this city in the autumn. The president's letter of acceptance was received by Dr. Lawrence Flick, of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee, who has the arrangements for the conference. The announcement was made at a meeting of that committee last night at the Cosmos Club.

KAISER LAVISH WITH ORDERS.

Vienna, May 14.—When Emperor William came here a few days ago to pay his respects to Emperor Francis Joseph on the occasion of his jubilee he distributed decorations and orders on every hand.

Among those thus honored was Dr. Weiskirschmer, president of the lower chamber of the Reichrath, who received the order of the third class of the Prussian crown.

DIES AFTER SAVING FAMILY.

Kenora, Ont., May 14.—J. Fortier, a transfer man, was burned to death this morning. He saved his wife and four children and returned to the burning building where he was overcome.

PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

D. R. KER SPEAKS OF OUTLOOK IN WEST

The Crop Promises to Be a Bumper One at Present Time.

D. R. Ker has just returned from a visit to the various branches of the firm of Brackman & Ker. He went as far as Edmonton, where the company has great works for the handling of their grain supplies.

Mr. Ker says that the prospects are that the coming season should be a record breaker in the matter of grain production. The sowing has been done under exceptionally good conditions. The growth has been good since the seed was committed to the ground, and the season has opened in excellent shape. The crop is at least three weeks ahead of last year, so that the prospects for the year are indeed excellent.

Mr. Ker says that the prairies continue to attract settlers. There is a continual stream of people passing in and locating. The result is that things look exceedingly bright in that portion of the country, and the effect upon Victoria and the Pacific coast in general must be to the advantage of all.

The G. T. P. is rushing work west of Edmonton on its main line, and are building a road which is a model one. The grades are very low, so that the new road will have special advantages in the carrying trade.

Mr. Ker returns from his trip highly elated over the outlook in the West for the coming season. The prospects are extremely bright he thinks.

GOOD TIME PROMISED AT SMOKING CONCERT

Young Liberals Will Entertain To-morrow Evening in Institute Hall.

Those who attend the smoking concert to be given by the Victoria Young Liberal Club in Institute hall to-morrow evening are assured of an excellent treat. There will be a choice programme of comic and other songs, musical selections, speeches, etc. Among the speakers will be M. B. Jackson, of Hamiota, Manitoba, an orator of unusual merit, and Fred Peters, K. C., who is too well known to need any introduction.

The smoking end of the concert will be well looked after, and an abundance of good cigars supplied to all who attend.

All Liberals and all who are interested in the politics of the country are invited to be present and to share in the evening's enjoyment.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS MEET.

Grand Chief of Brotherhood Makes Sweeping Temperance Recommendations.

Columbus, Ohio, May 14.—About 400 delegates were in the city for the convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers when Grand Chief W. S. Stone called the initial meeting to order at Memorial hall yesterday.

The annual report of Grand Chief Stone was read. The grand chief makes recommendations along the line of temperance. The rules at present declare that any member discharged from any position for drinking shall also be expelled from the order. It is recommended that this rule be so amended that any member who drinks either on or off duty shall be liable to expulsion.

Another recommendation was that the convention carefully consider the question of interurban trolley men who work on cars which make up a passenger train service of railways.

It was recommended that the divisions ascertain the wishes of members as to a pension plan, as the one adopted at Memphis is impracticable; that an age limit be established so that no man may be taken into the order after the age of 50, if he has never been a member of the order.

The feature of the meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the brotherhood was the presentation to the order of a large silk British flag by Mrs. Sproule, of Toronto, on behalf of the Canadian delegation.

$200,000 ASYLUM.

Edmonton, May 14.—The plans are under preparation in the department of public works for an asylum to be erected at Ponoka, Alberta, at a cost of $200,000. Eight hundred acres of land have been purchased by the government.