

PROVINCIAL NEWS

The Imperial Bank of Canada has decided to proceed at once with the erection of the new branch at Revelstoke.

Edwin Tottenham, of Wellington, was married to Margaret Tottenham of the same place on Thursday.

Wilson Bailey, a little Vancouver lad, had his leg broken while coasting Tuesday evening.

Albert has decided upon the formation of a civilian rifle corps.

The death has just occurred at Matsqui of Mrs. Harriet Campbell, in her 74th year.

At New Westminster last Monday the marriage was celebrated of Mr. Francis L. Kerr and Miss Hazel Lena Boutiller.

Albert points with pride to the fact that it has been the place selected for the annual meeting of the Island Development League.

Nelson's city council is protesting that the \$50 per month paid to the new police magistrate, Mr. W. Irvine, is a little too much for the work.

William Edward Harnston, one of the pioneers of the Comox valley, is dead, leaving a sorrowing family of nine children in addition to his widow.

The estimated expenditure of Nelson for the current year is \$158,000, of which \$31,800 is on account of debt interest, \$25,040 sinking funds and \$25,900 school board requirements.

A new Anglican church to be known as the Church of St. Agnes, is to be erected forthwith in North Vancouver. Rev. H. H. Gillies will be the priest in charge.

Charles Turnock, a pioneer settler of the Revelstoke district, was burned to death on Tuesday last, while endeavoring to rescue certain of his belongings while his ranch house burned.

Charles W. Robinson, a young colored man of Vancouver, has been arrested for using a razor as an argument in a fracas in the Terminal City a few evenings ago.

A chimney fire at the Nanaimo general hospital a few evenings ago disclosed that all the hydrants were frozen tightly and the institution otherwise was ill-prepared to cope with a fire emergency.

D. E. Graham, superintendent of the Pacific Division of the C. P. R., visited Merritt last week, accompanied by officers of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Co., with whom he visited and inspected all the properties of the company.

Three boys apprehended for petty thefts were tried in Vancouver's juvenile court on Wednesday and sentenced to reformatory terms for two years, subject to their release on parole if their conduct justifies such clemency.

The contractors who have just completed the Lulu Island bridge lose something in the neighborhood of \$30,000 on their venture, this amount representing the excess of the actual cost of the bridge over their estimates.

Nelson has decided to sell electric light to householders by meter hereafter, abandoning the flat rate under which the city has gained the reputation of being the best lighted town in Canada.

Nelson city council has ordered the annual assessment to be made, the rolls being returnable not later than March 31. F. E. Lyle has been appointed assistant assessor at a remuneration of \$100.

The provincial government having granted Revelstoke \$30,000 towards a new school building, the city council and school trustees are arranging to submit a bylaw to the people for the amount that has to be raised locally.

W. C. McDougall of Princeton received serious injuries last week through a cave-in in the tunnel on his coal property; his collarbone and several ribs were broken in addition to internal injuries the seriousness of which cannot as yet be estimated.

Flying rocks from a large blast in the glory hole in the Granby mine at Phenix a few days ago put a couple of large holes in the roof of the au-

perintendent's residence, as well as wrecking plate glass fronts in the neighborhood.

James Mason, otherwise known as "Skookum Jim," discoverer of Bonanza creek, and joint owner with "Tagish Charlie" and George Carmack of several of the best claims in the Klondike, has just been fined \$50 and costs for giving liquor to Indians at Duncan.

As a compromise on the Georgia street car line proposal, the Vancouver Board of Works has authorized the B. C. E. R. Co. to proceed with work on the Richards street line to Robson street, provided the further extensions to Pacific street be begun within six months.

Alderman McDonald, the moral reform and anti-liquor member of Nelson city council, is having a rough time in his agitation. He recently decried the city solicitor's opinion on a certain point with regard to liquor licenses, and that official informed him that he could not give it, until authorized by the council.

Nelson will obtain an increased revenue of \$10,000 by selling electric current by meter instead of on the present basis of a flat rate. The cost of supplying meters will be \$15,000, but the city will avoid the necessity of expending from \$4,000 to \$5,000 on additional transformers and wiring. Next year the increased revenue will have its full effect on the city council's financial position.

