

CONFIDENCE IN CHIEF DAVIS

ALDERMEN GO ON RECORD IN MATTER

Debate Called for by Reference to Recent Test of Water- ous Engine.

City council went on record Monday night as having the most unbounded confidence in the ability of Chief Davis of the fire department, this expression of opinion being called forth by a reference to the recent test of the big Wainwright engine which has recently been acquired by the city. The chief had reported that the test was up to requirements, that the engine had pumped over 750 gallons of water per minute and that therefore it ought to be accepted. The consensus of opinion was that the chief's recommendation in the matter ought to be final.

The matter came before the board when the report of the fire warden was read. Ald. Stewart said that there were many rumors afloat to the effect that the engine had not pumped that capacity in the recent test, and that if a continuous strain were put on the engine at the rate of pumping it was supposed to be capable of, it would shake itself to pieces. Ald. McKinnon also mentioned that he had heard these rumors.

Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the fire warden, said he had asked Chief Davis to be present in person to supplement his report. He charged that the complaints against the engine were being circulated by rival engine manufacturers and he challenged Ald. McKinnon to mention the name of his informant. As a matter of fact the engine had pumped for a period of three minutes at the rate of 743 gallons per minute.

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Ald. Stewart paid a tribute to the chief also. While he had been skeptical as to the ability of the engine to do all that was claimed for it, he would certainly favor taking the recommendation of Chief Davis, who he complimented his report. He charged that the complaints against the engine were being circulated by rival engine manufacturers and he challenged Ald. McKinnon to mention the name of his informant. As a matter of fact the engine had pumped for a period of three minutes at the rate of 743 gallons per minute.

The report carries with it a recommendation that a hose tower be erected at the headquarters station at a cost of \$600, and also the installation of a hydrant on Richmond road between the city boundary and the isolation hospital, as well as the repair of the combination chemical engine and hose wagon at a cost of \$247.

The request of the B. C. Auto Company to install a gasoline tank at its premises on Wharf street was referred to the chief.

DIAZ ON HIS WAY TO MEET TAFT

President of United States Con- tinues Trip Through Cali- fornia.

Mexico City, Oct. 12.—President Diaz, of Mexico, is speeding northward on a special train to-day on the first leg of his journey to meet President Taft at El Paso. He left the capital last night. President Diaz will make his first stop at Chihuahua, where an elaborate programme has been arranged in his honor.

Taft's Journey.
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 12.—At 9:30 this morning President Taft, accompanied by his entire party, boarded a special electric car and was whisked away to the veteran's home at Sawtelle. After his inspection of the ranks of the aged blue-clad soldiers, he proceeded to Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles. At Hollywood automobiles were waiting for him, and his return to Los Angeles was made by motor. The same cars carried the president and his followers to Pasadena, where he arrived at 11:30.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY QUESTION

Modus Vivendi Renewed Pending Arbitration Pro- ceedings.

London, Oct. 12.—The Canadian Associated Press office has informed that His Majesty's government has agreed with the United States for the renewal of the Newfoundland fisheries until the termination of the arbitration proceedings before the Hague tribunal for the settlement of the Atlantic fisheries question.

The San Francisco papers record the death of Prof. W. M. Seabury, president of the California Pharmaceutical Society, and one of the most eminent chemists in the United States. Mr. Seabury, who was about 75 years of age, was a native of Norwich, England, and was for several years a resident of Victoria. He formerly carried on a drug business on the present site of the Royal Bank.

NEW BOARD OF TRADE.

New Westminster, Oct. 11.—The Maple Ridge Board of trade has at length been organized, the secretary of the Westminster board of trade, C. H. Stuart Wade, having worked energetically to that end for several weeks. The officers elected were: Hon. president, W. Manson, M.P.P.; hon. vice-president, J. A. Lee, president of Westminster board; hon. secretary, C. H. S. Wade; president, W. E. Beckett; council, Messrs. Jackson, Loughheed, Cooper, Pelletier, Patterson, Hockey, Stanley, Aikman, and Dailey.

MORE MONEY FOR CANADA'S EXPOSITION

City of Winnipeg Will Contribute One Million Dollars.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—True to her faith in the national importance of Canada's exposition to be held in 1912, Winnipeg has guaranteed to raise a million dollars for the big event. This is the consummation of joint action by the finance committee of the exposition and the civic government, and has the effect of doubling the sum of half a million dollars that was to be Winnipeg's contribution to the exposition finances. A resolution passed by the city council last night voiced the approval of that body of the exposition project and the council's support of a \$500,000 grant by the city. The exposition committee will raise another half million, and will apply at once for a corporation charter for a company to be capitalized at \$500,000. These two combined will be Winnipeg's contribution to the great national undertaking, which is to place Canada on view to the world as a country of splendid resources and splendid possibilities for capital, brains and energy.

Representatives from Germany have offered to establish a bureau at Berlin in the interests of Canada's international exposition.

CHEESE MAKER FINED.

Convicted Under Inspection and Sale Act—Violations of Fruit Marks Act.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Wilfrid Lapierre, cheese maker, of the Quebec cheese factory, Sherbrooke, Que., was fined \$25 at Granby on Saturday last for incorporating a quantity of inferior or worthless cheese in the centre of several new cheese during the process of manufacture. The cheese were discovered in a Montreal warehouse, and the prosecution was made by Inspector Macpherson, of the dairy and cold storage commissioner's branch. This is the first case under the amendment of 1908 to the inspection and sale act.

The following persons have recently been fined for violations of the fruit marks act on complaints laid by the Dominion fruit inspectors: R. O. Konkle, Beamsville, Ont.; Wm. Nash, Stony Creek, Ont.; S. S. O'Neil, Jordan, Ont.; Loughheed Bros., Clarksburg, Ont.; Geo. Dyce & Co., Meaford, Ont.; T. S. Vipon & Co., Montreal; D. Han-niwell, St. David's, Ont.

EXTENDS AID TO LADYSMITH SUFFERERS

City Council Gives Five Hun- dred Dollars to the Re- lief Fund.

Acting on the suggestion of Mayor Hall, the city council decided to vote aid to the sufferers through the recent disastrous explosion in the coal mines of Extension to the extent of \$500.

The mayor reported that he had received a letter from the secretary of the Ladysmith Board of Trade explaining that the relief committee would be glad to receive the assistance of the city. There were thirty-eight orphans and three widows left as a result of the calamity, and they would be a charge upon the community for a considerable period. The children were all very young, and only three were old enough to do any work.

The council heartily agreed with His Worship's suggestion. While under the Workmen's Compensation Act \$1,800 is paid by the company for each miner killed, and there is a further sum of \$300 coming from the miners' accident fund, the sad plight of the afflicted members of the little community will elicit ready response from Victoria.

KNOCKS JOHNSON DOWN.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 12.—Representative Johnson of California has been offered to meet all comers in lieu of his usual sparring partners, "Gunboat" Smith, a seaman from one of the United States cruisers anchored in this harbor, appeared yesterday at the champion's training quarters and scored a clean knockout in his four-round bout with the big negro.

Coming out of clinch in the last round, the sailor swung a right overhand chop, which caught Johnson flush on the chin. The champion went down flat on his back, and when he regained his feet he was so dazed that his manager cut the round short.

Smith mixed things with the champion from the start, and the 500 spectators gathered at the training quarters cheered him vociferously for his good showing.

The First Presbyterian Church Club held its meeting Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of club members and their friends. During the evening an address was given by Rev. Mr. Stephenson on "Scottish Humor," which was much enjoyed by all present.

DETECTIVES ARE ON TRAIL OF SWINDLERS

Many Persons Accused of De- frauding the U. S. Government.

New York, Oct. 12.—Within the next two weeks scores of new indictments, amounting to more than a hundred, will be returned by the United States Grand Jury for swindling the government out of tariff revenues at the port of New York.

With this idea in mind, Collector Loeb has out dragnet for the swindlers ever since he assumed office last spring. With a large corps of special men from the department at Washington assisted by inspectors and detectives, the work has been so quietly conducted during the last few months, that the swindlers have been so thoroughly shadowed in cables. Suggestions have been pressed on the board that seeing the recent course of Grand Trunk finances and the exceptionally heavy demands on British investors the presidency should remain with an Englishman of acknowledged prominence, selected outside of the present board room, but this suggestion clashed with the obvious necessity to strengthen the hands of General Manager Bays and the executive in Canada by giving them control over the road comparable to conditions governing the C.P.R. executive. Out of these discussions arose the proposal that the Grand Trunk follow the example of the C.P.R. to the extent of securing a sort of dual control through the president and chairman, one of whom would be in England and the other in Canada. Hays and Smithers, now vice-presidents of the Grand Trunk, are named as occupants of these positions.