The grand secretary of B. C. Orangeth reports that during the past year seven new primary lodges have been opened as follows: No. 2082 at South Vancouver, 2083 at Galiano, 2084 at Creston, 2102 at Princeton, and lodges to which no numbers have been assigned at Duncan, Hedley and Cedar Cottage. New scout chapters have been organized at Merritt and Keremeos. All these are the results of Organizer Whiteley's work.

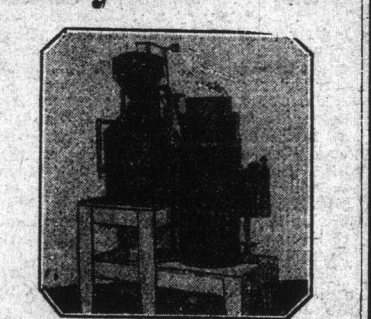
The Grand Master of the B. C. Orangeth, at their convention on Tuesday, deprecated the separate school system in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the results of the British elections, he saw the placing of the Imperial government at the mercy of the Nationalists in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Regret is being expressed in Revelstoke that the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway is not included in the C. P. R.'s schedule of construction for this year. When the charter was renewed by the Dominion parliament last session, it was understood that the line would be commenced within two years and while the company has still another year in which to begin construction, it had been hoped that conditions would justify the company in pushing the work forward without delay, so that it might have a first-class route available for heavy traffic, thus relieving the company of the necessity of hauling everything over the steep mountain grade between Revelstoke and Laggan.

Manitoba's Government Buildings. WINNIPEG, Feb. 25.—The provincial government has decided on extensive additions to the legislative buildings at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars. The work will be started in April.

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Campbell's Latest and Exclusive Arrivals For Spring Costumes

The steady growth of our business demands that each season our ready-to-wear exclusive models in costumes and coats, shall surpass the record of our previous season in quantity, quality and attraction, for each year brings us an ever widening circle of permanent customers, who are experienced in buying, and compare our prices with eastern prices, and our styles with the leading London and Parisian houses. We welcome this competition and extend to every lady a most cordial invitation to inspect the superb assortment of this season's exclusive costumes. Particularly note the quality fabrics, color harmonies and appropriate trimmings, and especially note the perfections of the hand tailoring.

This spring we are introducing, as usual exclusive and beautiful costumes. The coats of the suits this spring are cut much shorter than they were for fall. Novelties consist of modified Russian types, hip length from 30 to 34 inches. Not tight fitting but semi and seven eights fitting with an inclination towards the Russian effect.

Golfers New & length golfers just in. In plain net with fancy waive. These are practically our Auto Golf Coat. They come in black white and navy.



Coats

Our tailor-made coats for spring are arriving in all their exclusiveness of fashion. We want you to see these at your early convenience. Above all examine prices and satisfy yourself that we give value for value. The utility coats this season are seven-eighths and full length and of material to keep out the cold of the end of winter and not too heavy for spring. All latest shades are evidenced here. Materials used are serge and light weight tweeds.



Skirts

Our splendid showing of separate skirts for Spring is well worth the scrutiny of every Victoria lady, and visiting ladies. We cannot make an adequate display of our separate skirts in our windows, so would ask you to call in and see them.

Pleated skirts, with the pleats running up to the waist-band, either side cluster, or box pleated effects, are much in favor. Among our exclusive showing of skirts are those with the kilted pleats running to the knee, others show the new drapery effect. Accordion pleated skirts are also correct this season, being shown extensively in New York and elsewhere.

Latest and Daintiest In Hosiery and Neckwear

Our hosiery and neckwear departments are always so stocked as to meet with the approval of the particular lady or miss. Many new things have arrived in dainty neckwear.

New lines of cotton and lisle hose, also the "silketta" quality. Very fine line of cashmere hose. (summer weight.)

In neckwear we have quite a number of the daintiest little novelties, all of which are new arrivals. Jabots trimmed with fine valenciennes lace embroidery. We also have the new frilled fronts to be worn with dresses, in fluted lawn with lace edge. Splendid line of Ascots in white with figured resting, in colored and fancy shades.



The "Kiddies" Department

All mothers know that we take very particular care of the "kiddies." In this department we are at all times "up to the mark."

We've just received a new shipment of children's dresses in Chambray & Zephyr's, checks and stripes for ages of from 2 to 16 years. Also new arrivals in children's white dresses in lawns, muslins and mull. Ages up to 14 years.