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PLAN TO ENCOURAGE BULL FIGHTING

Organization in North of Spain Draws Up New Regu- lations.

Bilbao, Spain, Oct. 12.—The proprietors of the bull rings in the north of Spain have formed an organization which aims at the regulation and encouragement of this national sport. According to the regulations just drawn up, bull rings are to be divided into three categories—those that have a capacity of 15,000 spectators or over; those seating 10,000, and those that seat 5,000.

Every seven years a gold cup is to be awarded to the bull farm that produces the least number of bulls which are failures as fighters.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL AT GORDON HEAD

Enjoyable Entertainment Under Auspices of St. Andrew's Ladies' Auxiliary.

(Special Correspondence.)

Gordon Head, Oct. 11.—The "box" social held in the Gordon Head hall under the auspices of St. Andrew's Ladies' Auxiliary proved a great success. It was well attended and the ladies brought baskets which were auctioned off by R. H. Green. Rev. R. W. Collins acted as chairman and the programme was as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Carson; recitation, Miss Zaiba Ormond; mixed quartette, Mrs. Watson, Miss Carson, George Watson and Dr. J. Carson; song, Charles King; song, George Watson; recitation, Miss Aileen Watson; song, James Russell; recitation, Dr. John Carson.

The monthly trustee meeting of the Spanish municipality was held on Wednesday, when several important business matters were discussed.

FRENCH CAPITAL.

Senator Roy Has Interested European Investors in Canadian Company.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
In the city to-day is Senator Philippe Roy, of Edmonton, who is here in connection with a loan company with which he is prominently identified. The company is capitalized at \$2,000,000 and in it are interested some of the strongest financiers and financial institutions of France. Canadian capital is also being interested, and Senator Roy says some Victorians will like to take stock. The loans will be placed on improved farm lands in the prairies, the very best of security being thus offered.

D. D. MANN IS ON HIS WAY TO COAST

Will Inspect the Work of Sur- veyors From the Yellow- head Pass.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—D. D. Mann, vice president of the C. N. R., left here at noon for the Yellowhead Pass to inspect the work of the surveyors from the Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver. Mr. Mann stated that the work of the surveyors, according to reports he had received, had progressed very favorably. Since last spring 300 men have been working in the mountain section and there was every probability that the survey would be completed this year.

It would then be a case of making a careful examination of the surveys to determine where the C. N. R. line from Edmonton to Vancouver was to run.

Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works, has returned from a trip to Cariboo. Mr. Taylor has covered the whole of the province since assuming office, with the exception of the northern part of British Columbia.

RIVERS-WILSON HAS RETIRED

CHANGES IN GRAND TRUNK DIRECTORATE

Proposal Intended to Strengthen Hands of Executive in Canada.

London, Oct. 12.—It is understood on good authority that a re-arrangement of the Grand Trunk directorate has practically been settled after much trying discussion. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson has retired from the presidency, as has long since been fore-shadowed in cables. Suggestions have been pressed on the board that seeing the recent course of Grand Trunk finances and the exceptionally heavy demands on British investors the presidency should remain with an Englishman of acknowledged prominence, selected outside of the present board room, but this suggestion clashed with the obvious necessity to strengthen the hands of General Manager Bays and the executive in Canada by giving them control over the road comparable to conditions governing the C.P.R. executive. Out of these discussions arose the proposal that the Grand Trunk follow the example of the C.P.R. to the extent of securing a sort of dual control through the president and chairman, one of whom would be in England and the other in Canada. Hays and Smithers, now vice-presidents of the Grand Trunk, are named as occupants of these positions.

STREET RAILWAY BY-LAW PASSES AT NELSON

Company Will Probably Have Line in Operation by First of Year.

Nelson, Oct. 11.—By-law No. 204, designed to give the city of Nelson an up to date street railway system and service at an early date, carried by a majority of 248, the vote being; for 239; against, 10.

When seen after the results were known said: "There were no doubts in the minds of the council about the by-law passing. The people of Nelson expressed their will very clearly and, very wisely. My ambition now is, to see the tramway people complete their financial arrangements, and commence their grading of the new loop extension early in November."

W. G. McMorris speaking for the Nelson Street Railway Co., Ltd., made the following statement: "The result of the vote is a matter of great satisfaction to myself and all workers in the Nelson street railway company. Our aim from the inception of the movement, has been to inaugurate a public service in the city, which would hasten development and give further proof of our claim of being the most progressive city in the interior of British Columbia and the splendid vote in favor of the by-law shows that the property owners of the city are in accord with our idea. The company is in negotiation with various electrical machinery and car building firms and now that the by-law has carried, will be in a position to complete the grading of the new extension just as soon thereafter as an early date. It is possible to do so we will have our machinery assembled and cars operating on the existing tram line by Jan. 1st, 1910, and on the new extension just as soon thereafter as the grading and track-laying can be completed."

SUFFRAGETTE LEADER WILL VISIT STATES

Mrs. Pankhurst to Deliver Lec- tures on Woman Sur- frage.

London, Oct. 12.—"I want it distinctly understood," said Mrs. Julia Pankhurst, president of the National Women's Social and Political Union, who expects to sail for America on the Oceanic Wednesday, "that I will be the first member of our union to visit the United States in the interests of woman suffrage. I know that one or two English women have lectured in America on equal suffrage, but they did not represent the suffragettes. I know, too, that, on taking their leave they criticized American women as weak and willing slaves of men and as not wanting to vote. "I am not like the Englishman who told all about America from a car window. I do not claim that I can rightly gauge a country or a people after an acquaintance of a day. I am optimistic of my coming visit to the states. I have had warm, earnest letters from hundreds of American women declaring their interest in the movement and pressing upon me their hospitality should I decide to visit their cities. "I want to tour the west because I have been told that the further west you go, the more energetic, original and independent you find the women. I have met some New York women and, while I think they may claim I am not complacent under my wrongs, these New York women quite took my breath away. What must the women of California be?"

SCHEME TO PROTECT WESTERN HOTELMEN

Detectives Will Furnish Infor- mation Regarding Tran- sient Guests.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 12.—Hotel men in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley are busy preparing to receive and entertain the delegates to the convention of the Western Hotelmen Protective Association, which convenes here Thursday and remains in session until Saturday night, when the annual banquet will mark the end of the meeting. The main feature of the convention will be the formation of a scheme of protecting the hotels west of the Mississippi river from "dead beats." According to the plans now being considered, either the Pinkerton or Thiele detective agency will be employed to supply the hotels belonging to the association with protective information regarding the character of their transient patrons.

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NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH AT SUMMERLAND

Foundation Stone is Laid by Ven. Archdeacon Beer of Kaslo.

Summerland, Oct. 11.—The foundation of St. Stephen's Anglican church was formally laid on October 3rd, by the Ven. Archdeacon Beer, of Kaslo. The floor had been laid on the foundation and seating accommodation had been prepared for some three hundred people and all the available seats were occupied. Among those present were the Archdeacon, Rev. T. Greene, of Kelowna, the local incumbent, Rev. H. A. Solly, and the lay reader, Mr. Parker. The music was provided by an excellent choir. After the sermon by the Archdeacon the rector read an interesting history of the work of the Anglican church in Summerland, a copy of which was placed within the corner stone in company with a copy of the local publication. A collection was taken during the service which will be devoted to the swelling of the building fund of the church.

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THE HOLMES CASE.

Nanaimo, Oct. 12.—At the Assizes here to-day the grand jury brought in "true" bills in the case of Rex vs. W. Holmes and Rex vs. M. Watt.

Prosecuting Attorney Taylor stated the crown was not ready to go on with the case Rex vs. Holmes and asked that it be put over to the next Assize court. Mr. Griffin, for the defence, opposed the motion, stating the defence was ready with the case. He quoted statutes that the prisoner must be tried at the next sitting of the Assize court following commitment.

The court was adjourned to 8 o'clock to-night to consider the question of trial.

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