PROGRESS OF THE PROVINCE

Budget Speech Delivered by Hon. W. J. Bowser Is Striking Tribute to the Advance Made by British Columbia

GOVERNOR GIVES ASSENT TO BILLS

Sixteen Acts Are Now Law—Minister Reviews the Regime of the McBride Government at Yesterday's Sitting

Friday's session of the provincial legislature was taken by many of the members to mark the advent of a quick marching, through which the further activities of the parliamentarians will be reduced to three or four weeks at most—albeit the estimates have yet to be discussed in detail, as well as the railway legislation which Premier McBride has announced his intention of presenting to the house on Monday, making his extra-important speech in elaboration and explanation probably on Tuesday. An unmistakable sign of the beginning of the end of the session's work presented itself in the attendance yesterday of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, to give assent to such measures as have already been removed from the order paper, the list including such legislation—pregnant with real importance to the development, prosperity and substantial progress of British Columbia, as the following: An Act to amend the Public Inquiries Act. An Act to amend the Notaries Appointment Act. An Act to amend the Coroners Act. An Act to provide for the Medical Inspection of Schools. An Act to amend the "Assessment Act, 1903." An Act to amend the "Extra-Municipal Trade Licences Act, 1907." An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act, 1905." An Act respecting Crown Costs. An Act to amend the "Factories Act, 1904." An Act to amend the "Game Protection Act, 1898." An Act to exempt from Seizure and Attachment, Annulment, Issued under Chapter 5 of the Dominion Statutes for the year 1908. An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Commission to Select a Site for the University of British Columbia. An Act to amend the Placer Mining Act. An Act to amend the Horticultural Board Act. An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Prevention Act. During yesterday's sitting bills received first readings in the following order: To amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act (Mr. Hawthornthwaite), to amend the Labor Regulation Act, 1909 (Mr. Hawthornthwaite), to amend the Supreme Court Act (Hon. Mr. Bowser) and to amend the County Court Act (Hon. Mr. Bowser) while from the Private Bills and the Railway Committee there were reported the private bills of the Comox Logging and Railway Co., South Vancouver City, and the B. C. Fruit Lands and Kamloops Co., for amalgamation.

The Budget Speech Focusing interest in the sitting yesterday, however, in the first budget speech of the new minister of finance, Hon. Mr. Bowser, which occupied something over two hours and a quarter in its delivery, and was perhaps not only the longest address of the kind that has ever yet been given in British Columbia's assembly, but entered more largely than usual into the multitude of details of the country's business, explaining its present prosperity and evidencing the sureness of the foundation upon which further expansion, development and progress may be expected to rest. Hon. Mr. Bowser was listened to throughout with the greatest attention, his address being liberally punctuated with applause, which culminated in a veritable ovation when the minister resumed his seat, after making the formal motion for the debate being thereupon adjourned by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, and the house almost immediately thereafter rising, until Monday at 2 o'clock. Upon the cessation of the cordial applause which greeted his rising, Hon. Mr. Bowser said: Mr. Speaker: In rising to make the financial statement which by long parliamentary usage is designated the Budget Speech, I appeal to you, sir, and to the honorable members, for that consideration due to one to whom for the first time and without previous experience has been allotted a task the most onerous and responsible that can be undertaken by a Minister of the Crown in any legislative assembly. I need not refer to the circumstances under which I took office. They are so recent as to be familiar to all within the sound of my voice, and to the people of the province generally. No one regrets more than do I myself that these circumstances account for the absence from this House of a gentleman who acted in a similar capacity for the six years previous to this and who during that period had the entire confidence of the country. I cannot expect, during the short period which I have succeeded him to have absorbed the intimate knowledge of the financial affairs of British Columbia, or to have acquired the same firm grasp of details which he possessed. Nevertheless, I shall endeavor, following as nearly as possible the lines laid down by my predecessor on similar occasions, to submit for your consideration a straightforward and business-like presentation of provincial finances. The Political Situation Before, however, entering upon the Budget proper, I wish to say a few words about the present remarkable political situation, not I may add, for the purpose of importing purely partisan considerations into the discussion, but to follow my remarks, but because, to some extent, they are part of the subject itself. The Premier a short time ago, during the debate on the Address, to be